

Twenty-Third Sunday of Ordinary Time, September 6

Hello families! I hope you are all doing well! Hopefully for everyone who has gone back to school, it's going well. To all of our friends who have not started yet, good luck and I hope for a good school year ahead! We are still in Ordinary Time for this twenty-third Sunday of the year. This weekend, we hear the gospel from St. Matthew 18:15-20. You can find this gospel reading in the Catholic Children's Bible on pp. 1490-1491 and in the Family Connections Bible on p. 1343. In our gospel reading today, Jesus is giving his disciples some advice. He says that if someone sins against you, to let them know what they did wrong. If they do not listen to you, seek help. But what Jesus says at the end may be most important of all. He says that where two or more are gathered in his name, he is there with them. Read the gospel reading and then continue on to today's other activities!

Video:

Here is a video from CCTNtv. It does a good job of retelling the gospel all while providing a visual image.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Wdq6V4fR23E>

Summary:

Jesus gives us two very important messages today, the first being about conflict resolution or solving a disagreement. We know that sometimes we may not get along with everyone. It could be a friend, brother, sister, or other family member. Jesus tells us that when this happens, first try and talk to them about it. If they don't listen, seek some help from other trusted friends or family. Then if that doesn't work, he asks you to call on the church, or pray! What great advice! Jesus reminds us that it is ok to ask for help and that sometimes we can't solve all of our problems on our own. He also tells us that we should not get even with people who do something wrong against us, we should try and help them to become better people!

The second thing he tells us is about his presence in our lives. He says that where two or more people are gathered in his name, he is right there with us! Wow! To think that Jesus is right alongside you while you're at church, in Children's Liturgy, at Gift, or even at home praying with your family before a meal, is amazing! Jesus will always be by our side in good times and in bad!

Questions:

1. Is it hard to get along with everyone? Why or why not?
2. How do we feel Jesus' presence in our lives?
3. Can you think of any more examples of when two or more people are gathered in Jesus' name?

Activity:

This weekend I have a bit of a challenge for you! Instead of our normal craft, I challenge you to either take a moment to be extra kind to someone like helping mom or dad with the dishes, sharing a toy with a sibling, or maybe even giving grandma or grandpa a special call. Or take a special moment with your whole family to pray together, thank God for your blessings, and remember that Jesus is with you!

If you are interested, please find some activity sheets from Sermons4Kids on the following pages including a word search, coloring page, decoder puzzle, and an easy and difficult crossword puzzle.

Remember the advice Jesus gave us today. If we ever run into someone who is not so nice to us, remember to be kind to them and help them to be better! Also remember that where two are more are gathered in his name; Jesus is right there with them. Have a blessed week everyone!



Let's praise Jesus!

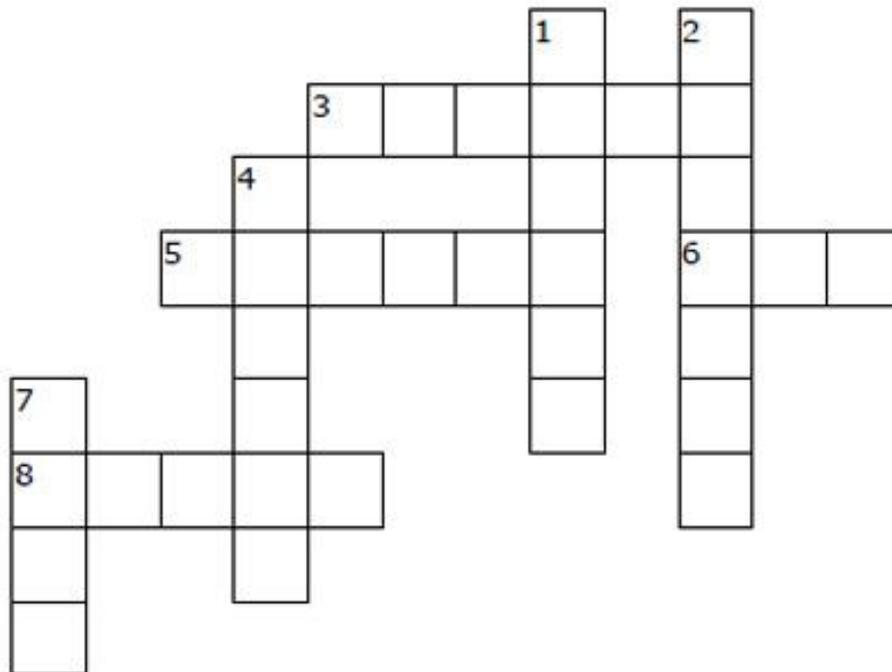
Gathered in His Name

For where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them." Matthew 18:20 [NIV]

