

YEAR C

27th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

LORD, INCREASE OUR FAITH

VISUAL AIDS

- > Pictures of trees, including an oak tree.
- > A variety of seeds, including an acorn.
- > Tree shape cut-outs.

WELCOME AND PROCLAIM THE GOSPEL

Say/sing together:

Alleluia, alleluia!
Lord, increase our faith.
Alleluia!

A reading from the Good News
given to us by Luke.

Glory to you, Lord.

One day Jesus' friends said to him,
'Lord, make our faith bigger.'

Jesus replied,
'The size of your faith doesn't
matter. Even if your faith was as
small as the tiniest of seeds, if it is
true faith you could say to a fully

DISCUSSION

What did someone ask Jesus for?
- that their faith be increased, made
bigger.

How did Jesus reply?

What did he mean?
- that nothing is impossible if only
we have real faith.

Every Sunday we are invited to
make an act of faith together.
We call it 'The Creed'.
How many children know a Creed?
Go through what the basic Creed
statements say about God the
Father, about Jesus, about the Holy
Spirit, and about the Church.

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SHARING

Show the children the pictures and the seeds and encourage them to talk about them:

- about how seeds have within them the power to become plants and even trees.

Show the acorn and the picture of the huge oak.

Could any of the children pick up a tree? The stump of a tree? A little tree?

The roots anchor them very firmly into the ground.

Today Jesus talks about seeds and how to move trees.

grown tree

"Go and jump in the sea!" and it would obey you.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

ACTIVITIES

> Give out the tree shape cut-outs.

> On them have the children write their own act of faith, e.g.

'I believe God made me.

I believe Jesus died and rose to save me.

I believe the Spirit gives me life.'

