

CHILDREN'S LITURGY LESSON PLAN

LITURGICAL DATE: Year C 32nd week of Ordinary Time

THEME: Heroes

- 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 20:27-38". 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 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: Create a shield like Joan of Arc

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 20: 27-38

Some people approached Jesus so they could test him." Teacher, Moses gave us a rule," they began, "If a married man dies before his wife has any children, his brother should marry the woman and have children with her in his memory.'. Now, here's the problem. Once there were brothers. The first brother married a woman but died before she had any children. The second brother married and died before she had any children. Eventually, all the brothers married the same woman but died before they could have children with her. Finally, she died. So, whose wife will she be when she is raised from the dead?

"People in this life get married," Jesus answered. "But, the people who are worthy to be raised from the dead and live at the end of time don't get married. After all, they cannot die again, because, in the next life, they are children of God and equal to his angels."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Questions for discussion:

Q: What question did the people ask to Jesus {Who would the woman be married to in heaven}

Q: Why did the people ask Jesus this question? {They were hoping to 'test' him or catch him say something that contradicted or was different from something he'd said earlier}

Q: How did Jesus respond? {He said that we get married on in life or on earth. But once we reach heaven, we are all viewed as children of God and no other title such as Teacher or Wife is used. God looks to all of us as his children and we are equal to angels and we live in a big community}.

Catechists:

From page 49 there is a photo and brief story of Joan of Arc. Jesus created us to live forever with him in heaven and not just for earth. Joan of Arc knew this and it helped her not be afraid. She knew that the voices speaking to her were truly God and like we said last week, it's not easy to become a Saint but we are all asked to obey God. She knew that ultimately if she obeyed God she would reach heaven or where she was meant to be eternally. A famous quote (words she said) was "I am not afraid, I was born to do this". Monday we'll celebrate Remembrance Day. The world will celebrate soldiers who have fought to protect us. The church also has an Army of people (all of you included) who may not fight like Joan of Arc but our "weapons" are the word of God, prayers, love and the Eucharist. We can use these weapons always to carry out God's will always. Let's draw a shield like Joan of Arc would have used. You can draw the weapons you might use as a soldier of God. You can glue two strips of construction paper onto the back to make handles.

