

# August Gospels: Questions to ask your kids

Use the following summaries and questions to help explain this month's Gospels to your kids.

## August 4 – Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

*Luke 12:13-21:* Jesus tells the crowd a parable about a rich man whose harvest was so big and wonderful that he does not have enough room to store it in his barns. Rather than share all these good things, he decides to tear down his old buildings and build larger ones.

- What do you think might be “riches” in God’s eyes?
- Do you ever act like the rich fool?
- How often do you thank God for the things/blessings that you have?
- How does your family care for the earth?
- What would be three things your family could give away to someone else who needs them?
- What do you think people can do so that they’re not greedy, so that they’re not always wanting more and more?

## August 11 – Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

*Luke 12:32-48:* Jesus tells his followers to be careful about where they place their hearts. If they are given many things, much is expected of them. Jesus challenges them to always be ready to give an answer for the way they live and the things they do.

- What did Jesus call the people following him?
- What do you think Jesus meant by “little flock”?
- What did Jesus mean when he said to be ready?

- How can you always be ready for God in your life?
- What are your greatest treasures?
- What do you think God sees as your greatest treasures?

## **August 18 – Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*Luke 12:49-53:* In today's Gospel, Jesus tells his apostles (and us) that some people were against him because it was difficult for them to hear his message. Jesus reminds them that sometimes it will be like that for them (and us) when we try to love like Jesus did.

- Jesus wants to set the world on fire with God's love. What would that world look like?
- Do you know of prophets who teach us today about God's love?
- How can you light up the world with God's love this week? What will you do if people don't like the good things you're doing?

## **August 25 – Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*Luke 13:22-30:* When Jesus is asked if only a few people will be saved, he answers indirectly. He says that it will take more than knowing him or his teachings to get into the master's house. Jesus suggests that they might be surprised to see who will be at the table of the Lord. In fact, "some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last" (v. 30).

- This Gospel talks about people from the east and the west, from the north and south. What do you think that means? Does it say something about God's love?
- Who are the first in today's world?
- Who are the last in today's world?

- How can you help the least in our world around us?