

Children's Liturgy Session Lesson Plan October 6th ,2019

Theme: Serve in Faith and Humility.

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 17:5-10)

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

Response: Glory to you, O Lord

The apostles said to the Lord, "Give us more faith!"

The Lord said, "If your faith is as big as a mustard seed, you can say to this mulberry tree, 'Dig yourself up and plant yourself in the ocean!' And the tree will obey you.

"Suppose one of you has a servant who has been working in the field, plowing or caring for the sheep. When he comes in from work, what would you say to him? Would you say, 'Come in, sit down and eat'? ⁸Of course not! You would say to your servant, 'Prepare something for me to eat. Then get ready and serve me. When I finish eating and drinking, then you can eat.' ⁹The servant should not get any special thanks for doing his job. He is only doing what his master told him to do. ¹⁰It is the same with you. When you finish doing all that you are told to do, you should say, 'We are not worthy of any special thanks. We have only done the work we should do.'"

The gospel of the Lord

Response: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Activity: Faith Fall: Make sure the surroundings are safe, blind fold a child who is ready to do this activity. One of the liturgy leader must stand behind the child and assure him/her that someone is standing behind him/her and in faith just fall backwards. The leader must hold the child as soon as she/he fall backwards. Assure full confidence that the leader is standing behind. Many of them will be scared. Try as much kids are ready to do so. It will be good if one of the leader of liturgy show the first trial for them.

Finally conclude with the message that. It is the faith in the leader's words that gave us courage to let us fall back. This same or more faith we must have in our lord who gave himself for saving us, that keeps us going. Trust in our creator.

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 us the story of a rich man and the poor man, Lazarus. The rich man who was living luxuriously failed to thank god who gave him all things, he failed to hear and see what Lord was lords wish for him, but instead he lived according to his own comforts and gains and he failed to see the person who was suffering in front of his eyes. The poor man suffered lot on earth but after he passed from earth, he reached heaven, but the rich man didn't.

Jesus told us that we must thank for everything we have on earth and use it for the good of others. Make effort to be rewarded in heaven.

What does Jesus speak to us through todays Gospel? Do you remember?

Wait for Children's Response

Narrate the Gospel for the kids, filling up their response.

Yes, in todays gospel, Jesus is pointing to the measure of our Faith towards our lord and how to serve the lord.

What does the disciples ask Jesus for?

Wait for Children's Response

Yes, the disciples request Jesus to increase their faith. They are more concerned about the amount of faith they have. What did Jesus reply?

Wait for Children's Response

Yes, Jesus said, even if you have a tiny amount of faith, just small as the mustard seed, even the tree will obey what you say.

What is meant by FAITH?

Wait for Children's Response

Faith is the assurance of what we hope for and the certainty of what we do not see. It is what makes real; the things we hope for. It is proof of what we cannot see.

Have you seen mustard seeds? (show children few mustard seeds and a picture of mustard tree)

These seeds are too tiny but once sown, it will grow into a big tree. So, Jesus says that, it doesn't matter even if you have faith so little now, but let that faith be real. Through this faith, lord will work in us and through us and we will grow more faith later.

How can we have faith in someone?

Wait for Children's Response

Yes ,to have faith in someone, we must know who the person is, what is their character, what they are doing or have one for us, are they doing things for our good and safety etc etc etc ? developing

faith in a person will help us to obey them and they can help us too. So, how can we develop faith in Jesus?

Wait for Children's Response

By knowing more about him. How can we know more about him?

Wait for Children's Response

By searching for Him in Bible. As we know more and more about Jesus, we will start loving him more and more...because we will come to know that Jesus gave himself for us to save us and he is our Abba Father's perfect love for us. No one has done anything greater than Jesus did in saving us. We also will come to know that Jesus never showed off, he was not doing things in selfishness or expecting any rewards but he always did Father's will. He suffered for us a lot even being the Father's son, he humbled himself and he had great faith in Father in heaven. It is a gift from God, Holy Spirit our helper from God will help us to grow in faith by knowing more about Jesus.

All this knowledge of Jesus will help us to serve Him in Love and thus increasing our faith.

What will our increase in Faith in Jesus help us?

Wait for Children's Response

Yes, It is by our faith in Jesus, that he can work in us and through us, changing us as Father's wish.

Later in the gospel, what does Jesus tell us about serving Lord?

Wait for Children's Response

By faith in Lord, Jesus starts living in us and working through us and we start serving him by serving one another. But as we serve, we must not do it expecting rewards. But do it in humility and out of love toward Lord.

When we do things, we often expect rewards. Do we?

Wait for Children's Response

Have you got reward stickers? Reflect on instances kids received rewards

Wait for Children's Response

It is good that we get appreciated in our good works, but does it happen all time? Think about our parents, they manage our house very well isn't it? Do they get rewarded in doing this? Even if everything is a bit hard, they keep us all safe and happy. Do you think they get rewarded? Why do they do it all great for us?

Wait for Children's Response

Yes, they love us a lot. Even if not rewarded, they do all for us. This is the attitude we must have while serving Lord and serving each other. We must not do things to be rewarded or get praised by all, but out of love and goodness of our heart. Just as Jesus did.

So, through today's gospel Jesus tells us, to have faith in our Lord that he will take care of us and will provide us. Don't worry about the measure of faith you have. Even if it is tiny it is great, Lord will develop it as we try sincerely to know more about him, through Holy Spirit given to us. Do everything in this faith and not to get rewarded. Even if we get rewarded, never show off, but thank God who worked through us by our faith in Him. Serve Lord in faith by serving each other in love and humility.

Verses to remember (written on the white board): - “Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us” 1Timothy 1:14

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 Lord, thank you for gifting us with Holy spirit to dwell in us. Help us by your grace to grown in faith by allowing ourselves to be led by your holy spirit, knowing more of you and thus serving you in love and humility without expecting any rewards from earth. Sorry for all the times we did something for show off. In Jesus name we pray, amen.

Children re-join the Holy Mass.
