

Second Grade: Lesson 2: Prayer is Talking and Listening to God

Lesson Objective:

Because second grade is a sacramental year, children have an opportunity to encounter Christ once again in this lesson. Encountering Christ in the Blessed Sacrament and experiencing Eucharistic Adoration set the tone for the whole year. Prayer will help them stay connected to Jesus.

Learning Outcomes: Students will ...

- Genuflect in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament
- Spend time with Jesus in Eucharistic Adoration
- Participate in Praise & Worship
- Define prayer as talking and listening to God

Materials Needed:

- Prayer space, crayons, blank paper, pencils, copies for today's class, Prayer journal page for each child, index cards

As Students Enter Class:

- Depending on need, students who arrive first may help set up your prayer table/space.
- Consider having students write or draw a picture about one thing they remember from last week's class.

Beginning of Class:

- Begin class with a prayer. You can do a traditional Catholic prayer or a spontaneous prayer.
- Since this is the second class, take a few minutes to introduce any new students if applicable. Play another get acquainted game if you choose.
- Provide an opportunity for students to share something they remember from last week's class.

Lesson Order	Implementation
Lesson 2 Video	<p>This video is 3:45 in length. It reviews the highlights and lesson objectives from Lesson 1. Also introduces how and why we genuflect.</p> <p>Highlights: Jesus loves us and wants to be close to us. We grow closer to Jesus through prayer and adoration. Reading the Bible is also considered prayer.</p> <p>When we enter church, we genuflect and make the Sign of the Cross to show our love and respect for Jesus.</p>
Video: Why We Genuflect	<p>This video is 3:25 in length and a priest explains why we genuflect.</p>
Adoration Video	<p>As in the first lesson, encourage students to sit quietly and spend time in the presence of our Lord in Adoration. Consider dimming the lights and/or have students come to sit on the floor, closer to the screen. Remind students they can say prayers they know; they can talk to Jesus and tell him what they are thankful for, thinking about, worried about, etc... Also remind them they can sit with eyes closed. This video is 4:45 in length. If your students are becoming fidgety, then shorten this Adoration time.</p>
<p>Introduction to Praise and Worship</p> <p>This is a good time to have students stand up.</p>	<p>Another way we can praise God is through music. Singing praise and worship songs is a great way to show our love for God.</p> <p>The first song is In Christ Alone and is 3:03 in length.</p> <p>The second song is Lord, I Need You and is 3:09 in length.</p> <p>You can find worship songs of your own choosing as well.</p>
Guided Meditation	<p>This video is 2:35 in length and reads Psalm 27 (animated video/graphics accompany). After the Psalm is read, the video provides a few minutes of quiet time for students to think about this reading.</p>
Prayer Journal Page Activity	<p>Pass out a copy of the journal page to each student. Depending on how you would like to do this activity, each student can complete it on their own with support from you and your Aide, or you</p>

	could do it all together, writing down the same thing. The important thing to remember is that we are encouraging students to think or reflect on their prayers, which will deepen their relationship with Jesus.
Catch up from Lesson 1.	If you were not able to complete an activity from Session 1, feel free to do so during this class.
Closing Activity	<p>True/False Game: Pass out an index card to each student and have them write True on one side and False on the other. They can hold up their answer to the following questions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) When we pray, we should listen and talk with God. (true) 2) It is not important for us to participate in the mass and to sing during the mass. (false) 3) Jesus is truly present during Eucharistic Adoration. (true) 4) To genuflect means to bow. (false)
Closing Prayer	Invite students to your prayer space and recite the Our Father.