



**CHILDRENS LITURGY LESSON PLAN
DECEMBER 15, 2019**

**THEME: SEE, HEAR AND
TELL ABOUT THE JOY IN
JESUS**

GOSPEL: Matthew 11:2-11

2 When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples 3 and said to him, "Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?" 4 Jesus answered them, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: 5 the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. 6 And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me.

As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? 8 What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. 9 What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. 10 This is the one about whom it is written,

'See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you.'

¹¹ Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.

ENTERING AND WELCOMING

- *Make the children to stand in a circle and hold their hands together.
- *Bring to their mind that Jesus is standing in middle of the circle. Wish Him. Prompt them to close 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

WELCOMING THE GOSPEL: ALLELUIA

A READING FROM THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO ST. MATTHEW

ST. MATTHEW 11:2-11

Response: Glory to you, O Lord

READ THE GOSPEL (given in the side)

The gospel of the Lord

Response: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

**ACTIVITY: About Jesus
(Collage)**

Bring a large poster paper. Ask children to tell one word or draw about Jesus. Either make them write on the poster or if they are not able to write, please help them by writing for them.

Let them be free to write or draw just one thing or word that comes to their mind when they think of Jesus.

GOSPEL REFLECTIONS

Last week, in the Gospel we saw a special person named John the Baptist who came before Jesus to prepare the hearts of the people through repentance to receive and believe in Jesus. We reflected on our own Baptism. Jesus reminded us to repent and prepare way for His second coming so that each of us will be seen just as He wishes, producing true fruits of repentance in our Life.

Prompt children's response for each question below.

In today's gospel, we see John got arrested by Herod for correcting him and standing only for the way of God

In the prison John started to have doubts whether Jesus is the real one whom Israel was waiting for? We too have doubts sometimes.

* What will we do if we have doubts?

We will clarify with someone who knows .

Same way John send his followers to Jesus (whom he doubted)to know his real identity.

* What did Jesus respond?

Jesus asked them 'Go and tell John what you have heard and seen.' Jesus asked them to TELL what they SAW and HEARD of Jesus(him)

So, in order to know about the real truth of Jesus, to clear our doubts and increase our faith in Jesus ; we must SEE and HEAR about Jesus and then we can TELL about him to all having doubts about Jesus and thus to increase their faith and ours too.

* How can we SEE Jesus NOW?

* How can we HEAR about Jesus NOW?

(in yourself, in others, in Bible, in church, in creations around..seek Jesus ,he will reveal Him to you.)

Clear your doubts, trust in the real truth Jesus.

* Is Jesus sad of John who doubted him even being so closer to him?

No.

* What did Jesus do when John's followers left?

Yes, Jesus praised John saying, 'he is more than a prophet, and no one ever born on this earth is greater than John the Baptist.

So even if we seek to Jesus to clear our doubts on him to increase our faith in him , He will not be sad, instead he will praise us for our sincere desire to know about Him more clearly.

Jesus ends today's message by saying 'whoever is the least in Kingdom of heaven is greater than John' Whom do u think Jesus was speaking off??

Yes, he was speaking of those who enter the kingdom just believing in Jesus.

See what privileged are we who will come to an unshaken faith by SEEing and HEARing of Jesus and TELLing of what we saw and heard about Jesus to all.

So, in this season of Advent let us REJOICE that we are very privileged and blessed. Let us try more and more to increase in our faith by Seeing and hearing more and more about Jesus and thus proclaiming and telling aloud our Faith in Jesus.

SEE.. HEAR... AND TELL of the way, the truth and life -JESUS

Jesus says, 'God will bless everyone who does not reject me because of what I do.'

VERSES TO REMEMBER (WRITTEN ON THE WHITE BOARD):

'blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me.' -
(Matthew 11:6)

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.**

In this month of December let us pray for all to know more about Jesus and to tell about Him as we prepare our hearts for the coming of Jesus.

FINAL PRAYER:

Dear Jesus, thank you for drawing us closer to you and giving us a true desire to Know you more. Help us by your grace to SEE you more, to HEAR about you more and thus to firmly proclaim and TELL our faith in You to all who doubt you. In Jesus name we pray, Amen.

Children re-join the Holy Mass.