

Children's Liturgy Session Lesson Plan July 14th ,2019

The Good Samaritan

Theme: The Law of Love

Make the children to stand in a circle

Bring to their mind that Jesus is standing in middle of the circle. Say 'hi' to 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

Thanksgiving prayer: (optional)

Ask the Children to reflect on the past week and reflect on whether they would like to thank Jesus anything.

After each prayer respond: Thank you Jesus.

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:

Hallelujah for welcoming gospel

Reading the gospel: (Luke 10:25-37)

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke 10:25-37

Response: Glory to you, O Lord

An expert in the Law of Moses stood up and asked Jesus a question to see what he would say. "Teacher," he asked, "What must I do to have eternal life?" Jesus answered, "What is written in the Scriptures? How do you understand them?" The man replied, "The Scriptures say, 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, strength, and mind.' They also say, 'Love your neighbors as much as you love yourself.'" Jesus said, "You have given the right answer. If you do this, you will have eternal life. "But the man wanted to show that he knew what he was talking about. So he asked Jesus, "Who are my neighbors?"

Jesus replied: "As a man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, robbers attacked him and grabbed everything he had. They beat him up and ran off, leaving him half dead. "A priest happened to be going down the same road. But when he saw the man, he walked by on the other side. Later a Levite, (temple helper) came to the same place. But when he saw the man who had been beaten up, he also went by on the other side.

"A man from Samaria then came traveling along that road. When he saw the man, he felt sorry for him and went over to him. He treated his wounds with olive oil and wine and bandaged them. Then he put him on his own donkey and took him to an inn, where he took care of him.

"The next morning, he gave the innkeeper two silver coins and said, 'Please take care of the man. If you spend more than this on him, I will pay you when I return.'"

Then Jesus asked, "Which of these three people was a real neighbor to the man who was beaten up by robbers?" The teacher answered, "The one who showed pity." Jesus said, "Go and do the same!"

This is the gospel of the Lord

Response: praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Activity: Show the children a picture of a homeless or a poor person or a child who is sad. Extract from them their response as How can they make them happy or feel better?

Gospel Reflection:

Make kids to sit in the circle itself.

Bring Jesus who is sitting in middle to their notice and talk to him. Prompt the children to refresh the message from last week's gospel. "being missionaries for Jesus".

Begin this week's Gospel by talking through the story.

Let us ponder....

Today we heard an Expert in law of Moses asking Jesus "What must I do to have eternal life?"

*Do you know what is Eternal Life and who is an expert?

Wait for Kids response

Eternal life is to live forever with no death and an 'expert' means one who is a master in something. Here the expert is the master of scriptures.

*What are scriptures?

Wait for Kids response

Scriptures are the words of God who talked to his people written down in Bible.

So, we must read the bible to know what Lord speaks to us

*What did Jesus ask the man to think about What is written in the Scriptures regarding to have eternal life? What did the expert man reply?

"The Scriptures say, 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, strength, and mind.' They also say, 'Love your neighbours as much as you love yourself

Jesus replied that he was right and asked him to follow the same to get eternal life.

But the man, as he was an expert wished to show off himself to Jesus to make Jesus know that he knew everything as he was an expert. Since Jesus was teaching so much to everyone, the expert man was a bit jealous and he wished to prove himself better than Jesus on knowledge of laws and he asked Jesus "Who are my neighbours?"

Knowing the man's heart, Jesus narrated him a story

Jesus uses stories, called **parables**, to teach us what God really means regarding something. The parable in today's Gospel is called '**The Good Samaritan**'

Narrate the story taking responses for the kids

*Can you remember who were the three persons that passed by the injured man?

A Priest, a Levite and a Samaritan

(please explain the role of each to the kids)

Who was the real neighbour?

The Samaritan

Why do you think the Priest and Levite didnt help him?

The Priest and the Levite thought that their duty, based on the laws, were important than helping the strange injured man.

*Are we sometimes like the Priest and Levite? Have there been incidents in our life when we thought that our things are more important than anything?

Wait for Kids response

Imagine that the next day is the birthday party of your friend and you were all set and excited to go. Suddenly the next morning you discover that mom is not well to take you and dad was busy. What will be your response?

Wait for Kids response

We feel sad. we may burst to tantrums. We may hardly think the situation of our parents. We may avoid them and cry for going to the party. It is true that you have to go to the party but in the present situation we have to think of our parents and try to calm down to make them feel at peace by responding to them "it is ok mum/dad, I understand. Eventhough I am sad, I know the situation". Do you think that this response will make them feel relieved?

Yes, sometimes it happens not the way we want. But we have to do so, and it is based on our love for our parents. Thus, being a good neighbour.

The situation can also be your little brother crying for the precious gift that you got for your birthday. As per the rule, it is your gift and you can avoid him and keep it to yourselves. But based on love, if you stop for your brother, take care of his feelings and share your most precious gift with him, he can be made happy.

Here in this story, the priest and the Levite thought not to help him based on the law that they were following. But the Samaritan, a group of people who were considered as low standard by Jews, decided to help the injured man who was a Jew, beyond all laws that stopped him to do so. He did this based on love and mercy he felt towards him. He used all his precious expensive things, the oil and wine and the coins that he had, to help the injured man.

Think about ourselves. We commit many wrong in our daily life. But are our parents dealing with us as it should be dealt to a person who did wrong?

No. they always forgive us and love us even though they sometimes raise voice. In the same way, we, being sinners, God send us His son Jesus who sacrificed his life for us to save us from sins. He didn't look that we are sinners, but he forgave our sins and saved us through Jesus. So, God showed us unconditional love and saved us. Hence, we must love god and our neighbour as God loved us without any conditions.

Who is our neighbour?

Our neighbours can be found in our house, our class, in the street we walk etc etc. Our neighbours are those who need our help. Our help can even extend to in sacrificing our favorite toy or our wish or our time for making them happy and relieved.

Verses to remember (written on the white board): 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, strength, and mind.' 'Love your neighbours as much as you love yourself.'

Thanksgiving prayer: -

Let us give thanks to our heavenly father who gave us Jesus and proved His love for us while we were still sinners. Eventhough we were sinners, you dint avoid us but you died for us and redeemed us from sins to eternal life.

Children take turns to thank God.

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 Collect: Lord Jesus thank you for loving us unconditionally. We pray for all those who need help. Especially in our family, our school, the sick and the homeless. Help us, by grace of god not to avoid them and go but instead, in God's love, do them some help as God asks us to do. Help us to understand your unconditional love for us and thus to love our neighbours as ourselves. Amen.

Children re-join the Holy Mass.
