

The Strong Family Tree



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In a town called Harmonyville, there lived a family named the Parkers. Mr. and Mrs. Parker had been married for many years, and they had two children, Mia and Lucas. The Parkers were known for always being there for each other, like a strong, tall tree that stood firm no matter what.

One day, Mia and Lucas noticed that their parents were talking in serious voices. “Why are you so serious, Mom and Dad?” Mia asked with concern.

Mrs. Parker smiled gently and said, “Sometimes, grown-ups have difficult times, but what’s important is remembering the promises we made when we got married. We promised to love, respect, and support each other, just like how Jesus taught us.”

Mr. Parker added, “Jesus taught that marriage is a special bond, like the roots of a tree that go deep into the ground, keeping it strong. And do you know what else makes our tree strong?”

“What?” Lucas asked curiously.

“The love and joy you both bring into our lives,” Mr. Parker said, hugging Mia and Lucas. “You are like the branches that reach out and make our family tree even more beautiful. Jesus blessed families like ours, reminding us that staying together and loving each other helps us grow stronger.”

Mia smiled, “So even when things are tough, our family is like a strong tree that won’t fall down?”

“Exactly,” Mrs. Parker said. “We have deep roots in our love for each other and our faith in Jesus. We’re blessed to be a family, and nothing can change that.”

From that day on, whenever the Parkers faced challenges, they remembered their strong family tree. They knew that their love for each other, their faith, and the blessings from Jesus would keep them standing tall and strong, no matter what came their way.

And so, the Parkers continued to grow together, knowing that their love and their promise to each other were sacred, just like Jesus taught.

A children’s story based on the 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time: *Jesus teaches about marriage and divorce, highlighting the sanctity of marriage and the blessing of children.* [Gospel of Mark 10:2-12](#)



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