

40 Day Family Bible Challenge

Week 5

Day 23: Miracles we have today

In the Gospel of John there is a unique word that John uses to refer to the miracles of Jesus. Read John 6:1-15, what word is used instead of miracles? We use this word when we refer to the seven sacraments as well. We can see John is making the connection for us here by using this word!

Day 24: The First Miracle

The first miracle of Jesus took place because Mary advocated on behalf of others, what was name of this miracle?

Day 25: When Jesus Wept

There are only two times in the New Testament that mention Jesus having wept. Only once did he weep before the beginning of his passion. Before what miracle did Jesus weep in the gospel of John?

Why do you think Jesus wept at this moment?

Day 26: The Transfiguration

During the Transfiguration Jesus reveals himself as the Son of God in a special way to Peter, James and John. Two other figures were with Jesus in the clouds, who were they?

We often say those people in the Old Testament who foreshadow Christ are “types” of Jesus. These two are also seen as types of Jesus, but to James, John and Peter they were great prophets and Patriarchs of the Israelites. Why out of all of the “types” of Jesus were these two chosen to appear next to him>

Day 27: The Greatest Miracle

There is much debate over what the greatest miracle of God was, but for us as Catholics there is only one answer. If you do not believe me, consult Paul, 1 Corinthians 15:12-19. What is the miracle upon which our whole faith rests?

Day 28: Our Daily Miracle

Every day we have a chance to witness a miracle, an important life-giving miracle. The Most Holy Eucharist is transubstantiated (trans=change, substantiated=substance) every day, every hour, across the world. In every time zone, from the rising of the sun to its setting the sacrifice is being offered for us, for our sins and those of the whole world. We have so much joy at Christmas because God became Man and dwelt among us, but everyday Jesus transforms the substance of the bread and wine into his body, blood, soul and divinity and dwells in us. We became walking tabernacles, walking miracles.

Many of Jesus' miracles help us prepare for this participation in His Body and Blood, name one miracle Jesus uses to help us prepare to receive the Eucharist.

Family Sunday: The Most Holy Eucharist

Some suggestions:

1. Go to <http://www.miracolieucaristici.org/en/Liste/list.html> a website created by Blessed Carlos Acutis a free resource which examines the ongoing Eucharistic Miracles across the world. Pick one to read with your family.

2. Go to the Perpetual Adoration Chapel in Marshfield underneath St. John the Baptist and spend a half hour in front of the Eucharist with your family.

-If you are not sure what to do when you get there begin by showing reverence to the Eucharist-genuflect or kneel.

-Sit quietly and thank God, adore Him, pray for the reparation your sins and intercede for others who most need His mercy.