

[1st Reading: EZ 18:25-28](#)

[Responsorial Psalm: PS 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14.](#)

[Second Reading: PHIL 2:1-11 OR 2:1-5](#)

[Gospel: MT 21:28-32](#)

Actions speak louder than words

This week's gospel focuses on obedience. "The situation Jesus poses is rather straightforward. Given the same task by their father, one son asserts his disobedience in words, but then obeys in his actions; the second son obeys with his words, but disobeys in his actions. The question that Jesus poses is pointed and direct: Which son did what the father wanted? All would agree that "actions speak louder than words" and that even if his words were disobedient, the son who did the work as ordered did the father's will."

"Jesus could ask us the same question. Do our words indicate our obedience to God? If not our words, do our actions? God desires a full conversion of heart, that our actions (and our words as well) will give evidence of our love for God" ([LoyolaPress](#)).

This week we can ask ourselves, are we doing what the Father wills? What is God asking of me?

September 29th - Feast of the Archangels- Michael, Gabriel, Raphael

Each of the three archangels were messengers sent by God to carry out particular missions or tasks, Michael to fight God's battles, Raphael guides the young Tobias, and Gabriel announces to the Virgin Mary, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son and you shall name him Jesus." (Lk 1:26-28) Learn more about the archangels at [teachingcatholickids.com](#)

Angel of God,
my guardian dear,
to whom God's love
commits me here,
ever this day,
be at my side,
to light and guard,
rule and guide.
Amen.




The English word "angel" comes from the Greek *angelos*, which means 'messenger'.

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

Question for Children: How do you show your love for Jesus by doing what he asks, even when it is difficult for you?

Question for Youth: How would someone know you are a Christian through your actions?

Question for Adults: How and when were you like each of the sons in the Gospel?

This
week's
Virtue

O B E D I E N C E

October 1- The Feast of St. Therese of Lisieux

St. Thérèse of Lisieux as the patron saint of the missions and known as the Little Flower. Celebrate her feast day making a paper flower vase. With each flower, offer the "little ways" you can show your love for God.

Visit [dozidesign.blogspot.com/](#) Paper Flower Tutorial



October 2 - Memorial of the Holy Guardian Angel

"All of us, according to church tradition, have an angel with us, who watches over us, and lets us hear deep inside, wise words meant to help people make the right choices." - [Pope Francis, Oct 2, 2014](#)

Links for More Ideas, Activities & Resources FYI

[sacredspace.com](#) - Reflective prayer with *Matthew 21:28-32* (Adult Faith Builder)

[showerofrosesblog.com](#) - *Plans for the Feast of the Holy Guardian Angels* (Young Family faith builder)

[catholiccurrent.org](#) - *The Voice of Your Guardian Angel*, Carol Glatz (Youth & Adult FaithBuilder)

[franciscanmedia.org](#) - *Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael* - (Adults Faith Builder)