

CHILDREN'S LITURGY LESSON PLAN

LITURGICAL DATE: Year C 33rd week of Ordinary Time

THEME:

Grab the children's bible and/or lectionary and battery operated candle from the room and take it with you when Father calls us the children to gather in front of the altar.

- Ask children to help carry the bible and light on the walk to Liturgy room.

- 1. Greet the children, asking them their names. Introduce yourself and your helper if you have one. Place candle and materials on the table. Do a head count and write the numbers on the sheet on the wall.

- 2. **Sing the Opening Prayer Song:** Following the tune of 'Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star' (there is chart paper on the wall)

"Hello, Hello how are you?
We have many things to do.
Read some stories, dance and play,
Learn about our God today.
God our Father, we ask you,
Bless us in the things we do."

3. **Read the gospel:**

"A reading from the Gospel of Luke 21:5-19". Have the children model you making the sign of the cross on their foreheads (" to keep Jesus on our minds"), their lips ("to keep Jesus in our words") and their chest (" to keep Jesus in our hearts"). The gospel is in the lectionary and also in this packet. There are a few questions you and the kids can discuss (3-5 mins is a great goal).

- 4. **Intercessions:** Give each child a prayer rock (on window ledge). Ask the children to close their eyes and bring quiet to their hearts as they rub the rock. When the children are ready, see if a few of the children have an intention they would like to pray for.

After a few individual intercessions, read our group general intercessions and allow the children to respond (R) Lord hear our prayer:

We pray for our church. R

We pray for Pope Francis R

We pray for our families R

We pray for all Holy People R

The children can take a moment to whisper a private prayer while holding the rock.

As a group say "Lord hear our prayers" and respond with singing "Ever Loving God (spread out left arm), Faithful God (spread right arm out), Hear the prayers of your people.

5. Activity:

- 6. Closing Prayer:** Say this prayer with the children (on chart paper) – "Jesus lay your hand on me; Bless me and take care of me. Amen". End with the sign of the cross, "In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit".

Ask the children to collect their craft and line up at the door. There is a rubber stamp and inkpad in the supply area if you wish to distribute. **Remind children that mass is still happening and many are praying, it's important they quietly return to their parents. We have a new bulletin board hanging on a brick column opposite the entrance to the church. Feel free to direct kids to hang up their work for display.**

Thank You for volunteering today and making a positive impact on our parish!

Gospel Reading Luke 21: 5-19

Jesus was at the temple in Jerusalem when he overheard some of the crowd talking. "This temple was built to last forever!" they said. But Jesus told them, "One day everything, including this temple, will be destroyed."

"When will this happen?" they asked him. "Do not be afraid," said Jesus, the time for this to happen is still a long way off. Before then many will suffer because they are my followers. I will give them courage and strength; they will be rewarded for their faith and goodness by my heavenly father."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Questions for discussion:

Q: Some people in the temple commented that it was going to last forever. What did Jesus say about that? {That one day the temple will be destroyed}

Q: Did he say when it would be destroyed? {No, just a long way off}

Q: Did he use the word rewarded? {Yes, he said our faith or belief in him AND goodness will be rewarded by God the Father}

Q: Has anyone here ever noticed while on a drive the car a farmhouse or barn that has gotten old and maybe fallen down?

Q: Can you think of anything that is built to last forever, any building or food or toy?

Q: Have you ever had a boo boo or been upset with a friend and got so sad or mad that you can't even remember why you were upset?

