



THEME: THE FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

GOSPEL: Matthew 3:13-17

Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan to be baptized by him. John tried to prevent him, saying,

“I need to be baptized by you, and yet you are coming to me?”

Jesus said to him in reply,

“Allow it now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness.”

Then he allowed him.

After Jesus was baptized, he came up from the water and behold, the heavens were opened for him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming upon him. And a voice came from the heavens, saying, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.”

CHILDRENS LITURGY LESSON PLAN JANUARY 12, 2020

ENTERING AND WELCOMING

*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

WELCOMING THE GOSPEL: ALLELUIA

A READING FROM THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO ST. MATTHEW

ST. MATTHEW 3:13-17

Response: Glory to you, O Lord

READ THE GOSPEL (given in the side)

The gospel of the Lord

Response: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

ACTIVITY:

**Gospel Stick on Activity:
Prepare a chart written with
words like:**

**FATHER , JESUS , JOHN
HOLY-SPIRIT, FIRE, CROW,
DOVE , SON, DAUGHTER
BELOVED, BAPTISE, DEAR
LOVE ,WATER
,RIGHTEOUSNESS
,PEACE,HEAVEN,EARTH, JOY
CHRIST, BATH etc..**

**Ask the children to listen
carefully when the gospel is
being read out and to identify
the words from the list that is
in the gospel. As the children
says the words in the gospel,
draw a bubble shape around
the word. Carry it on till all the
words are identified.**

GOSPEL REFLECTIONS

Last week, in the Gospel we came across three wisemen who were on their journey to seek, find and to pay homage to the Savior whom they know is to be born, according to the scriptures that they were directed on and to be aware always of the traps set by Herods' on our human thinking's ,to snatch our Jesus away.

In today's gospel, we hear the story of the Baptism of Jesus.
What do you remember or know about your baptism?

Prompt children to speak about their Baptism, why they think that they were Baptsied? Etc..

Narrate the Gospel.

Baptism of Jesus is the occasion on which he is equipped for his ministry by the holy Spirit and proclaimed to be the Son of God. As the will of Abba father, Jesus humbled himself to be baptized by John the Baptist. We see that John was reluctant to baptize Jesus whom he knew was greater than him. But Jesus assured John saying "Allow it now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." Then he allowed him.

Fulfilling all righteousness means, to submit and allow the plan of God for the salvation of the human race to accomplish.

As the fathers will was accomplished when Jesus humbled himself to be among the sinners and to be baptized and as John did what Jesus asked him to do, the heaven was opened and the Spirit of God descending like a dove came upon Jesus. And a voice came from the heavens, saying,
"This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased." Thus, it was revealed to John. He saw Jesus was anointed with the power of holy spirit and Father was pleased with his son.

After Baptism, God anointed Jesus with the Holy Spirit and empowered Him to carry out Gods mission. He went about doing good and healing all those oppressed by the devil, for God was with him."

Sacrament of Baptism: (give a description)

We are also been baptised in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Our baptism anoints us and joins us in Gods family as Sons and Daughters of Abba father giving us His power of Holy Spirit to accomplish God's will by living as Jesus. We must allow and say yes for Lord's will to be accomplished through us. Do as Jesus directs us.

Our vocation in life is nothing other than fulfilling our baptismal commission by the Holy Spirit. Our Lord Jesus shows himself how

Father and Holy spirit guided him as he was obeying and doing Fathers will. He, the Son, is sent and works in communion with the Father and the Holy Spirit, and from here all his fruitfulness and power flows.

So, we must also, who are baptized to sons and daughters of our heavenly Father, humble ourselves and allow lord to accomplish His will by obeying and walking in Spirit. Gods Spirit is with us to do good, to pray for and heal all those oppressed and sad, to help others etc. Hence, let us say 'I am Baptized and Sent by Lord'.

VERSES TO REMEMBER (WRITTEN ON THE WHITE BOARD):

“Allow it now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness.”-Matthew 3:15

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 blessing us with the Sacrament of Baptism and making us your sons and daughters. Give us the grace to live the baptismal vows and walk in the power of holy spirit in Faith by accomplishing your will in our life always. In the name of the Father the son and the Holy Spirit, Amen

Renewing Baptismal promises: Ask Children to respond by saying 'I do'

V. Do you renounce Satan?

R. I do.

V. And all his works?

R. I do.

V. And all his empty show?

R. I do.

V. Do you believe in God,
the Father Almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth?

R. I do.

V. Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered death and was buried,
rose again from the dead
and is seated at the right hand of the Father?

R. I do.

V. Do you believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting?

R. I do.

V. And may almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
who has given us new birth by water and the Holy Spirit and bestowed on us
forgiveness of our sins, keep us by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord,
for eternal life.

R. Amen

Children re-join the Holy Mass.