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Kindergarten: Lesson 4: Growing in Friendship with Jesus, Part 2

Lesson Objective:

This lesson builds on the previous lesson to help children better understand that they can pray at any time. Catechists are encouraged to remind the children that prayer happens best in a quiet place where they can speak and listen to God.

Learning Outcomes: Students will...

1. Identify appropriate times for prayer (morning, before bed, meal time, etc.)
2. Recite traditional prayers in a group: a) Sign of the Cross
3. Recite traditional prayers in a group: b) Meal time prayers

Materials Needed:

- Prayer space set up box, crayons, pencils, copies of prayers and other activities mentioned in lesson plans.

As Students Enter Class:

- Have something ready for students to do as they wait for class to begin, such as a religious coloring sheet or other age-appropriate activity.

Beginning of Class:

- Open class with a prayer at the prayer space; model the Sign of the Cross and then recite a traditional prayer, such as the Our Father or Hail Mary.

Special Note for This Class Session: We are introducing traditional Catholic prayers and I urge you to play the LANE Videos from this lesson because they are engaging and will introduce our important prayers in a nice way.

Implementation Suggestions: You can watch one prayer video then hand out the printable prayer and have students look at it while you repeat the prayer. Or, show all the prayer videos and then pass out the printable prayers when the videos are done. Either way, remember that repetition is the best way to help students learn these prayers. These prayers should be said during each class from here on out. Lastly, consider writing the name of each prayer on the dry erase board when you introduce it during the lesson. Then at the end of the lesson you can refer to each prayer as a reminder of the wonderful prayers learned during today's lesson.

| Lesson Order | Implementation Ideas |
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| Watch the Lesson 4 Introduction Video. | Show this video to the class; it has good visuals and reminders from last week's lesson. |

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| | Highlights: Items on a prayer table and how to pray The Sign of the Cross. | |
| Sign of the Cross Video | Christine in Action Sign of the Cross 2:02. | |
| Glory Be Prayer Video | Watch this 1:32 video that teaches The Glory Be. prayer. | |
| Hail Mary Prayer Video | Watch this 1:46 video that teaches The Hail Mary. | |
| Learn About the Our Father Video | This is optional (1:22). It is a bit above the kindergarten level. | |
| Our Father Prayer Video | Beautiful rendition of the prayer. If students are getting restless, don't play this video and have students stand up around the prayer space and listen while you slowly recite the Our Father. Suggestion: Break the prayer down to small phrases and have students be your echo (repeating) the words you say. | |
| Intro to Lesson 4 Activities | <p>You don't have to play this video for students. At this time, you can hand out a copy of the prayers for each student, unless you have been doing that throughout class as you introduce each prayer.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Consider making a prayer booklet for students to keep at home. (See attached) ● Sign of the Cross handout ● Prayer Journal activity (optional) ● What is Prayer? Small booklet at the kindergarten level. (optional) (Should be cut and stapled ahead of time. Students can color this too). | |
| Closing | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Review the names of the prayers introduced today. ● When are good times for us to pray? ● Ask a student to pick of our new prayers from today to pray at the prayer table. | |
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