Q: Can you remember what made things feel better? {I bet it was a hug or kiss from mom/dad/someone who loves you}

Q: Can you remember more times when you were sad or more times when you were loved? {I bet it was more times being loved}

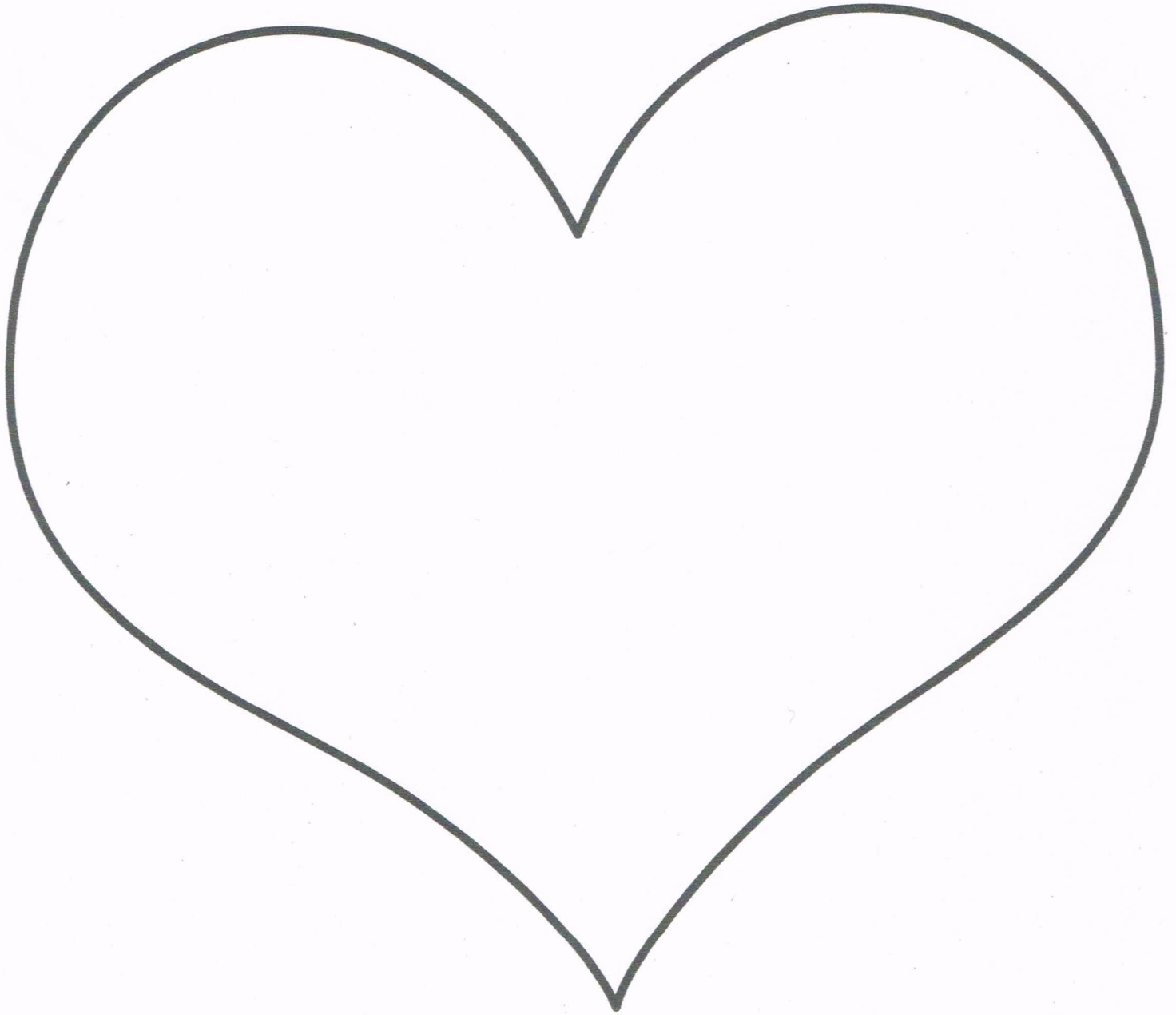
Catechists:

We remember more the times we were shown love than the times we were hurt. This is because love lasts forever. Hurt feelings are temporary; they go away when we are reminded of love and comfort. God is love! We can show God's love to others every day in the kind things we say and good things we do. Can we list some ways we can show God's love to others?

Hand out a sheet to each child and a handful of torn construction paper. They can arrange and glue the pieces. God will make us whole again (in heaven) and this is a nice reminder of his love and mercy.



God loves you



to pieces!