

Children's Liturgy Session Lesson Plan June 30th ,2019

Theme: "Follow Me"

Make the children to stand in a circle

Bring to their mind that Jesus is standing in middle of the circle. Say 'hi' to 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

Thanksgiving prayer: (optional)

Ask the Children to reflect on the past week and reflect on whether they would like to thank Jesus anything.

After each prayer respond: Thank you Jesus.

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:

Hallelujah for welcoming gospel

Reading the gospel: (Luke 9:57-62)

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke

Response: Glory to you, O Lord

Along the way to Jerusalem someone said to Jesus, "I'll go anywhere with you!" Jesus said, "Foxes have dens, and birds have nests, but the Son of Man doesn't have a place to call his own." Jesus told someone else to come with him. But the man said, "Lord, let me wait until I bury my father." Jesus answered, "Let the dead take care of the dead, while you go and tell about God's kingdom." Then someone said to Jesus, "I want to go with you, Lord, but first let me go back and take care of things at home."

Jesus answered, "Anyone who starts ploughing and keeps looking back isn't worth a thing in God's kingdom!"

The gospel of the Lord

Response: praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Game: A game is played to introduce the concept of following Jesus: the game 'Simon says' is played replacing as 'Jesus says'

The children should perform an act only when the leader says, 'Jesus says'. During all other times they must remain still.

Message from game: We must follow Jesus in our life and do as HE say. When He speaks to us, we must listen and not get distracted by things around, otherwise we will loose our way and will go wrong.

Gospel Reflection:

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

Where was Jesus going to?

Do you remember, what did some of them ask Jesus on the way and what was his response in today's gospel?

What did some people respond to Jesus when He asked them to follow Him?

Were they putting God's work first or were they concerned about their own things?

Wait for Children's response: Prompt them to remember the incidents in the gospel.

Sometimes Parents ask us to do something. Do we do it as soon as we hear it? Or are there times that we remained silent without responding to their call or delaying what they have asked us to do in order to finish off our games or what we are doing?

Sometimes we may do it expecting rewards do you remember any such situations?

Wait for Children's response:

Is it good to respond in this way always or to respond as soon as we can if someone call us?

Which is important, was it the reward or the task which you did?

We must not do things expecting rewards all the time. Especially in family, we must do something out of love. Our parents or brothers may sometime reward us with gift, or a good pat. Say thanks to their love. But even if they didn't, be happy because we do it in love.

Jesus through today's story gives us the message to put God first and follow what He says, rest He will take care. It is not for earthly rewards or comforts that we must follow Jesus but out of love towards our lord. Can you think of the Love of our lord?

God's love saved us from sins by giving Jesus. Jesus died on cross to give us eternal life. Those who follow Jesus in belief will too enter this eternal life. It is this love and hope that make us to follow Jesus without any earthly rewards and this is what we must do above all our wishes.

An activity

(A chart is brought /white board is used, to make the children stick on few cards, relating to their daily activities. The cards are stuck according to the priority of activity. The cards are mixed up and spread on the floor. Each child take turns to stick it on)

Breakfast, brushing, sleeping, dressing up, playing, praying, reading, helping etc etc. Finally, the leaders must bring 'PRAYING' to be stuck first.

Message given: Every day must begin from Jesus and following what HE says to us.

Jesus will speak through our parents, brothers or teachers. Let us do everything in love and follow Jesus as we listen to Him.

How can we follow Jesus?

By knowing Him and how He lived.

How can we know who Jesus is and how He lived and where is He now?

By reading Bible (Gospel)

Who is the friend Jesus send us to be with us always to help us by reminding us what Jesus has taught us and to follow Him doing Lord wish? Can you guess?

The Holy Spirit

By following Jesus, where will we reach? What will we get?

To Heaven, gaining eternal life

So, let us read and know about how Jesus lived, from the Gospels and let us always walk by listening to the Holy spirit who helps us to follow Jesus and reach our final destination Heaven gaining eternal life. Let us fix our eyes on Jesus who has shown us our way. Let us set priority to Jesus first than anything

Verses to remember (written on the white board): I set the LORD ever before me; with him at my right hand I shall not be disturbed. Psalms 16:8

Song: I have decided to follow Jesus;
I have decided to follow Jesus;
I have decided to follow Jesus;
No turning back, no turning back.

The world behind me, the cross before me;
The world behind me, the cross before me;
No turning back, no turning back.

I have decided to follow Jesus.

Thanksgiving prayer: -

Let us give thanks to our Lord who gave us Jesus, the way, the truth and the life and redeeming us from world to eternal life

Children take turns to thank God.

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 Collect: Lord Jesus ,fill us with your Holy Spirit so that we know more of our Gods love which is You itself and help us to follow you out of love and faith in the salvation that you have gained for us , for by your cross and resurrection you have set us free. Jesus we choose to follow you above all our wishes. Give us strength not to turn back to the worldly rewards but to fix our eyes upon you to reach the eternal home. All for you glory Amen.

Children re-join the Holy Mass.
