

Children's Liturgy Session Lesson Plan September 1st ,2019

Theme: Be the last, to be the first

Make the children to stand in a circle

Bring to their mind that Jesus is standing in middle of the circle. Wish 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

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 14:1,7-14)

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

Response: Glory to you, O Lord

One Sabbath Jesus was having dinner in the home of an important Pharisee, and everyone was carefully watching Jesus.

Jesus saw how the guests had tried to take the best seats. So he told them: "When you are invited to a wedding feast, don't sit in the best place. Someone more important may have been invited. Then the one who invited you will come and say, 'Give your place to this other guest!' You will be embarrassed and will have to sit in the worst place.

"When you are invited to be a guest, go and sit in the worst place. Then the one who invited you may come and say, 'My friend, take a better seat!' You will then be honored in front of all the other guests. If you put yourself above others, you will be put down. But if you humble yourself, you will be honored."

Then Jesus said to the man who had invited him: "When you give a dinner or a banquet, don't invite your friends and family and relatives and rich neighbors. If you do, they will invite you in return, and you will be paid back. When you give a feast, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. They cannot pay you back. But God will bless you and reward you when his people rise from death

The gospel of the Lord

Response: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Activity: children are asked to form a line one by one. When the line is formed, they are ask to turn to the other side. The last child added in the line becomes first child now. This is played few times. At last the kids are asked whether it was standing the first or the last seemed good? To be first, it is better to stay last.

Or

If possible, play the game of “Musical Chairs”. Arrange the available chairs in a circle and the children are asked to run around the chairs as the music plays. Once the music stops the children make themselves sure to get a chair. Repeat this game and finally conclude that, we were pushing others out from chairs to get the position. Is this good in real life? What happens to the person who was left without chair?

Gospel Reflection:

Make children to sit in the circle itself. 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 about Jesus telling to enter through the narrow door in order to be saved.

Narrate the parable for the children

In today’s Gospel, Jesus is asking us to learn to be humble. Not to put ourself first but to consider others first. Then we shall be first in Gods eyes.

How do we put ourselves first in a place?

Wait for Children’s Response

We always like to be considered first. Isn’t it? What do we do when someone gives a gift in class? We all shout ME! ME! ME! Haven’t you?

Wait for Children’s Response

Yes, we always wish to be preferred first. We wish to show off.

But in today’s Gospel, Jesus says that, those who put themselves first and wish to be preferred first on earth, will be considered last in heaven. They already got rewarded in earth.

But those who put themselves to be considered last, and those who sacrifice their wish for others wish to be preferred, will not be rewarded in earth but they deposit their reward in heaven.

Do we want reward on earth or on heaven? How can we put ourselves first in the eyes of god?

Wait for Children’s Response

Yes, by putting ourselves last. How can we achieve this?

Wait for Children’s Response

Letting others, giving chance for others, not showing off, etc etc

What is the problem that Jesus is pointing out in the parable today, is we put ourselves first?

Wait for Children’s Response

Yes, Jesus is telling that we preferred our-self great and sat in the highest position, when someone else who are more important comes in, we will be asked to get up from the place and move back. Is this embarrassing for us?

Wait for Children’s Response

So what is better? Jesus teaches us to go and sit in the last place. Then the one who invited you may come and say, ‘My friend, take a better seat!’ You will then be honored in front of all the other guests.

That is "If you put yourself above others, you will be put down. But if you humble yourself, you will be honored."

Let us keep Jesus message in mind. Wherever we are, in class, house or outside, let us show humility. Even if we know we can do many things, let us understand that it is god who blessed us with all. Without Him we can't do anything. Let us put others first. Let us not show off our self, but let the people see the good in us and thank God who blessed us

Verses to remember (written on the white board): " For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted." Luke 14:11

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: lord Jesus thank you for the great parable you told us today. Sorry for times we showed off ourself without giving thanks to you. Always give us your grace of being humble. We thank you for all the skills you have given us. Let us not use it for showing off ourselves or considering our-self great. But instead let us use all you blessed us with in thanksgiving, for the good of others so that people can see your goodness in us and thank you, our lord who blessed us. amen

Children re-join the Holy Mass.
