

THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURES

October 3, 2021

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Genesis 2:18–24 † Hebrews 2:9–11 † Mark 10:2–16



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When I was about three or four years old, I remember sitting on our front porch steps eating a cookie. Suddenly, I was surrounded by big dogs. (Well, they probably weren't all that big.) I started screaming and Mom came to the rescue. What are your earliest memories as a child? Although circumstances may differ, mother or father probably played a part. You always knew they would be there to help. You trusted that they would be there.

Jesus uses a child as an example of the attitude we should have toward how we live our lives. Are our trust and simplicity as real as when we were children? Do we always know that God is there with help and support when we need it? Even when we don't feel God's presence? Even if we don't believe that God is real? How can we recover that childlike faith in a loving God that is always "there"?