

Children's Liturgy Session Lesson Plan July 28th ,2019

Theme: Teach us to pray

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 11:1-10)

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

Response: Glory to you, O Lord

When Jesus had finished praying, one of his disciples said to him. "Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his followers to pray." So, Jesus told them, "Pray in this way: 'Father, help us to honour your name. Come and set up your kingdom. Give us each day the food we need. Forgive our sins, as we forgive everyone who has done wrong to us. And keep us from being tempted.'" Then Jesus went on to say: "Suppose one of you goes to a friend in the middle of the night and days, 'Let me borrow three loaves of bread. A friend of mine has dropped in, and I don't have a thing for him to eat.' And suppose your friend answers, 'Don't bother me! The door is bolted, and my children and I are in bed. I cannot get up to give you something.'

"He may not get up and give you the bread, just because you are his friend. But he will get up and give you as much as you need, simply because you are not ashamed to keep on asking. "So I tell you to ask and you will receive, search and you will find, knock and the door will be opened for you. Everyone who asks will receive, everyone who searches will find, and the door will be opened for everyone who knocks."

The gospel of the Lord

Response: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Activity: Imitating: Paper strips written with different roles are made. (Doctor, Teacher, builder etc) the kids are asked to take lots and to act the role they got. The other kids tell whom she/he is acting.

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.... Do you remember? Last Sunday, we find Jesus as our best friend. Were you able to fill in Jesus's wish list?

Can you tell one thing that Jesus is liking the most?

Wait for Children's Response

Friends of Jesus always watched Him and tried to imitate Him. They found him talking to heavenly father very frequently.

One time When Jesus had finished praying, one of his friends requested him. "Lord, teach us to pray"

Jesus taught his friends a beautiful prayer that led us all to call God as Our Father.

Do you pray or find sometimes difficult to pray?

Wait for Children's Response

What do you think prayer means?

Wait for Children's Response

In today's gospel, Jesus teaches His friends to pray. He helps his friends to understand prayer is talking to Abba father in Heaven, who created us and who knows what is good for us better than us and sharing all that is in our mind with Abba father. Jesus teaches the prayer 'our Father'.

How often must we pray/talk to our heavenly father?

Wait for Children's Response

Imagine, you found a toy/dress that you liked so much. How will you ask your parents to buy it for you? How frequently do we remind them?

Wait for Children's Response

The same way, even more than that we must pray to our Heavenly Father.

Sometimes they won't buy it for us, no matter how strongly we ask. What will we feel then?

Wait for Children's Response

Our parents know what is good for us. If our parents know to do what is good and safe for us, how much more will our heavenly father, our creator know what is good for us?

Jesus narrates a parable to his disciples to make them understand how often we must pray, to get an answer/response back from our father

Narrate the parable of the persistent friend.

The one who knocked on the door of his friend's house at midnight did so, to help another friend who came to his house hungry and tired after a long journey. He asked, knocked and sought continuously despite all negative responses he got ; till his friend opened the door and gave him three loaves to feed the hungry friend.

He was not ashamed to keep on asking. Jesus said "So I tell you to ask and you will receive, search and you will find, knock and the door will be opened for you. Everyone who asks will receive, everyone who searches will find, and the door will be opened for everyone who knocks."

We must never be tired or fed up in prayer. even if we don't have anything to share to help others, we can intercede for them to our Abba Father, who accomplishes everything for the good of his children. We must keep on asking, knocking and seeking our heavenly father who gives His children

only that is good for them. So, let us never be sad if something happened the other way round of what we had expected. Because our father knows what is good and safe for us.

Our heavenly father sends us the power of Holy spirit based on how much we thirst and ask and seek and knock in prayer.

How does Holy spirit help us?

Wait for Children's Response

Holy spirit is our friend, comforter, guide. Holy spirit intercedes for us, reminds us of our Fathers will, help us to say sorry if we did wrong, holy spirit help us to forgive, holy spirit helps us saving from temptations.

So, let us pray/talk often to our father in heaven, for others and for us, so that we know what his plans for us are, helping us to forgive and resist the evil by giving us the daily bread of our souls. For his is the kingdom the power and now and forever amen

Verses to remember (written on the white board): "ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you." Luke 11:9

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 Jesus for teaching us to pray and leading us to call God as our Father. Give us the grace to pray without laziness but with hope and persistence not only for us but also for others that lord gives us, so that each time we ask, seek and knock, Abba father fills us with the power of holy spirit. We pray as you taught us, "Our Father...

Amen.

Children re-join the Holy Mass.
