

Children's Liturgy Session Lesson Plan August 18th ,2019

Theme: Spread the Fire lit by Jesus.

Make the children to stand in a circle

Bring to their mind that Jesus is standing in middle of the circle. Wish Him. Prompt them to close our eyes for talking to Jesus in prayer.

Say a prayer in children's own words or do **'Our father'** and **'Hail Mary'** together

The Sorry Prayer: (Optional)

Ask the Children to reflect on the past week and reflect on whether they would like to say sorry for anything they have done or said to someone, that must have hurt Lord Jesus.

After each prayer, respond: Lord have mercy.

Gospel acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia ...for welcoming gospel

Reading the gospel: (Luke 12:49-53)

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke,

Response: Glory to you, O Lord

"I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! ⁵⁰ I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! ⁵¹ Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! ⁵² From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; ⁵³ they will be divided: father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law."

The gospel of the Lord

Response: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Activity: Casting Votes: two pictures of anything (can be two types of cars/fruits/any two characters like Mr.Bean and bananas in pyjamas) are shown to the kids. They are asked to cast vote for the thing/character they like. The votes can be casted either by giving strips of paper or simply by raising hands. The votes are counted. Some kids may be lukewarm with no preference their count also has to be taken. After the activity ,mention that a thing made division in choices. Some liked, some didn't liked. This is what happened when Jesus came. Many liked and followed Jesus but many didn't still some waited without preferences.

Gospel Reflection:

Make children to sit in the circle itself. Bring Jesus who is sitting in middle to their notice and talk to him to speak through the Gospel that they heard.

Let us ponder.... Last week we heard about Jesus asking us to be ready always accomplishing all that lord is telling us to do, for He is coming to take us back to Fathers house in heaven.

Were we able to listen to what Jesus is saying to us? What did he say to each of us?

Today we hear that when Jesus came. Many liked and followed Jesus but many didn't, still some waited without preferences. Thus, Jesus arrival caused division. this division occurred in families, communities etc. Have you noticed this?

Wait for Children's Response

In today's Gospel Jesus is also telling us that He has come to cast fire on earth. What fire do you think Jesus is talking about?

Wait for Children's Response

What fire did Jesus sent to earth after His death, resurrection and ascension? Do you remember the fire which came down upon the Apostles in Pentecost?

Wait for Children's Response

Yes, it is the fire of the Holy Spirit. What do you think, the fire of the Holy spirit does on earth?

Have you seen a real fire? What does the word 'FIRE' make you think about?

Wait for Children's Response

Siren of a fire engine, forest fire, etc is it the only type of fires we know? Is fire always destructive?

Wait for Children's Response

Fire is not always destructive. It becomes destructive, if we use it carelessly or without preparation. Fire is useful too. Can you mention the uses of fire?

Wait for Children's Response

Cooking, warming place, fireplaces, fireworks, campfire etc etc.

Have you seen campfire? Camp fire is a rally useful fire. Have you been for camping in night?

In the cold dark nights, campfire provides light and heat. Those who likes light and heat, gather around the campfire and sing songs. The fire also scares away fierce animals thus providing security for the people. Where there is light, there will be no danger. Are you afraid of the dark?

Wait for Children's Response

Some of us are. But light helps us. Light separates and removes the darkness from us. Jesus is the light of the world. Those who love Jesus and follows him, are in the light. But there are some who doesn't like light. They don't follow Jesus and are in dark even now. When Jesus came into the world, he saved us from the darkness of sin and brought all to light by his death and resurrection, wiping out all our sins delivering us out of darkness. He ascended to heaven by putting off the dark world by his passion and death and brought forth the fire of holy spirit to be in the hearts of all those who accept and believe and follow Jesus.

There are still people in this world who don't know about Jesus or have no faith in Jesus and hence in darkness. Thus, there is a division in this world. May be in our family too. So, let each of us who know Jesus and thus in light, spread the light of good news, the message of forgiving love to all. Let us search in our family, in our neighbourhood...who don't know Jesus, the fathers love and spread the gospel and enkindle the world with fire of God's love. God gave us His light by giving Himself completely for us so that we become the light for the one's he gives us.

Verses to remember (written on the white board): "I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled!" Luke 12:49

Intercession Prayers: If children have any personal prayer intentions, we pray for them.

And in response we pray: Lord in your mercy, hear our prayers.

Final Prayer: Dear Jesus, the light of the world, your death, resurrection and ascension delivered us from the darkness of sin and you send us the Holy spirit to be with us for us to be always in the light of the Gospel. You baptised us with fire and holy spirit.

Help us to share the good news and love that you gave us and enkindle the fire you set in our hearts to all you give us. Amen.

Children re-join the Holy Mass.
