

CatholicMom.com Gospel Activity – Celebrating Our Catholic Faith Religious Education Lesson Plan Helpers by Laura Grace

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Sermon on the Mount

Review:

Questions from last week's lesson.

Vocabulary: (Write bold words on the board and discuss with students)

Hallowed- holy

Kingdom- people and land ruled by a king

Saints- people who were very holy in life and after death is said to be in a privileged place in heaven

Heaven- the place where God lives

God's will- what God wants

Trespasses- wrong things we do

Temptation- something that leads us to do what is wrong

Evil- something that hurts us

Sabbath- the day of worship to God

Synagogues- the place of worship for Jewish people

Prayer- talking to God to give thanks, tell Him you are sorry, or asking for something from Him.

Plan:

1. Story- "The Sermon on the Mountain" and as questions from sheet

1. Should we be kind to people who are mean to us? Yes
2. Who taught us "The Lord's Prayer"? Jesus.

2. Introduce activity- What prayer did Jesus teach us? Do you know it? Let's find out.

Fill out Our Father worksheet-

http://www.catholicmom.com/printables/our_father_worksheet.pdf

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3. Introduce game: So you say you know the Our Father. Let's find out how well you really know it.

Prayer Review:

1. Say a line from the prayer "Our Father" and have the students say the following line. Go back and forth until the prayer is finished.
2. Have the students sit in a circle. Tell the students that they are going to recite the "Our Father". Have each student say one word in the prayer and the next person will say the following word. If someone makes a mistake or gets stuck, he or she begins over again with the first word of the prayer. The last person that says, "Amen" finishes the prayer.
3. Ball Pass: Have the students sit in a circle. The teacher turns her back to the students and she says, "Pass, pass, pass." The students then pass a ball to their right around the circle. When the teacher says, "Stop," the child holding the ball and the person to his right and left say the prayer together.

Or

Pick a game from the book: The Really Big Book of Bible Games

Kindness Toss- page 231

Overflowing Love- page 235

After You- 218

4. Introduce craft: How can we remind ourselves to pray "Our Father"? Let's make something that will help remind us to pray "Our Father".

Our Father Magnet

Need: 8 Popsicle sticks, craft foam pieces, "Our Father" prayer printed on paper (size of print should be about 8 pt.), sticky magnet, index card, glue

Directions: Make Popsicle Stick Picture Frame-

<http://www.kidsdomain.com/craft/popframe.html>

Glue craft foam pieces on frame to decorate. Let frame dry. While frame is drying, go to next activity, then come back and finish frame. Cut out "Our Father" prayer that is printed on paper and glue to index card. Cut to fit on the back of the frame with "Our Father" prayer showing on the front of the frame. Attach sticky magnet to top of frame on back to make it into a magnet.

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5. Puzzles & Mazes, Worksheets, etc.

Our Father Puzzle- http://www.catholicmom.com/printables/our_father_puzzle.pdf

All you need is some heavy paper and a copy machine. Copy the puzzle and have the children glue it on some heavy paper and color. Then have the children cut on the lines to make a puzzle. Have the children put the puzzle together to practice the Our Father. Put puzzle pieces in an envelope or ziplock bag.

More 365 Activities for Kids (do any of the Sermon on the Mount puzzles, mazes, dot-to-dot, spot the difference, etc. from August 30 – September 1).

6. Introduce snack- How are we supposed to treat others? We are to be kind to everyone, even our enemies.

Have the students wash their hands and make an easy snack. Then to show their kindness, they give it to another in the class.

(Examples of easy snacks: cheese on crackers, ants on a log (fill the inside of celery with peanut butter and put a few raisins on top), etc.

Apple Smiles- <http://familycrafts.about.com/od/creativesnacks/r/applesmilerec.htm>

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