

## Children's Liturgy Session Lesson Plan October 13<sup>th</sup> ,2019

**Theme: Be thankful to lord always...**

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 17:11-19 )

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

Response: Glory to you, O Lord

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus<sup>[d]</sup> was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. <sup>12</sup>As he entered a village, ten lepers<sup>[e]</sup> approached him. Keeping their distance, <sup>13</sup>they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" <sup>14</sup>When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. <sup>15</sup>Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. <sup>16</sup>He prostrated himself at Jesus'<sup>[f]</sup> feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. <sup>17</sup>Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? <sup>18</sup>Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" <sup>19</sup>Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."

The gospel of the Lord

Response: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

**Activity: Memory game:** take few paper squares, in two strip write 'JESUS', in two other write 'THANKS' ,in two other strips write 'FAITH' and two other write 'MERCY'. Turn the strips facing down arranging them as kids sees. Ask them whether they remember , and give turns for kids to take the card and snap it as they find the matching pair.

Or

**Song:** There is a redeemer,  
Jesus, God's own Son,  
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah,  
Holy One,  
Jesus my redeemer,  
Name above all names,

Precious Lamb of God, Messiah,  
Oh, for sinners slain.

Thank you oh my father,  
For giving us Your Son,  
And leaving Your Spirit,  
'Til the work on Earth is done.  
When I stand in Glory,  
I will see His face,  
And there I'll serve my King forever,  
In that Holy Place.

### **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 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 we have faith of a tiny mustard seed lord can do great things through each of us and to Do everything in 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 and serve in humility.

In today's story, what happened?

**Wait for Children's Response**

**Narrate the Gospel for the kids.**

Have we heard of leprosy?

**Wait for Children's Response**

Yes, it is a kind of disease that eats body cells. In olden times the people with leprosy was send outside the city, they were treated unclean and they had to stay away and walk saying 'unclean'

How many lepers was there in today's story?

**Wait for Children's Response**

Yes, they had heard about Jesus and cried out to him to help them. What did Jesus say?

**Wait for Children's Response**

Jesus asked them to "Go and show yourselves to the priests." Did they obey him?

**Wait for Children's Response**

Yes they obeyed Jesus and as they were going , they were made clean.

What did they do as they found they were made clean?

**Wait for Children's Response**

Nine of them went their way but one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He fell himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him, what did the other nine do?

**Wait for Children's Response**

Yes, they went away in happiness of getting healed, but forgot who healed them and never bothered to thank him.

The one who came back and thanked him was a Samaritan. He is a foreigner.

What did Jesus ask him?

**Wait for Children's Response**

"Were not ten made clean? Where are the other nine?"

Jesus told him to "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."

Why do you think the Samaritan returned back to thank Jesus and others didn't?

**Wait for Children's Response**

The Samaritan who was healed had the faith that, it was Jesus who healed him and he was so thankful to Jesus, hence ran back to the one who blessed him. Jesus said to him, 'your faith has made you well'.

The others didn't regard the one who blessed but gave more importance to the blessing and went away immersed in happiness but didn't bother to thank Jesus.

We too might have done this sometimes. When we get blessed by a toy or any rewards, have we ever bothered to thank god at first, before we threw a party or celebration? What do we do normally during our birthday?

**Wait for Children's Response**

Yes we are too much into celebration and gifts we get. We never bother to thank the lord who gave us such a beautiful life and parents and health. Next time when our birthday comes, let us try to thank god first and then enter to celebrate it with friends. Let us try to go for holy mass and thank give to lord offering ourselves to lord as thanks.

Not only on birthdays, everyday let us try to make this a habit. Every evening let us give thanks to lord who blessed us that day and sleep. By giving thanks to lord we are proclaiming our faith in him as our authority of all our blessings and thus accepting everything from lord's hands.

We always need help from someone..may be our parents, teachers, siblings etc...

When we seek help we must be ready to accept what they say and obey as per their advice. As the ten lepers did, they obeyed what Jesus asked them to do and one the way they got healed.

Once our need is met, we sometimes forget to get back to the one who helped us. They are always god send angels in answer to our prayers or our parents' prayers...who helped us in accomplishing some tasks or in some situations. So, firstly we must thank god who send them and then never forget to get back to the person and thank them for their great mind out of love to help us, this is pleasing to our God and is the will of our Lord to be thankful and humble.

**Verses to remember (written on the white board): - "In all circumstances, give thanks, for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus."- 1 Thessalonians 5:18**

**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 Jesus we thank you for blessing us with this beautiful life. We thank you for our parents, for our school for our friends and teachers, we thank you for all that you have given us. Thank you, Jesus, for our health. We are sorry for all the times we forgot to thank you, who is our source of blessing and our creator. Thank your lord for giving us Jesus to give us life. Give us grace all times to obey you and be thankful to you. In Jesus name we pray amen.

Children re-join the Holy Mass.

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