

## Children's Liturgy Session Lesson Plan September 29<sup>th</sup> ,2019

### Theme: Get rewarded in heaven

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 16:19-31 )

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

Response: Glory to you, O Lord

Jesus told his disciples this story: "There was once a rich man who wore expensive clothes and everyday ate the best food. But a poor beggar named Lazarus was brought to the gate of the rich man's house. He was happy just to eat the scraps that fell from the rich man's table. "His body was covered with sores, and dogs kept coming up to lick them.

The poor man died, and angels took him to the place of honour next to Abraham. "The rich man also died and was buried. He went to hell and was suffering terribly. When he looked up and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus at his side, he said to Abraham, 'Have pity on me! Send Lazarus to dip his finger in water and touch my tongue. I'm suffering terribly in this fire.' "Abraham answered, 'My friend, remember that while you lived, you had everything good, and Lazarus had everything bad. Now he is happy, and you are in pain. And besides, there is a deep ditch between us, and no one from either side can cross over.' "But the rich man said, 'Abraham, then please send Lazarus to my father's home. Let him warn my five brothers, so they won't come to this horrible place.' "Abraham answered, 'Your brothers can read what Moses and the prophets wrote. They should pay attention to that.' "Then the rich man said, 'No, that's not enough! If only someone from the dead would go to them, they would listen and turn to God.' "So Abraham said, "If they won't pay attention to Moses and the prophets, they won't listen even to someone who comes back from the dead.'"

The gospel of the Lord

Response: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

**Activity: Secret Passing: Choose a good message may be from the Beatitudes of our Lord and speak it in ear of one kid. Let her/he share it to the next and so on. Finally ask the last child to speak out what she/he heard. The message might be messed up on the way as it travelled. Repeat this game.**

**Conclude with the message that, as we pass on living this life, sometimes we mess up the messages what lord is speaking to us as we hear it from others , hence always try to speak directly**

**to God and hear what He says to us directly and pray for grace to obey it. Then we will never go wrong.**

### **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 about who a good steward for God is. We realized that whatever little thing we possess is the blessing from our lord and we must be thankful to him always and be faithful in using it for the good of others. Even though we have behaved selfishly by using god given things for ourselves or carelessly, lord says that, now we realized it so use it now for the good of others so that the dishonest selfish acts we did before will be cancelled off by the good that we do now.

In today's parable, Jesus tells us the story of a Man who lived in such a way that he failed to hear and see what Lord was guiding him, but instead he lived according to his own comforts and gains. By this type of living, he failed to see the person who was suffering in front of his eyes.

Jesus also reveals us the effects of this type of living.

Do you remember any part of the parable read to you now?

**Wait for Children's Response**

**Narrate the parable for the kids, filling up their response.**

How was the rich man living?

**Wait for Children's Response**

Yes, the rich man was having all things he wished for. He wore luxurious clothes and slept and ate well. Did he gain this by himself?

**Wait for Children's Response**

That's right, he didn't gain this by himself. All were given to him by our merciful Lord. But was he thinking of this and thanking lord?

**Wait for Children's Response**

No, he was not at all regarding the source of all his blessings. He was of the false pride that he gained everything by himself and he was so greedy and selfish that he never bothered to thank lord or to share it.

He thought that since he gained everything he wished for in life, he is perfect and is secure and he was best.

What can we see in the parable about the poor beggar, Lazarus, was brought to the gate of the rich man's house?

**Wait for Children's Response**

Yes, he was so poor. Was he fed well or was he hungry?

**Wait for Children's Response**

He was so hungry that, He was happy just to eat the scraps that fell from the rich man's table.

What was the state of the body of the poor man?

### Wait for Children's Response

"His body was covered with sores, and dogs kept coming up to lick them. Do you think the rich man noticed him?"

### Wait for Children's Response

The rich man didn't bother about him nor cared him.

How would have the poor man felt when he saw that the rich man avoided him?

### Wait for Children's Response

Yes, he was so sad, while the rich man was enjoying himself. The poor man didn't get even what he was eligible for.

What happened after both of them finished their life on this earth and went back to God? Did the rich man reach god?

### Wait for Children's Response

Yes, the poor man reached the heaven and rich man failed.

Do you think the lord might have spoken to the rich man to correct himself?

### Wait for Children's Response

Yes, through the passage we can learn that, through the scriptures of prophets and messengers, god spoke to the rich man, but he failed to hear gods voice because he was blinded by the things of earth and his own comforts.

But he came to his sense very late when he lost the real reward in heaven by being so busy gaining rewards on earth.

Now there is no way that the rich man can correct himself because he finished living on earth where he could have done many charitable acts, if he would have heard the voice of god and obeyed it.

So, what message does god gives us through this beautiful parable?

### Wait for Children's Response

God does not count our eligibility depending on our possessions on earth or how much money we gained or how best we performed in gaining fame for our own name. He looks into our hearts. How well we were able to empty ourselves for the good of others. How well we were able to love others eventhough they dint reward us. How generously we used the blessings given by lord in thanksgiving for the good of others. Whether our actions were for being rewarded by all or was out of love and faithfulness to our lord?

Let us think ourselves now, how god has blessed us? Are we able to hear gods voice regarding how to give ourselves for others, how to behave? From now on, let us seek gods wish in each moment of our life and pray for his grace to surrender to god and use us as he wishes for the good of others. Let us not ignore others for our own selfish comforts.

Let us look around and see...what does lord speaks to us and ask from us....

Let us be aware: each time we are rewarded in this world and seek our own glory, we miss a piece of eternal reward in heaven.

**Verses to remember (written on the white board):-** “you belong to God. ...Always try to do what is right, to be devoted to God, and to have faith, love, patience, and gentleness”. **1 Timothy 6:11**

**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, we thank you for blessing us with such a wonderful life. We are sorry for all times that we lived for our own selfishness and greediness. Give us grace to hear your voice each moment of our life and offer our life as a pleasing offering for you to be use for the good of all as you wish. In Jesus name we pray, Amen**

**Children re-join the Holy Mass.**

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