



**CHILDRENS LITURGY LESSON PLAN
JANUARY 19, 2020**

THEME: JESUS IS THE SON OF GOD; SEE AND TESTIFY

GOSPEL: JOHN 1:29-34

The next day he saw Jesus coming towards him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! 30 This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.' 31 I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel." 32 And John testified, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. 33 I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' 34 And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God."

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. JOHN

ST. JOHN 1:29-34

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: Charade

Ask children to act out few characters taking turns and the rest of them must guess who it is through the actions.

Eg: Teacher, Doctor, Priest etc

GOSPEL REFLECTIONS

Last week, in the Gospel we saw the Baptism of Jesus, the occasion in which Jesus was equipped for his ministry by the holy Spirit and when the heavens were opened, with Abba Father proclaiming Jesus to be His beloved Son.

Prompt children to speak about their favorite role models or someone whom they imitate and the reason.

Narrate the Gospel.

In today's gospel, we hear the revelations of John the Baptist about who Jesus is? and how Jesus was revealed to him and how he revealed Jesus to the people of Israel.

Imagine if one of your favorite persons/celebrity mentioned above is going to visit this session now. How will you introduce this person to your friends?

Yes, we narrate very explicitly what we know about them or what we have read or seen about them. We will be so excited and will try to create a curiosity in others by boasting or pretending that we know them personally etc .

In today's gospel, we see John is so excited when he saw Jesus, the one whom he has known through the prophets and for whom the entire world was waiting for. With no doubt about what he was been told by Lord, he proclaimed on seeing Jesus that "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!".

Not only did he proclaim about Jesus but also, without boasting or showing off himself, John humbled himself declaring that Jesus is the greatest. John also humbled himself saying that, even he didn't know Jesus or have seen him before. But the Lord almighty, who asked him to baptize in the river of Jordan, revealed to him 'how to identify Jesus?'. Twice in the gospel we read ; 'I myself did not know him' this shows how John depended and trusted the inspirations that he got from Lord who guided him always.

Do you remember from the gospel, what sign did God give John the Baptist to identify Jesus?

Yes, the Holy Spirit.

John also says the reason why he came baptizing with water. He declares that God almighty is the one who send him to baptize all with water and that he "came baptizing with water for this reason, that Jesus might be revealed to Israel."

Through the mission, God gave a sign to John that through him Jesus is revealed to the people of Israel. Lord told John 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.'

We saw that God sent a sign '- the holy spirit' to John who humbled himself to accomplish God's will, that he would know who the chosen one was that the people were to follow. Holy Spirit helps us to reveal to us Who Jesus is.

Holy Spirit helped John to testify that Jesus is

1. The Lamb of God
2. Jesus is greater than I
3. Holy Spirit descended and remained in Jesus
4. Then One who baptizes us with Holy Spirit
5. Jesus is the Son of God

As John said Yes to God's mission, Lord guided him to see Jesus by himself and to testify Jesus is 'the Son of God.'" When he finally declares that 'I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.'

Let us say yes to the word of God and experience the power of Holy Spirit, who helps us to know more and more about Jesus, to walk in His way and submit our life as a testimony to witness Jesus. Each mission that God entrusts us, each day we live, we must seek His will because all our missions and works are for the same purpose as of John's, that is to reveal Jesus to the world, through our actions and lives. So that like John let us also be able to say to the world that, 'I myself have seen and have testified that Jesus is the Son of God, Lamb of God who takes away all our sins and who baptizes us with Holy Spirit.'

VERSES TO REMEMBER (WRITTEN ON THE WHITE BOARD):

"He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God."-JOHN 1:33-34 (OR)

"Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!" - JOHN 1:29

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 lord,

Thank you for giving us your Son Jesus, the Lamb of God who took away all our sins who Empowers and fill us more with your Holy Spirit to know Him more and more, to live the life of salvation as per the living word so that we are able to see and testify Jesus every day in our lives.

Amen

Children re-join the Holy Mass.