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## Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B - RCLB Lectionary



Lectionary: 116B

Read: [John 6:41-51](#)

### Gospel Summary

The crowds in last week's Gospel had faith in Jesus, and at the same time they doubted him. In today's Gospel, the Jews doubt that Jesus is who he says he is. They know that he is the son of Joseph and Mary, but they cannot explain—and therefore have a hard time believing—that he had come down from heaven.

### Reflection for Parents

Like the Jews in today's Gospel, most children and youth have a hard time believing and trusting what they cannot see. For example, they cannot see that a choice that seems easy and fun and good today will bear negative consequences for them in the future. Like Jesus, we must remain consistent and persistent in saying what we know to be true. Our words may be met with doubt and resistance, but they serve to remind our children of the Gospel values and expectations we uphold. Today, take time to think about where you need to stand firm and remain consistent and persistent as a parent.

### Bringing the Good News Into Your Family

Have a family meeting during which you discuss expectations. Begin with a simple open-ended statement such as, "I expect my parent(s) to . . ." or "I expect my children to . . ." As ideas are given, make a list for parents and a list for children. Review the lists with the family, then vote on the top five expectations on each list. Create two final lists to post on the family fridge or bulletin board. Let these serve as a reminder and as an invitation to family members to be consistent in honoring your family's values and expectations of one another.

### Discussion Starters

1. Something I have a hard time believing is . . .
2. I think it's easy to believe something is true when . . .
3. One thing I believe about our family is . . .
4. One thing I believe about God is . . .