

Family Time 8: The Kingdom of God

This week the children read two parables in which Jesus calls us to prepare for the coming of the Kingdom. Your child learned that the Kingdom is the reign of God's peace, love, and justice. It is only in the Kingdom that we will experience the perfect happiness that is beyond anything we can imagine living on Earth.

Take time together to re-read and discuss the parables on page 20-21 of your child's textbook. Help your child to appreciate that nothing in the world can take the place of the pure joy and perfect happiness that God promises to all believers.

Invite family members to suggest specific ways they can take an active role in preparing for God's reign. Together pray the prayer below. Emphasize that every loving and just deed we do helps prepare us and others for God's Kingdom.

Prayer of Peace

Lord , make me an instrument of your peace:

where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
where there is sadness, joy.

O divine Master, grant that I may not so much
seek to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive,
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

Amen.

(Saint Francis of Assisi)