

FAITH FORMATION

10-3-21

This Sunday Gospel: Mark 10:2–16 In Sunday's Gospel, Jesus teaches us that from the beginning of Creation, God made men and women to join together in love. All of us are social beings who are created for making bonds of love and friendship with one another. Those bonds become inseparable in marriage. This reality underlies the lifelong, faithful commitment the Church celebrates in the Sacrament of Matrimony.

Promise (Grades Pre School, K and 1): As you review this week's lesson with your child help them to understand that Jesus welcomed the little children and blessed them. Take a few moments to talk with your child about how much Jesus loves all children and wants them to follow him. Make sure your child can make the Sign of the Cross. Ask your child to lead the family in making the Sign of the Cross before and after every meal this week.

Good News (Grades 2–3): This week, your child will learn that welcoming others is a way to show respect, love, and concern. Explain to your child that Jesus welcomed little children and blessed them. Another important lesson for the week is the Third Commandment—keeping Sunday holy. Share together ways that your family can keep Sunday holy. Make a plan for some special ways you will celebrate next Sunday and keep it holy.

Venture (Grades 4–6): Your child's lesson this week is about the bonds that hold a family together and that lasting love is Jesus' ideal for marriage. Marriage is a sign of God's love. Take some time to pull out some family wedding pictures. Talk about why weddings are such joyous celebrations.