The Prayer of Jesus
(Middle and Upper Elementary)

May 16, 2021 – Seventh Sunday of Easter

Overview

In this week's Gospel passage, we read part of Jesus' priestly prayer to God the Father just before His arrest. This prayer outlines Jesus' mission of salvation. In this lesson, students will reflect on what it means to be sent into the world like Jesus.

Directions

A. Have your students read the Gospel passage, or read it aloud to your students, and then answer the focus questions.
B. Review and discuss the answers when they have completed the focus questions.
C. Arrange students into small groups and have them complete the Belonging to the World activity.
D. When they have finished, call on groups to share their examples with the class.

Answer Key

Focus Questions

1. He says He is going to the Father. He is speaking of His coming Glorification attained by His Passion, Death, Resurrection, and Ascension into Heaven.
2. He asks that they “may be one,” that they be “kept from the evil one,” and that they be “consecrated in the truth.”
3. Judas, His betrayer.
4. He gave them the Word of God, which is Himself, according to the will of the Father.
5. He says that they “do not belong to the world any more than I belong to the world,” and that He sent them into the world, just as He was sent into the world by the Father.