

YEAR C

29th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

NEVER LOSE HEART

VISUAL AIDS

- > Pictures of praying hands, of people praying.
- > Prayer books, rosary beads.
- > Pictures of people involved in tasks which demand perseverance, e.g. musicians, artists, climbers.
- > Heart shape cut-outs.

WELCOME AND PROCLAIM THE GOSPEL

Say/sing together:

Alleluia, alleluia!
God's word is active and alive.
Alleluia!

A reading from the Good News
given to us by Luke.
Glory to you, Lord.

Jesus told his friends,
'When you pray, you must never
lose heart.' Then he told this story:
'Once there lived a judge, who was
very full of his own importance and
not always fair to those who came to
him for advice and help. There was a
widow who kept coming to him for

DISCUSSION

Who are the people in Jesus' story?
What did they do?
How does the story end?

Encourage them to give examples,
e.g. managing always to remember
morning and night prayer, grace
before meals, etc.

What does the story tell us about
God?

Are there any things that the
children find it difficult to persevere
with?

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SHARING

Show the pictures to the children and ask what they mean to them. Invite the children to give examples of when they had to make a big effort to accomplish something. What was it like, having to make an effort? What did it feel like to achieve the goal?

What does it feel like not to succeed? And if we don't succeed the first time, what should we do?
- try again . . .

In today's Gospel Jesus tells us about a woman who never gave up trying.

protection against an enemy who was threatening her. When the judge did nothing, the woman came back and asked again. So too the next day, and the next. Day after day she kept pestering the judge for fairness. Finally the judge said "This woman is pestering me to death. I'll give her what she wants and get some peace." Jesus said to his friends Even the unjust judge gave the

woman what she wanted when she kept asking; how much more will God your Father do for you when you ask him.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

ACTIVITIES

- > Have the children act out the story.
- > Give out the heart shape cut-outs.
- > On them have the children write or draw something that they find it difficult to persevere with, but that they will make a special effort to do in the coming week.

