

## Children's Liturgy Session Lesson Plan July 21<sup>st</sup> ,2019

### **Theme: Friends of Jesus/Best friend Jesus**

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 10: 38-42)**

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke

Response: Glory to you, O Lord

Now as they went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. <sup>39</sup>She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. <sup>40</sup>But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me." <sup>41</sup>But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; <sup>42</sup>there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."

This is the gospel of the Lord

Response: praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

### **Activity:**

Secret Passing: whisper a word in a Childs ears and ask to pass it to the next child and so on. On reaching the last child, he/she is asked to speak out what he/she heard.

### **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.

**Let us ponder....** Today's story tells us about what Jesus thinks is the most important thing that He wishes us to do being His best friends.

Who are the friends of Jesus? Are you best friend of Jesus?

Why is it good to have Jesus as our Best Friend?

How can you say someone is your friend? What do friends expect to do to each other?

Imagine you are going to your friend's house for a play day. You might have lot of expectations.

What all you wish to do with your friend?

**Wait for Children's Response**

You see that your friend is sitting and watching tv without caring you or doing many things that she likes to do. What will you feel?

**Wait for Children's Response**

This is what we see in today's story. Jesus is visiting one of His best friend's house and he expect to sit and talk a lot with them.

Do you remember whose house was Jesus visiting?

**Wait for Children's Response**

Martha, Mary and their brother Lazarus was among Jesus best friends. He used to visit them at their house in Bethany whenever he was passing by. When Jesus visited their house, Martha was very busy preparing things for Jesus while Mary sat at Jesus feet and was hearing what all Jesus wished to tell. Martha started complaining because she was bothered about many things to make the visit perfect. She didn't try to know what Jesus wished but did everything according to her plans. But Mary sat with Jesus and listened to all He said. Who do you think made Jesus happy and made him feel Loved?

**Wait for Children's Response**

So, being Jesus best friends, what does Jesus wants us to do?

**Wait for Children's Response**

To sit at the feet of the lord and hear what He is telling us and do only what He says us to do. Not to overburden ourselves doing what we like but finding rest in lord in whose grace we will be able to do what he plans for us to do and this will be good for us too.

So everyday let us be with our best friend Jesus and listen to Him to know what His wish is.

How can we live with Jesus every day?

**Wait for Children's Response**

By starting our day with Him, by talking to Him frequently, hearing to His voice by reading the Bible, always asking what He wishes us to do, etc etc...

Jesus is our way truth and life, who died for us, taking away our sins and giving us eternal life. There is nothing more important in our life than Jesus, the greatest treasure. So, let us say Jesus is my Best and my everything.

**Verses to remember (written on the white board):** Mary has chosen the best part, which will not be taken away from her." Luke 10:42

**Song:** What a friend we have in Jesus,  
all our sins and griefs to bear!  
What a privilege to carry  
everything to God in prayer!  
O what peace we often forfeit,  
O what needless pain we bear,  
all because we do not carry  
everything to God in prayer.

Have we trials and temptations?  
Is there trouble anywhere?  
We should never be discouraged;  
take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Can we find a friend so faithful  
who will all our sorrows share?  
Jesus knows our every weakness;  
take it to the Lord in prayer.

**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:** Thank you God for giving us the Best Friend Jesus. There is no one who can love like Jesus and who can be with us forever wherever we are. Help us to give all our life for Jesus. Begin each day with Him and live with Him each moment so that we know, life is easy with Jesus holding our right hand. Let nothing distract us from Him but help us by your grace to give time for Jesus who wishes to talk to us always and love us always.

**Children re-join the Holy Mass.**

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