

Children's Liturgy Session Lesson Plan August 4th ,2019

Theme: Deposit in heaven

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 12:16-21)

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke,
Response: Glory to you, O Lord

Jesus told the crowd this story: "A rich man's farm produced a big crop, and he said to himself, 'What can I do? I don't have a place large enough to store everything.'

"Later, he said, 'Now I know what I'll do. I'll tear down my barns and build bigger ones, where I can store all my grain and other goods. Then I'll say to myself, "You have stored up enough good things to last for years to come. Live it up! Eat, drink, and enjoy yourself."'

"But God said to him, 'You fool! Tonight you will die. Then who will get what you have stored up?'

"This is what happens to people who store up everything for themselves but are poor in the sight of God."

The gospel of the Lord

Response: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Activity: Passing the Parcel: a parcel is made to pass on as the music is played. In each layer, a goodie or a sticker is placed as a reward for the one who opens it each time the music stops. Let us make sure as possible that all get a chance. Once the game concludes, give the message that the parcel must be passed on for the game to go on or else, if someone keeps it for themselves, it will not be fair and game wont progress. All will be sad.

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.... Jesus narrates a story of a rich fool. Can you recollect what the story was?

Wait for Children's Response

Narrate or add up to the points of the children to make the story complete.

Do you think what the rich man did was wise?

Wait for Children's Response

Have you been to a farm? Have you seen a barn?

Wait for Children's Response

The farms give a good yield of crop. What all things can a farm produce?

Wait for Children's Response

That's great! Let us imagine the rich man had a farm that produced lot of wheat. He harvested the wheat and stored the whole wheat in his barn. He was keeping the wheat for his own. Do you think he will be able to eat it full by himself?

Wait for Children's Response

What will happen after many days?

Wait for Children's Response

Yes, the wheat will start getting rotten or may be a mouse will find its way to the barn and eat it slowly. As a wise and good farmer what he must have done?

Wait for Children's Response

Yes, he could have shared it with many. May be to a factory that can grind it and make bread, or cakes etc etc that can feed many. Feeding many people is a very loving generous and kind act that deposits treasures of goodness in heaven. But the selfish rich man did not share, so, what he deposited on earth didn't help the people nor himself.

Have we done this type of selfish acts in our life ? Can you think for a moment?

Wait for Children's Response

When it comes to the matter of sharing your toys, your pencils etc etc.. how do we behave sometimes?

Wait for Children's Response

We find it hard to share sometimes with our friends or brothers or even our parents. What face does this selfish act creates?

Angry face, sad face, gloomy face...

But what will happen when we share? What face does it create?

Happy face, thankful face...

So, in today's story Jesus tells us that the things that we deposit on earth are not long lasting. But if we share it with others, the happiness that we bring to them is long lasting. Even heavens rejoice in our generous, loving and kind act to our brothers. This will deposit for us in heaven as eternal reward. But if we are selfish and love the material things than our fellow beings, we will spread sadness, anger, pain etc and neither we nor others will be able to use our earth deposits. So let us share with others and spread god's love, joy , happiness, to our fellow beings through our earthly gains given by our lord to us. This is how we can be thankful to our lord who blesses us with everything. Let us aim in depositing in heaven rather than on earth.

So How can we deposit in heaven?

Wait for Children's Response

By sharing our god given earthly deposit to make the one's god gives us, happy

Verses to remember (written on the white board):

“set your heart on what is in heaven” Colossians 3:1

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 thank you for all the blessings that you shower upon us. Thank you for the amazing love that you give us each moment. Help us to share this happiness and love with all those whom that you give us and are in need. Give you grace for us not to be selfish but to be generous and make the needy happy and feel your love through us and our acts, thus storing up treasures on heaven.

Amen.

Children re-join the Holy Mass.