Puzzle is based on Matthew 18:15-20



Come Together



ACROSS

3. A male parent; a term used to address God
5. A female who has the same parents as another person
6. The number that follows one (1)
8. To have the same opinion as another person

DOWN

1. An organization that follows the teaching of Jesus
2. A male who has the same parents as another person
4. To give attention to a person who is speaking
7. What a person is known by and called

BROTHER
LISTEN

SISTER
CHURCH

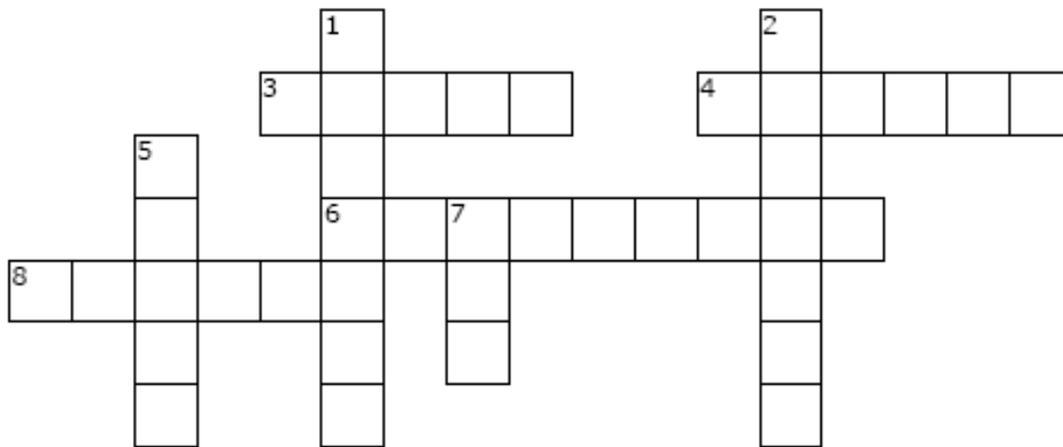
FATHER
TWO

AGREE
NAME

When Someone Hurts You

"If your brother sins against you, go and show him his fault, just between the two of you. Matthew 18:15a

Based on Matthew 18:15-20 (NIV)



ACROSS

3. A statement proven to be accurate
4. To pay attention; To make an effort to hear something
6. A spoken or written statement that something is true
8. All followers of Christ as a group

DOWN

1. A member of the same race, church, religious group, or organization
2. A person who sees an event happen
5. A quality in a person that shows that they are not perfect
7. Breaking a religious law

BROTHER
WITNESS

TESTIMONY
FAULT

SIN
CHURCH

LISTEN
TRUTH

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TRUTH
AGAINST
CHURCH
YOU

HEAVEN
EARTH
WITNESSES
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BIND
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TESTIMONY

FAULT
LOOSE
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FATHER
SHOW
LISTENS
BROTHER

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Each number represents a letter of the alphabet. Substitute the correct letter for the numbers to reveal the coded words.



1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
E	L	K	U	O	M	C	I	T	Q	A	B	X	R	W	G	J	S	F	D	V	H	Y	P	N	Z

1. 12-5-4-25-20 _____

2. 19-11-4-2-9 _____

3. 18-8-25-18 _____

4. 12-14-5-9-22-1-14 _____

5. 22-1-11-21-1-25 _____

6. 25-11-6-1 _____

7. 2-5-5-18-1-20 _____

8. 2-8-18-9-1-25 _____

9. 1-11-14-9-22 _____

10. 9-5-16-1-9-22-1-14 _____

NAME	LOOSED	SINS	EARTH	TOGETHER
HEAVEN	LISTEN	BOUND	FAULT	BROTHER