

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Year of the Eucharist: June/July 2020

Theme:

"Do This in Memory of Me"

Preparations:

1. To help the children visualize the idea of a meal, set up a table with some chairs around it. Set the table with a tablecloth or some simple plates. Off to the side, have a cup or goblet and a plate with some pita bread that can be placed on the table at the appropriate time during the reflection.

Introduction:

Today we hear how Jesus and his friends have a special meal. In this story, a special feast called Passover is going to happen. When we have a special holiday, we need time to get ready, don't we? [Talk with your child(ren) about getting ready for a holiday.] Jesus tells his two friends what they need to do so that they can get ready for the feast. When the two friends who are named John and Peter are finished getting ready, they probably had a table that was set ready for the special meal. [Gesture to the table you have prepared as a prop and ask your child(ren) to close their eyes and imagine Jesus and his friends at the table.]

Readings:

First Reading: 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

Gospel Reading: Luke 22:7-14,17,19-20



Reflection:

Think about the special meals at your house like Thanksgiving or Christmas. We eat special food like turkey on Thanksgiving. [Talk with your child(ren) about special foods on a holiday.] At the Passover feast, there was some special food. It included wine and flat or unleavened bread (bread that has no yeast). [Put the cup and the plate with flat bread before one of the seats on the table.]

Then Jesus broke the bread and blessed the cup. He asked his friends who had gathered at the supper to bless the bread and share the cup with each other again. Each time they shared the bread and the cup, his friends would remember Jesus. And so at Mass, we share the bread and the wine in the Eucharist, and we remember how much Jesus loves us and what he did for us.

When we gather at Mass, listen to the priest especially when he raises the bread and raises the cup. See if you can hear the same words that we heard in the Gospel that Jesus said to his friends so long ago: "This is my body; This is the cup of the new covenant, my blood;" and "Do this in memory of me."

Conclusion:

Conclude by praying the Creed and Intercessions together
(found on following pages)

Creed:

I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,
and became man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Intercessions:

We pray that the gift of the Eucharist may strengthen us all and unite us as members of one body, we pray to the Lord.

We pray for all who cannot receive the Eucharist, that we, as the Body of Christ, may be a source of God's love and compassion for them, we pray to the Lord.

For all who share in the celebration of the Eucharist, that they may appreciate more deeply the real presence of Jesus, we pray to the Lord.

