

# The Gospel at Home

## This Week's Gospels: Luke 6:39-45

In Sunday's Gospel, Jesus tells a parable to teach us to worry about our own actions before we criticize things other people do. When we are good, Jesus says, we produce good from our heart. But when we do evil things, they come from our heart as well. The point is to keep our hearts pure by loving God and each other.

## Exploring the Gospel Message

**Seeds (Preschool):** This week's lesson taught your child about how good trees grow good fruit. Talk with your child about how we can all be good in order to act with kindness and love toward each other. Have your child show you how he or she is doing on the Loving Actions Chart from class. Talk about other loving actions that each member of the family can do.

**Promise (Grades K-1):** Sunday's Gospel about the parable of the good tree growing good fruit was emphasized in class this week. We can produce good in our lives with good actions. Talk about the good fruit that your child learned about on Promise page 4. How many other good actions can you and your family produce?

**Good News (Grades 2-3):** In class this week, your child explored what is in his or her heart. The Gospel about the good tree bearing good fruit was used to help the class think about how good things come from the heart. Ask your child what he or she learned from the story of "The Blind Men and the Elephant." Talk about all the good actions you and your family have done this week.

**Venture (Grades 4-6):** This week's class explored ways that we express ourselves to others with messages on our clothing. The class also heard the story of "Maya's True Colors." Discuss with your youngster what the story taught him or her. Jesus' teachings from this week's Gospel tell us how to be good followers of him. Talk about how the Gospel challenges you and your young person to think about the people of God. What did your child think about the story of Saint Joan of Arc?

**Visions (Grades 7-8):** This week is the start of Lent. Ask your child to tell about the Ash Wednesday Service from class. Discuss how easy or difficult it is to keep promises, which is what this week's class story, "Because I Said I Would," centers on. How can you and your youngster symbolize the good tree that produces good fruit in this week's Gospel? Consider using this week's lesson on the Responsorial Psalm in your weekly prayers.

## Pray Together

Ash Wednesday is this week. Pray that this Lent will help you and your family grow closer to God. Pray that your family will be bearers of good fruit for others in your life. Make Ash Wednesday a positive start for your Lenten journey.