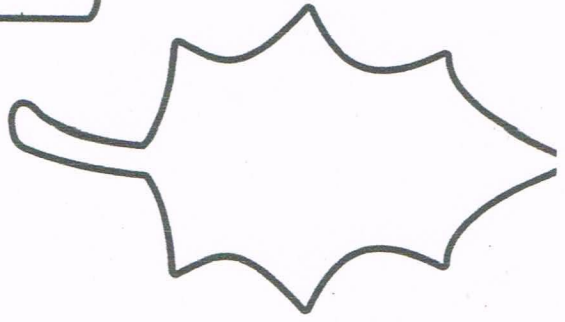
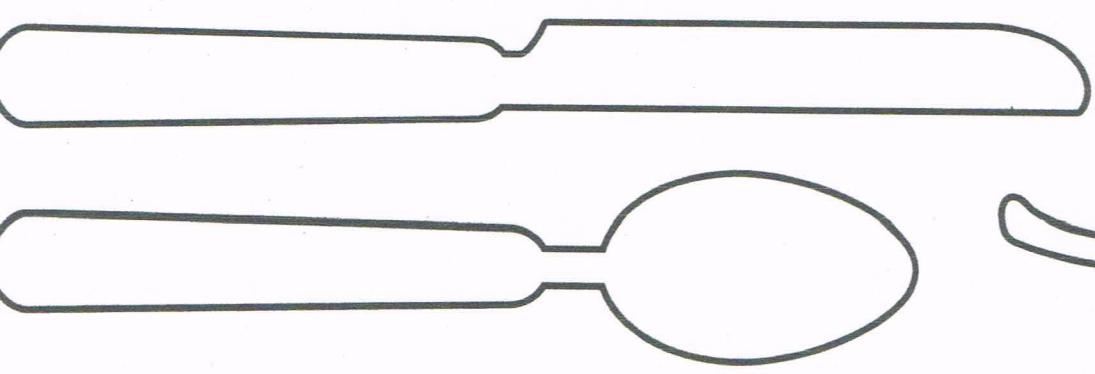
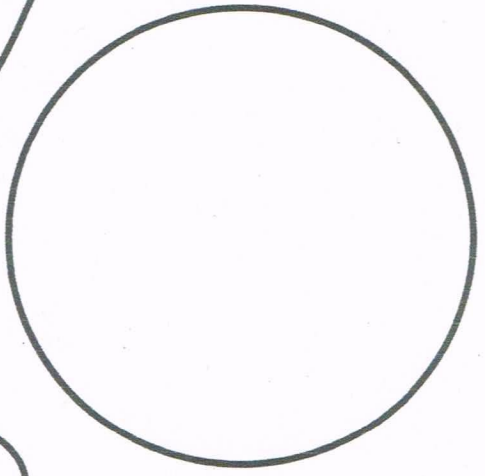


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THANKFUL FOR...



CHILDREN'S LITURGY LESSON PLAN

LITURGICAL DATE: Year C 28th week of Ordinary Time

THEME: Gratitude

- 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 17: 11-19". 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:** Color a placemat for Thanksgiving to show what we are thankful for
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 17: 11-19

Jesus was on his way to Jerusalem. He traveled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. As he was going into a village, ten men met him. They had a skin disease. They were standing close by. And they called out in a loud voice, "Jesus! Master! Have pity on us!"

Jesus saw them and said, "Go. Show yourselves to the priests." While they were on the way, they were healed. When one of them saw that he was healed, he came back. He praised God in a loud voice. He threw himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. The man was a Samaritan.

Jesus asked, "Weren't all ten healed? Where are the other nine? Didn't anyone else return and give praise to God except this outsider?" Then Jesus said to him, "Get up and go. Your faith has healed you."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Questions for discussion:

Q: Have you ever been sick?

Q: Have you ever witnessed someone else feeling very sick?

Q: Have you ever had to miss something (a program or activity) because you or someone else was sick?

Q: How did that feel to miss out on something?

Q: Did you or they want to feel better right away or in a week or a month or a year?

Q: How many men were sick? {10}

Q: How many came back to Thank Jesus? {1}

Q: Why do you think only one man came back to give thanks?

Catechists:

The people in this story had a skin disease called Leprosy. It can give you a rash and make a person look very sick and a bit scary. In the time of the gospels people with leprosy were shunned or made to live separate from the rest of a community. It didn't feel good to be sick and then to not have anyone want you near them. These people were sick and often had to beg for food and charity for years. These men were healed by their faith. They prayed for a cure and when they saw Jesus, they had heard about him and knew that he was their miracle. Jesus saw their faith and did indeed heal them. It was one of Jesus's many miracles. But yet 9 of the 10 men forgot to praise him after and say Thank You. We must learn that its important to praise God always in bad times and especially in good times. Our Faith must be like God, always there.

The children have placemats they can color and write on to show what they are thankful for this Thanksgiving.