## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 20 July, 2021 Ordinary Time Year B Cycle I



Links to the Catechism for this weeks readings

CCC 423, 464-469: Jesus, true God and true Man

CCC 1814-1816: faith as gift of God, and human response

CCC 671-672: maintaining faith in adversity

## "12th Sunday in Ordinary Time" "Who can this be? Even the wind and sea obey him!"

There is a strangely simple theme to this Sunday: that God has power over the forces of nature, because he created them in the first place. This is what the first reading tells us, and also what the gospel shows us, when Jesus "rebukes the wind". This tells us something about Jesus (that he is God made man), and also something about our faith. It's also interesting that the disciples react to this miracle with fear and awe as if their minds were suddenly opened to a reality they had not realized before. They had chosen to follow the Christ who had called them, but we see their understanding of who he is growing and developing. Perhaps this is of comfort to us, as we see our relationship with the Lord who controls the waters grow and develop, and alerts us to be ready for the surprises that following the Lord can bring.

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## Happy Fathers Day! Lessons and some fun for Father Day!

Exodus 20:12 "Honor your Father and Mother" so that you may live long in the land the Lord **your** God is giving you. (The 5th Commandment)

John 3:16 "A Perfect Father" For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him will not perish, but have eternal life.

Proverbs 1:8-9 "Our Father's Wisdom" Listen, my son, to your father's instructions, and do not ignore your mother's teaching. For they are a graceful wreath for your head and necklaces for your neck.

Psalm 103 "Father of Compassion" A Psalm of David. Praises for the Lord's Mercies.

Find Dad's Tie! Hide a tie in the house. (A construction paper tie works well, too.) Let kids search for the tie. Whoever finds the tie becomes the new "Dad", makes a fun rule, and gets to hide the tie.

## Get Dressed, Daddy!

*Supplies:* For this Father's Day game, you need two suitcases and two of the following items: hat, tie, jacket, shoes, eyeglasses. You may also need masking tape.

*Prepare:* Use the masking tape to create a start and finish line on the floor. The lines should be at least 10 feet apart. Place one suit of clothing and one pair of eyeglasses in the suitcase. Close the case and set it at the start line. Divide the kids into two equal teams. Have them line up behind the start line.

*Play:* When you give the signal, the first child in each line will open the suitcase and get dressed. (The "Daddy" clothing will go on top of their regular clothing.) Then they take the suitcase and run to the finish line. When they get there, they open the suitcase and take off the Daddy clothing. With a full, packed suitcase, they run back to the start line and the next child does the same thing. The first team to complete the task is the winner!

