

CHILDREN'S LITURGY LESSON PLAN

LITURGICAL DATE: Year A 4th Sunday of Ordinary Lent

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 John 9.1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38". 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 min 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 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 John 9:1

Jesus saw a man who had been blind since birth. Jesus spit on the ground. He made some mud and smeared it on the man’s eyes. Then he said, go and wash off the mud. When the man washed the mud off, he was cured and could see.

Jesus asked the man if he had faith in the Son of Man. The man replied “If you will tell me who he is, I will put my faith in him.”

“You are looking at him now.” Jesus replied.

“Lord, I put my faith in you”. The man said.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Questions for discussion:

Q: How do you think the man felt when he couldn’t see? Remember he was blind since he was a baby. Do you think the world felt a bit scary at times?

Q: Close your eyes for a moment and imagine that you are like this blind man. Can you remember what this room looks like, your room at home looks like, your favorite toy?

Q: Lets open our eyes and our hearts now and try to see the beautiful world that God gave us through his eyes.

Catechists: Each child can have a paper that is a boy face or girl face. They can draw a picture of themselves and get two squares. Once the face is drawn they can glue one side of the square to each eye but in a way that it can be flipped open to show their "cured blindness".