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Cycle B - XXVI Sunday in Ordinary Time

Numbers 11: 25-29 Psalm 19; James 5: 1-6 Mark 9: 38-43.45.47-48

"Whoever is not against us is for us."

At that time, John said to Jesus, "Teacher, we saw someone driving out demons in your name, and we tried to prevent him because he does not follow us." Jesus replied, "Do not prevent him. There is no one who performs a mighty deed in my name who can at the same time speak ill of me. For whoever is not against us is for us. Anyone who gives you a cup of water to drink because you belong to Christ, amen, I say to you, will surely not lose his reward. "Whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him if a great millstone were put around his neck and he were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter into life maimed than with two hands to go into Gehenna, into the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter into life crippled than with two feet to be thrown into Gehenna. And if your eye causes you to sin, pluck it out. Better for you to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into Gehenna, where 'their worm does not die, and the fire is not quenched.'"

Reflection

The apostles saw someone doing something that bothered them and tried to stop them. What was the person doing? (A man they did not know was driving out demons in Jesus' name.) **Was the man doing something wrong?** (No, he was helping people with Jesus' help.) **Why did it bother them?** (They felt that only they, that were with Jesus, should have the privilege of doing miracles in Jesus' name.) **What does Jesus think about this?** ("Do not prevent them; no one who does miracles in His name would speak badly of me. Whoever is not against us, is with us.") **What does Jesus want to tell us?** (We should appreciate those who help others in Jesus' name, even if they are not part of our Church. We are all part of the same team.) **On the other hand, Jesus says that a person that causes one of His followers to sin, it would be better if what happened to them?** (A great millstone was put around their neck and they were thrown into the sea.) **Why?** (They would lose eternal life and instead would spend eternity in the place of punishment where there is much suffering.) **Jesus wants us to avoid sin at all cost. Jesus loves everyone and wants all to be saved and to be happy spending eternity with Him in heaven.**



Activities

On the following page, fill in the blanks with the words provided and unscramble the word at the bottom. On the next page, color the angel and read how to avoid sin. On the last page, color the happy face under the picture that shows someone following Jesus and the sad face under the picture of someone not following Jesus.

Prayer

Lord, you call us to follow you always, joining our efforts to those of many others to help build a better world. Please don't let us be separated from you ever. **Amen.**

Song: I have decided to follow Jesus, MaCol, <https://youtu.be/KQ9f8sFh2vA?si=XkJEOby-3A3nF7Hc> (3-7yrs.)

I have decided to follow Jesus, Lifetree kids (Ctrl Click) <https://youtu.be/sEL0WpeH088> (8+ yrs.)

PPT: <https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1BG99HyOOCAYvySBlv10FQMy4a7HXFzsZ/edit?usp=sharing&ouid=115268475267556305384&rtpof=true&sd=true>

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We do not always do what God wants us to; we do not
respond to His great love for us.
But He always offers His forgiveness.

Lord, we never want to be separated from you!

Fill in the blanks with the following words to complete the sentences:

Hurts Heart Forgiveness Evil
Relationship Disobey

Sin is to _____ God and His commandments.

Sin weakens or breaks our _____ with God.

Sin _____ us.

Sin saddens our _____.

God the Father offers His _____, which
removes _____ from our heart.

Unscramble the following word:

EVFIGRO _____

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AVOID

- Separate from the person who disobeys or from a bad situation.
- Do not watch programs with bad things.
- Do not listen to music with bad words.
- Change your thoughts when thinking of hate or impurities.
- Stop when you want to say something mean.
- Pray when you feel tempted.

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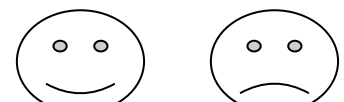
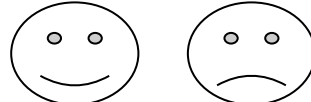
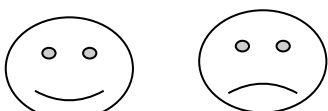
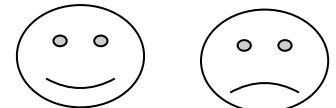
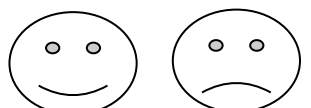
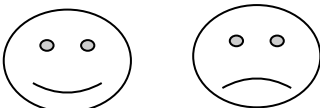
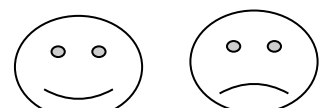
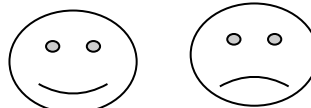
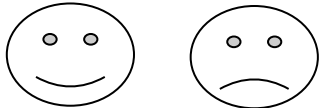
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