

Light a candle

Sign of the cross

In the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Sing

“Greatness of our God” – Newsboys <https://youtu.be/Gf8qQLGZ3o8>

“Good, Good Father” – Chris Tomlin <https://youtu.be/-ak0OoFBw3c>

“The Servant King” – Maranatha Singers <https://youtu.be/DwIukabdw3E>

“10 000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)” – Matt Redman

https://youtu.be/DXDGE_IRI0E

“Great is Thy Faithfulness” – Chris Rice <https://youtu.be/0k1WhFtVp0o>

God’s Word

Read: Mark 9:33-41

This is the word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.



Reflection

Jesus teaches us that being first or being important in this world counts for nothing in the big picture. Seeking greatness for ourselves in this world reflects an attitude of selfishness and self-love. Those who seek greatness for themselves in this world seek attention, power over other people and/or wealth. Those who seek greatness for themselves in this world inevitably hurt other people as they climb over them and take from them. Jesus asks us to put ourselves behind all others, to love and serve all others, and to proclaim the name of Jesus Christ in all we do. Jesus speaks of a reward for those who are servants of all, and for those who help the people who belong to Christ. Jesus is the example we follow. Did Jesus seek greatness? He sought to obey his Father who is great. Jesus is our servant King, the Lamb of God, who humbled himself and died on the cross to save us from our sins and to give us eternal life with him – because he loves us. Jesus taught us that if we seek we shall find – we shall find that God is great, God gives us good things, and God is holding us in the palm of his hand always. (Matt. 6:19, 33; 7:7)

Activity (optional)

The Bible tells us about our Great God. What are your favourite Bible stories about the greatness of God? Have you seen God working in your own life? You might like to share and discuss these stories with your family and friends.

Music

Sing/Listen to music. Ideas:

“Great is Thy Faithfulness” – Majesty and Glory Performers

https://youtu.be/9POHs_U_Qcc

“How Great is Our God/How Great Thou Art” – Chris Tomlin

<https://youtu.be/bHAZGXsVF1k>

“He’s Got the Whole World in His Hands” – African Children’s Choir

<https://youtu.be/yHZUMt2Zk1I>

“Soon and Very Soon” – Andrae Crouch <https://youtu.be/lmGiu9JfbIs>

“Oh Happy Day” – Ray Charles and the Voices of Jubilation

https://youtu.be/wv5n_eCGkvM

Bible verses

1 John 4:7-21

Catechism

The Lord’s Prayer

– First Prayer

Hallowed be your name.

Prayer

Our Father, you are holy. Help us to keep your name holy. Help us to live holy lives as your children. Help us to know your will and to be obedient to you. We thank you for all your goodness and mercy that you show to us. Thank you for this beautiful world that you have created and continue to create. Thank you for giving people the ability to learn and be productive. Help us to make good use of the resources you provide for our health and wellbeing. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.



Blessing

The Lord bless us and keep us. The Lord make his face shine on us and be gracious to us. The Lord look upon us with favour, and give us peace. Amen.