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## **Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B - RCLB Lectionary**



Lectionary: 113B

Read: [John 6:24-35](#)

### **Gospel Summary**

The crowd in today's Gospel showed faith in Jesus. They got into boats and traveled to find him. They called him *Rabbi*, meaning "Teacher." But at the same time, they had some doubts. They wanted some sign from Jesus that would prove once and for all who he was and what he could do. Jesus tells them again that the sign they seek is in their midst, for he is the bread sent from heaven. He is the bread of life.

### **Reflection for Parents**

How many times has your child said to you, "Prove it to me"? And how many times have you yourself said the same? This is basically what the crowds are saying to Jesus today—"Prove it to us. Give us a sign that we might believe in you." Every day God gives us signs that he loves us, cares for us, forgives us, and is with us. We see and hear these signs in creation, in the generous actions of a friend, in the kind words of a stranger, and in the community of believers that is the Church. Take time to reflect on the signs of God's love that you have seen or heard in recent days. Think about how you can be that sign in the week to come to others around you.

### **Bringing the Good News Into Your Family**

Provide for family members large unlined index cards or half sheets of construction paper, crayons or markers, popsicle sticks, and strong tape or glue. Invite family members to use the index cards or construction paper to create mini-signs using drawings or words to describe where they have seen God's presence in recent days. Use the tape or glue to attach popsicle sticks to the signs. Display the signs in a large flowerpot or bowl filled with sand or floral foam that will serve as an anchor for the popsicle sticks. Encourage family members to continue to make signs to add to the display in the coming week.

### **Discussion Starters**

1. A person who is a sign of God's presence to me is . . .
2. Someone I know who needs a sign of God's presence is . . .
3. One way I can be a sign of God's presence this week is . . .