

CHILDREN'S LITURGY LESSON PLAN

LITURGICAL DATE: Year C 29th week of Ordinary Time

THEME: Persistence

- 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 18:1-8". 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 18:1-8

Then Jesus used this story to teach his followers that they should always pray and never lose hope. "Once there was a judge in a town. He did not care about God. He also did not care what people thought about him. In that same town there was a widow who kept coming to this judge. She said, 'There is a man who is not being fair to me. Give me my rights!' But the judge did not want to help the widow. After a long time, he thought to himself, 'I don't care about God. And I don't care about what people think. But this widow is bothering me. I will see that she gets her rights, or she will bother me until I am worn out!'"

The Lord said, "Listen to what the bad judge said. God's people cry to him night and day. God will always give them what is right, and he will not be slow to answer them. I tell you, God will help his people quickly! But when the Son of Man comes again, will he find those on earth who believe in him?"

The Gospel of the Lord.

Questions for discussion:

Q: What does a judge do? {Makes decisions and in Jesus' time, judges would help people}

Q: Who is a widow? {A woman whose husband had died and was all alone and usually poor}

Q: What was the widow asking the judge for help with? {Someone was not being fair to her}

Q: Did the widow give up asking the judge to help her with what was fair or right? {No, she asked him over and over again to help}

Q: What did the Judge finally decide to do in the end? {To help the widow}

Q: Did the widow whine to the judge? {No, she asked a few times but the difference is whining is our want and being persistent or asking for what is right is why God answered her prayer through the Judge}

Catechists:

God may not answer all of our wants but he will ALWAYS answer the prayers of what is truly just and right. He asks that we pray always and not give up. For God works in his time and not just when we want something. God asks that we keep talking to him and praying always. Close your eyes and can you imagine a hot summer day? Picture you outside feeling hot and or inside and wanting to be inside but your parents asked you to be out in the 'nice day'. How much cooler would you feel if you had a nice cold ice cream on that hot day? What if you prayed to God for an ice cream to feel cooler that day? What if after a minute clouds moved in front of the sun and made it dark and then you felt drops on your head- Rain! Did you get an ice cream cone? No, but did the day cool off a bit and maybe you then moved inside to the cooler house to play? Was the prayer answered? Yes! God doesn't always answer a prayer exactly how we ask but he knows our hearts and when we seek him and pray often he sees our faith and love for him.

Using the print out show children how to pray the 5 finger prayer Pope Francis gave us. On the back is a chart where they can color in each day when they have prayed for the 5 prayers each day. Encourage them to bring it back next week to show much they prayed during the week.

Hands of

PRAYER

"Pray without ceasing."
~ 1 Thessalonians 5:17

Pray for your friends & family

Pray for the sick, dying, weak, homeless, poor, uneducated

Those who are weak

Those you love the most

Those who stand tall

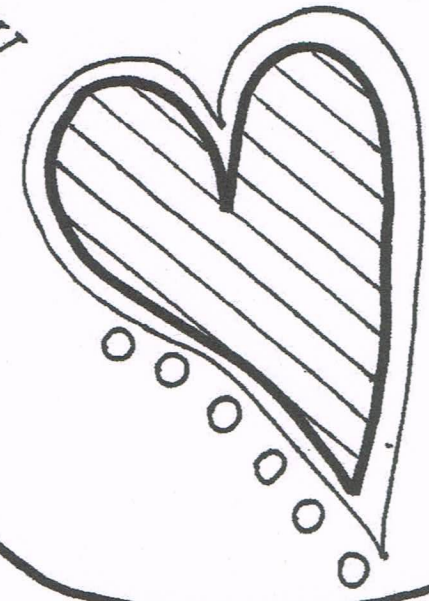
Those who point the way

Pray for those in positions of leadership - The President, government leaders, principals, employers

Pray for those who are an example of Christian life - The Pope, Bishops, Priests, teachers, mentors

Intentions closest to your heart

Pray for your concerns, plans, hopes & fears



Prayer Chart

Name _____

Date _____

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Total
	