



Building Faith @ HOME

1st Reading: EZ 18:25-28

Responsorial Psalm: PS 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14.

Second Reading: PHIL 2:1-11 OR 2:1-5

Gospel: MT 21:28-32

Actions speak louder than words

This week's gospel focuses on obedience. "The situation Jesus poses is rather straightforward. Given the same task by their father, one son asserts his disobedience in words, but then obeys in his actions; the second son obeys with his words, but disobeys in his actions. The question that Jesus poses is pointed and direct: Which son did what the father wanted? All would agree that "actions speak louder than words" and that even if his words were disobedient, the son who did the work as ordered did the father's will."

"Jesus could ask us the same question. Do our words indicate our obedience to God? If not our words, do our actions? God desires a full conversion of heart, that our actions (and our words as well) will give evidence of our love for God" ([LoyolaPress](#)).

Living as a Disciple: It's not enough to just profess faith; one must live it out. Even if we have resisted or rejected God's will in the past, it's our present and future actions that matter most. Being a disciple means living out one's faith through tangible actions.

For Families: It's okay if we sometimes don't want to do something good right away, but it's important to eventually do it. Saying "yes" is great, but our actions should match our words. Obedience is seen in our actions.

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

Question for Children: How do you show your love for Jesus by doing what he asks, even when it is difficult for you?

Question for Youth: How would someone know you are a Christian through your actions?

Question for Adults: How and when were you like each of the sons in the Gospel?

radical solidarity

October is Respect Life Month



Activities for all Families...

Take a short drive around your neighborhood. Pay close attention to the people you can see from your car window.

Sit back, close your eyes and wonder... I wonder who that is..., I wonder where are they going..., I wonder who are they with...? I wonder if I might meet them one day...

After having seen many different people doing many different things, say this short prayer:

Dear Lord, thank you for sharing these people with me today. My prayer is for them, that all their needs be met, especially those deep within their hearts. Amen

At your next family meal, share stories at the table about the people you saw. It will be fun to see if you noticed the same people or different people. Share your wonderings together. Pray for all of them again.

Q & A: What do you want to know



Use this <https://bit.ly/QA2023> or scan the QRcode to submit your questions. We will be publishing the questions and answers in the coming issues.

This week's Virtue

O B E D I E N C E

Links for More Ideas, Activities & Resources FYI

[wellsprings.org](#) - Wellsprings of the Gospel - Matthew 21:28-32 (Adult Faith Builder)

[aleteial.org](#) - 10 Ways to honor Our Lady of the Rosary in October ... and all year round (Family faith builder)

[catholiccurrent.org](#) - Month of the Holy Rosary (Youth & Adult FaithBuilder)

[Catholicicing.com](#) - Feast Day Of Guardian Angels; 10 Ways To Celebrate (Family Faith Builder)





OCTOBER is the Month of Holy Rosary

Our Lady of the Rosary, Pray for us!



October 2 - Feast of the Guardian Angels

What to know about your guardian angel

- ❖ God made a special angel for you called your guardian angel.
- ❖ Angels are spirits, so they don't have bodies like ours, but we can picture them with bodies, wings, and halos because this is how they appear to people sometimes, and it helps us to think about them.
- ❖ Your angel is always with you all the time, even though you can't see him.
- ❖ Your angel has 3 important jobs; to enlighten you, guide you, and protect you.
- ❖ Although your angel may help protect you from earthly harms sometimes, it's a more important job for your angel to protect you from spiritual harms.
- ❖ God gave you the special gift of free will, so even though your angel can help you in many ways, it's still possible for you to choose to do bad or dangerous things sometimes. We must always be careful! (read: it's not a good idea to run off into a forest by yourself and cross a rapid river on a rickety bridge)

Pray the Angel of God Prayer

Cut the following prayer to use one or more of the following ways:

- ❖ Place near your bed. Say it at night with your other prayers
- ❖ Put it in your wallet or bookbag
- ❖ Take a picture of the prayer and add it to your phone's homescreen

Angel of God,
my guardian dear,
to whom God's love
commits me here,
ever this day,
be at my side,
to light and guard,
rule and guide.
Amen.



Cut & Pray!

**Pray with Pope Francis
October's Prayer Intention**

For the Synod
We pray for the Church, that she may adopt listening and dialogue as a lifestyle at every level, and allow herself to be guided by the Holy Spirit towards the peripheries of the world.



**October 7,
Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary**

How to pray the Rosary

1. Make the Sign of the Cross and pray "The Apostles' Creed."
2. Pray the "Our Father."
3. Pray 3 "Hail Marys."
4. Pray the "Glory Be To The Father."
5. Announce the First Mystery, then pray the "Our Father."
6. Pray 10 "Hail Marys," while meditating on the First Mystery.
7. Pray the "Glory Be To The Father."
8. Announce the Second Mystery, then pray the "Our Father." Repeat 6 & 7 and continue with the Third, Fourth and Fifth Mysteries in the same manner.
9. After completing the fifth Mystery, pray the "Hail, Holy Queen" on the center medal.



Cut & Pray!

TIP; There are several rosary apps to add to your smartphone. Check itunes or google play and download a free app!