

Children's Liturgy Session Lesson Plan August 11th, 2019

Theme: "Be ready! Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; Jesus is coming soon"

Make the children to stand in a circle

Bring to their mind that Jesus is standing in middle of the circle. Wish 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

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 12:32-40)

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

Response: Glory to you, O Lord

³² "Don't fear, little flock. Your Father wants to share his kingdom with you. ³³ Sell the things you have and give that money to those who need it. This is the only way you can keep your riches from being lost. You will be storing treasure in heaven that lasts forever. Thieves can't steal that treasure, and moths can't destroy it. ³⁴ Your heart will be where your treasure is.

³⁵ "Be ready! Be fully dressed and have your lights shining. ³⁶ Be like servants who are waiting for their master to come home from a wedding party. The master comes and knocks, and the servants immediately open the door for him. ³⁷ When their master sees that they are ready and waiting for him, it will be a great day for those servants. I can tell you without a doubt, the master will get himself ready to serve a meal and tell the servants to sit down. Then he will serve them. ³⁸ Those servants might have to wait until midnight or later for their master. But they will be glad they did when he comes in and finds them still waiting.

³⁹ "What would a homeowner do if he knew when a thief was coming? You know he would not let the thief break in. ⁴⁰ So you also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at a time when you don't expect him!"

The gospel of the Lord

Response: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Activity: Musical statues: kids are asked to stand in a circle and instructions are given to do dance moves when the music plays/when singing starts but when the music/singing stops, they must stop

and be statue still. After the game, message is given that we must be ready to stop at any time. So, we must be prepared and be attentive.

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 a foolish rich man who tried to keep all his possessions for his own. What did God tell him? Do you remember?

Wait for Children's Response

Yes, through the parable Jesus taught us, not to be selfish but to share, what lord gave us with others. This week Jesus says to store treasures in heaven, and He is giving us a great confidence that Abba father is sharing the kingdom of heaven with us. Jesus is coming soon to take us back to heaven, so be prepared. Isn't that great? who all want to go to heaven

Wait for Children's Response

Where has Jesus gone now? Do you know?

Wait for Children's Response

Yes. Jesus has gone to heaven to prepare a special place in our father's house in heaven. He will come back soon to take us along with Him. But as we wait for Jesus to return, he asks us to prepare ourselves and be ready so that when he comes to take us, he finds us as He desires us to be.

How can we store treasures in heaven?

Wait for Children's Response

How does Jesus expect us to be seen, when He is coming back again? What is told in today's gospel?

Wait for Children's Response

In today's gospel Jesus talk about few servants and a master. The master has gone for a wedding entrusting the servants to do their duties. The master came back unexpectedly and When the he came, he finds his servants to be obedient, ready and waiting for him. The master becomes so happy that he serves a great meal for them.

Sometimes during some occasions, it might have happened so, that our mom has asked us to behave well during a play day in friend's house or while in a friend's birthday party. She might have given us some instructions so as how to behave there. What if she hears good comments about you, your help and your behaviour? What will she feel?

Wait for Children's Response

What if she finds us in a way that she doesn't expects? That you have not kept her word or have messed up a bit? What will she feel?

Wait for Children's Response

It is the same way in today's gospel, Jesus has left us here on Earth now. He has asked us to listen to him and do as he says and always to be prepared for His coming with the reward of eternal life, to take us to heaven. If we listen to him, obey and do as he says, we will be storing up treasures for the great reward in heaven and Jesus will be very happy to see us when he come again.

But if we take it for granted and hardly put any effort to hear him or to do as he says to us or to prepare for his second coming, Jesus will feel so sad when he sees us when he comes. Do you think we will get the reward of eternal life?

Wait for Children's Response

So, let us think how we are living? Let us have faith in our Father in heaven and Jesus and holy spirit who helps us to reach back heaven.

Let us think, How to store up treasures in heaven? how to listen to Jesus and do as He says to us?

We don't know the time when Jesus is going to come, but he will come soon, so let us be ready and be prepared always. Dressed up in good works that he has asked us to do, with the lamps of waiting in prayer lighted up.

Verses to remember (written on the white board): You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour." Luke 12:40

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 Abba father thank you sharing with us the Kingdom of heaven and giving us Jesus to bring us back to heaven. Help us to increase our faith in you and thus to wait for the coming of Jesus by preparing in prayer, by listening to you and doing always what you tell us to do. Help us by your grace to be seen the way as you desire to see us when you come to take us to heaven.

Amen.

Children re-join the Holy Mass.
