



**THEME: FEAST OF
CHRIST THE KING**

GOSPEL: Luke 23:35-43

The rulers sneered at Jesus and said,
"He saved others, let him save himself
if he is the chosen one, the Christ of God."
Even the soldiers jeered at him.
As they approached to offer him wine they called out,
"If you are King of the Jews, save yourself."
Above him there was an inscription that read,
"This is the King of the Jews."

Now one of the criminals hanging there reviled Jesus, saying,
"Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us."
The other, however, rebuking him, said in reply,
"Have you no fear of God, for you are subject to the same condemnation? And indeed, we have been condemned justly, for the sentence we received corresponds to our crimes, but this man has done nothing criminal."
Then he said,
"Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom."
He replied to him,
"Amen, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

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. LUKE

ST. LUKE 23:35-43

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:

'Jesus says' (Like Simon Says game): Children are asked that, who wish to be in Jesus kingdom must do things only when they hear **'Jesus says'**. Few things are asked like Jesus says clap your hands.. Jesus says stop.. Jesus says jump.. The children are watched if they perform things when said without the phrase **'Jesus says'**

GOSPEL REFLECTIONS

Last week, Jesus helped us in knowing about the Signs of times, Challenges that we face for bearing His name, not to be afraid, to be strong in faith and endure everything by testifying to Jesus. Do everything realizing the eternal reward waiting for us.

This week we celebrate Christ the King.

Prompt the response of kids by introducing the topic of KINGS-kingdoms and their character. Waiting for their response each time.

When we read today's gospel, we find soldiers challenging Jesus asking, "If you are King of the Jews, save yourself.". what is the image of a king in our mind?

Someone who fights back, defends himself and country, who has a great palace and wealth, at whose presence all people bows etc etc.

From today's gospel, what type of king can we say Christ is?

- King who didn't save himself but gave his life for all
- King who didn't defend back
- A king who didn't do any wrong but bore the wrongs of the whole world and wiped out sins of the world.
- King who took the cross of punishment for all and made Cross, the crown of deliverance for all
- King who forgave and promised to the one crucified with Him on right side, who realized, believed and trusted in Him, that he will be with him in paradise.

Christ our king of kings, gave his life as atoning sacrifice for wiping out the sins of the whole world, so that those who believe in Him and His sacrifice now belongs to the Kingdom of God and is delivered from the world, sin and death and gain eternal life. The rule of Christ Kingdom is Love, the power is Grace, the helper is Holy Spirit, Jesus is the light, there is no sadness or sickness or tears...and his kingdom has no end.

Even though everybody mocked Him, Jesus remained calm and silent. He forgave everybody.

Have you seen a Pilot, flying an Aeroplane ? or have you played with a Remote control toy? What if it reaches a person who doesn't know to operate the plane/remote properly? The toy or plane may crash. Our life is also like that, if we surrender our life to things, we are not sure of or according to our own wish, it may have a crash. But if we surrender our life to the one who created us, He will lead us to our right destination.

So, Accept Christ as the king of our life. Through our faith let Jesus live and reign inside us and we be in His kingdom, he knows what the best for us is. As we, by faith are redeemed by Jesus and are in His kingdom, let us live as Jesus lived, as He says to us. Like Jesus, let us remain calm and silent and by his grace forgive and love each other, just like Jesus did.

'Do whatever He tells you'...He is our way truth and life.

VERSES TO REMEMBER (WRITTEN ON THE WHITE BOARD):

"Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom."

-Luke 23:42

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 November let us pray for all those loved ones who have passed away this life through hope in Jesus.

FINAL PRAYER:

Dear Jesus, you are our King. Reign in our hearts. Sorry for the times we did things in our life for our own desires. Your kingdom come and your will be done in us as it is in Heaven Jesus, I trust in You. Amen.

Children re-join the Holy Mass.