

Children's Liturgy Session Lesson Plan November 10th ,2019

Theme: we all will be like angels and are children of God/Living forever with Lord.

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:

Alleluia, alleluia ...for welcoming gospel

Reading the gospel: (Luke 20:27, 34-38)

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke,

Response: Glory to you, O Lord

Some Sadducees, those who deny that there is a resurrection, came forward.

Jesus said to them, "Those who belong to this age marry and are given in marriage; ³⁵ but those who are considered worthy of a place in that age and in the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. ³⁶ Indeed they cannot die anymore, because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection. ³⁷ And the fact that the dead are raised Moses himself showed, in the story about the bush, where he speaks of the Lord as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. ³⁸ Now he is God not of the dead, but of the living; for to him all of them are alive." "

The gospel of the Lord

Response: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Activity: Give the children flash cards of different stages of human life (template attached below). Ask them to arrange it in the correct order. After the activity, ask the children the following

Are all the stages similar?

Do you remember, how it was in our mother's tummy?

Can you predict how will you look like when you are older?

Yes, we can't predict how we will get transformed. Today Jesus is telling us about how we will change after passing the life of flesh in this world and reach another life, that will never ever change (eternal life).

Gospel Reflection:

Make children to sit in the circle. Bring Jesus who is sitting in middle to their notice and talk to him to speak through the Gospel that they heard.

Let us ponder.... Last week we heard Jesus telling us the story of a little man named Zacchaeus, the tax collector, who welcomed Jesus into His life in truth and attained salvation with help of Jesus, who transformed him beyond his weakness.

Today we see Sadducees having a debate with Jesus regarding 'resurrection'. Do you know who Sadducees are?

Wait for Children's Response

Sadducees only believed in the old testament books and was of the opinion that there is no resurrection.

what is resurrection?

Wait for Children's Response

Yes, coming/getting to a new life after we have passed away from the life of flesh on earth. Do you know the one who resurrected and is living?

Wait for Children's Response

Jesus

What happened to Jesus ? Do you remember?

Wait for Children's Response

Yes , Jesus was crucified by the ones who didn't like Jesus and He died on the cross. But was it the end of His life?

Wait for Children's Response

No, Jesus rose again of the third day. After Jesus rose back to Life, was the life same as his life before?

Wait for Children's Response

No, Jesus was so shining and white. He was able to appear amidst his friends. He was able to disappear. He could cross the walls of the rooms and even locked doors. Did he eat food with the apostles after that?

Wait for Children's Response

Yes, he did share and broke the bread with his friends.

So today Jesus is telling that we all will gain this life through Him and this life is so different. This is called eternal life. It has no end and never changes. We are always with our lord, always happy and praising lord. It is hard for us to understand, but we can understand how we came out of our mothers tummy from a different form of life and how we are changing each stage of our life.

Display the flash cards showing Baby and the Elderly person.

speak about the helplessness of babies. what they do and what they cannot do.

we changed in our abilities, appearances...intellect etc.. we are not like the baby stage.

Are you able to remember your life as a baby? Or time inside mother's tummy?

Wait for Children's Response

When we were inside in our mama's tummy, we were in water. We can see this through a UV scan. Have you seen your mum being scanned? This life inside mum's tummy is so surprising.

Did we choose ourselves this change? Or can we control our change?

Wait for Children's Response

No, it is God who helps us and build us.

Today Jesus is telling us to think more, he is explaining to us about a life that we are going to reach through Jesus. This life is the final one and we will never change anymore. Once our life in this visible world is finished Jesus will take us into another place and we will remain forever. Only Jesus can help us in this change. He is our way.

How will we look like?

Wait for Children's Response

Yes, we will look like angels on the life to come. We resurrect to that life as Jesus did.

Jesus has shown us the way to this life and he has given us himself as the example. He resurrected and is still living, he is with us even now, he is our hope and way to this eternal life...

For God, all of us are living. He is a living God, who rose again and is living forever. He is transforming us just like him. Jesus gave himself and his life for us. We receive him by word and by Holy Eucharist and is gradually changed like Jesus by power of Holy Spirit through our faith and belief in Jesus.

Jesus, to make Sadducees realize that there is resurrection, tells a story from old testament.

In the old testament of bible, there is a story of burning bush. Have u heard about Moses?

Wait for Children's response

Moses, the baby of the Hebrews, in order to be saved from pharaoh's attack was put in a basket by his mother. He reached the pharaoh's house when pharaoh's daughter recovered him. Moses lived in the palace and was trained well to be the prince. But he ran away from the pharaoh's house when he grew up due to his response against a fight that broke out between Egyptian and Hebrew. He fled to the desert and lived looking after the sheeps. One day, as he was doing his job, to his surprise, he saw a bush on the mount Horeb that is burning but the bush was not burned. When he came near the bush, he heard a divine voice. This voice talked to him saying: "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, and of Isaac, and of Jacob...." "My name is 'I AM,' the One who is always living." God talked to Moses assigning him a mission to save Hebrew people from the pharaoh. Our Lord told that he is a living God... God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

Abraham.. Isaac and Jacob were all ancestors.. they passed from this world.. but God said.. he is their God... that means they are still living... in life with God... with no passing away anymore.. living eternally.

We too have to pass on to this eternal life. The way to eternal life is already revealed to us. Believe in Jesus and walk in the way (Jesus). We will pass on from this life to eternity and we will be like angels, living forever. How we live this life on earth will give us the eligibility to attain the eternal life. So let us not think of our own ways... but the way opened to us by Jesus and live accordingly as HE says to us, so that we get transformed like him and we also can reach where Jesus reached.

Verses to remember (written on the white board): *“and he is not God of the dead, but of the living, for to him all are alive.”-Luke 20:38*

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.

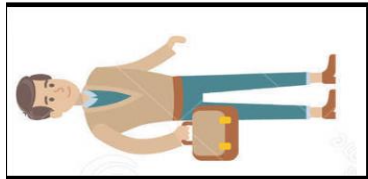
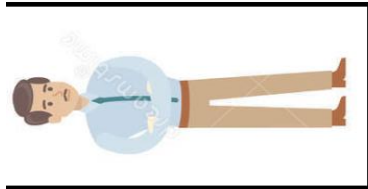
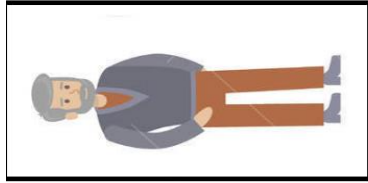
Final Prayer: Dear Jesus, open the eyes of our heart. We want to see you. We want to aim towards eternal life. Give us the grace and insight to understand more about our true-self and the real way to live on earth as shown by you ,to reach eternity, by knowing more about you who is ever living. Amen.

Children re-join the Holy Mass.

*The highlighted part is optional

Template for stages of human development.

BOYS



GIRLS

