



Children's Liturgy of the Word

Year of the Eucharist: February/March 2021

Theme:

"As this loaf is one, so we are in Christ."

Preparations:

1. You will need a plant that grows like a vine that can be used to demonstrate the vine with branches metaphor found in the Gospel.
2. Be sure to have a part of the plant that has been separated from the vine and is beginning to wither. This can be used to demonstrate the segment of the reflection about what happens when a branch is cut off the vine.
3. As an alternative or in addition to a living plant, the outline of the branches of a vine could be drawn on paper or arranged on a felt board.

Introduction:

In the Gospel reading chosen for our February/March CLOW, Jesus tells us that he is the vine and we are the branches. At the end of the Gospel, listen for the part about the fruit. When we are good followers of Jesus and do good things, we are like a branch that has fruit.

Readings:

First Reading: 1 Corinthians 10: 16-17

Gospel Reading: John 15: 1-8

Reflection:

After the Gospel, ask your child(ren) to share what they heard. *Why did Jesus call himself a vine and us the branches?* and *What did he mean?*

Show your child(ren) a live plant, preferably a vine. Show them that small branches may be connected to larger branches, but all connected to the vine. Then ask them what happens when a branch is cut from the vine. Help them to see that the branch lives because it is connected to the vine. We know from seeing branches that when cut or when they fall from a tree, they soon dry up. But the branches that remain on the tree or vine grow, and fruit can grow on them.

Help your child(ren) to understand that just as fruit grows on a branch that is connected to the vine or the tree, we do good things when we are united with Jesus and have his life in us - when we stay close to him and live by his words.

Conclusion:

Conclude by praying the Creed and Intercessions together.

(Found on the 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:

For all of those nourished in this life by the Eucharist, that they may be raised up on the last day. We pray to the Lord.

For the Church, that those who eat and drink the Body and Blood of Christ, will strive to overcome divisions, and live in greater unity. We pray to the Lord.

For members of our parish community, gathered by God each Sunday, that in our lives, we may hunger for Christ, the living bread from heaven. We pray to the Lord.