

Children's Liturgy Session Lesson Plan October 20th, 2019

Theme: Never give up(persevere) in prayer.

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 18:1-8)

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

Response: Glory to you, O Lord

Jesus told his disciples a parable about the necessity for them to pray always without becoming weary. He said, "There was a judge in a certain town who neither feared God nor respected any human being. And a widow in that town used to come to him and say, 'Render a just decision for me against my adversary. 'For a long time the judge was unwilling, but eventually he thought, 'While it is true that I neither fear God nor respect any human being, because this widow keeps bothering me I shall deliver a just decision for her lest she finally come and strike me.'" The Lord said, "Pay attention to what the dishonest judge says. Will not God then secure the rights of his chosen ones who call out to him day and night? Will he be slow to answer them? I tell you; he will see to it that justice is done for them speedily. But when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

The gospel of the Lord

Response: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Activity: Make little paper balls. Bring few straws too and a cardboard box with an opening. Place the cardboard box in such a way that, the opening acts as a door. The kids are asked to blow the paper balls and make the balls enter through the opening into the box. All balls are to reach this destination. One or two kids who are willing to take the challenge are asked to play the game.

After the game, the message is given; it is the persistent efforts in blowing, that made the ball reach its destination and that without being fed up they performed the challenge. What would have happened if they lost this perseverance and got fed up? They would not have won the challenge. Through today's gospel, Jesus is asking us to never give up...but be persistent in talking to God/praying in faith till we reach our real destination.

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 about Jesus telling us to seek help when needed and to be thankful to God and to the one who helped us, to get back to them and thank them.

This week Jesus is narrating a parable to his friends. Jesus told many parables to his friends to make them understand the real way to live the Gospel.

Do you remember the two persons in today's parable?

Wait for Children's Response

One was a judge who never feared God nor honoured or regarded humans and the second one was a widow.

What the widow used to do? **Wait for Children's Response**

She requested and pleaded to the judge to get justice against a person who was troubling her.

What was the judge's response? **Wait for Children's Response**

He didn't consider her for many days.

Finally, what happened, did she stop requesting him?

Wait for Children's Response

No, the widow carried on calling upon him and requesting him, without giving up or being fed up.

Because of her continuous efforts, the judge thought Ways to send her away...he thought; eventhough he doesn't regard God or any men, he planned to take a decision inorder to send the widow away giving her the Justice.

Jesus is asking us to note what the unrighteous judge said and his response, do you remember?

Wait for Children's Response

“While it is true that I neither fear God nor respect any human being, because this widow keeps bothering me I shall deliver a just decision for her lest she finally come and strike me.”

Thus, to get relieved from the widow's persistent cranks the judge granted her request.

If such a judge responded favourably to the widow's request because of her persistent efforts...how much more will our righteous loving heavenly father respond to us, if we persevere in our prayer?

Do we all pray? **Wait for Children's Response**

We do pray, but we lack persistency. We easily get fed up or bored or lose faith and give up fast.

Have you waited long to get something done or going somewhere, as in along block of traffic?

Wait for Children's Response

There might have been long queue ,but our parents never get fed up as they have to tide over the block and proceed driving.

U might have responded..."it's taking ages!!"

Or "boring..it's taking long"...

Do you remember any such instances?

Wait for Children's Response

What can give you boost to wait patiently??

Yes, the surety that I will get it/ the happiness that we will experience if we get it...or the real need of something will help us wait patiently for a thing.

Thus, the reason for getting fed up easily is the ignorance of the purpose of why we are doing it...

Have you heard babies crying continuously till they get what they cried for?

Wait for Children's Response

Yes, they cry because their need is desperate. They never get fed up.

What is Prayer? /Why do we pray? Have we felt bored anytime during prayer or holy mass? why?

Wait for Children's Response

There are some prayers that we have to pray. But if we know why we are praying, to whom we are praying and what prayer can bring for us? If we know atleast a bit of the answer, we will never get bored or fed up.

In prayer we are talking with our father, our Jesus who know us more than we know ourselves. He knows what is good for us better than us.

This help us to seek for help, give thanks, pray for others to get gods help etc.

Have you had any experiences in your life that you got after prayer? **(Encourage children to share their testimonies/experiences of answered prayers or prayers they are waiting for etc)**

Wait for Children's Response

What are the different prayers that we know? Which is favourite one?

Wait for Children's Response

Mention few prayer methods (Rosary, Meditation etc etc)

Do you know the prayer that Jesus taught us?

Wait for Children's Response

Yes , OUR FATHER...

All prayers help us to know and trust our Lord, who will make all our prayers for good.

We must read the language of God the Bible...this is how God talks with us.

When we pray for others, they get help.

Our father in heaven seeing our sincere efforts and need in a prayer, will surely answer us with the right choice for us. So let us never give up or feel bored..let us talk to our Abba father , Jesus and Holy spirit living in us and hear them and do as they tells us..then we will never be bored and we will be able to take right choices in our life. Let us pray for others too and thank god too..if we feel fed up, let us try looking to Jesus face and say 'I love you Jesus ,you gave yourself for me to save me, have mercy on me and guide me'

Verses to remember (written on the white board): “I lift up my eyes toward the mountains; from where shall help come to me? My help is from the LORD, who made heaven and earth.” Psalms 121:1-2

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: Dear Jesus thank you that you are always present with us and hearing us. Give us grace to pray and to pray without being fed up. Help us to know the vastness of your love for us, so that we are able to increase in our faith in you, thus to talk to you very personally and persistently and hear you. Help us to pray for others too, for they are helped by our sincere prayers for them.

Let us pray the beautiful prayer that Jesus taught us...OUR FATHER...

We submit all our prayers in Jesus name amen.

Children re-join the Holy Mass.
