

LESSON 1

Worship of God

I. Preface

II. Children should acquire

1. Understanding

- Man is basically a worshipper of God.
- He worshipped the natural powers before knowing about the real God
- All religions give importance to worship of God.
- God has selected Israelites as the community of worshippers.
- The worship they practiced with the offerings such as grains and cattle were incomplete.
- Jesus taught us the actual and complete worship by sacrificing himself on the cross.
- Church becomes a worshipping community when it participates itself in the sacrifice of Jesus commemorated in the Holy Qurbana, Sacraments, night prayers, holy celebrations etc.

2. Attitude

- An aptitude should be developed in the children to participate actively in the Holy Qurbana which is the actual worship.
- Instead of treating the worship as ritual, one should try to participate in it whole heartedly.

3. Habit

- take a decision to attend Holy Qurbana whenever possible.
- Will try to lead a life based on the spirit of Holy Qurbana.

III. Teaching Aids

Pictures of worshipping methods followed by different religions, big charts containing pictures in the Catechism text book, charts comparing the sacrifice of the Old Testament and New Testament, Holy Bible, teaching of Vatican Council etc.

IV. Introduction to the lesson

Class starts with the discussion about the worship of the olden times with the help of pictures. This is followed by discussion about worshipping methods adopted by different religions and the Israelites. Then children should be made to understand about the worship in mind and Spirit which Jesus told to the Samaritan lady.

V. Activities related to the lesson

a. Read and meditate on the Word of God

Read the Bible portion loudly in the class and discuss it to make children understand the message.

b. A verse to remember

Make the children to memorize one Bible verse is given in the lesson and keep a chart in the class.

c. Let us pray

All should recite the Prayer given in the lesson.

d. My resolution

Make a resolution and say one by one.

e. Teachings of the Fathers of the Church

Fathers of the Church are saints who lived during the first seven centuries and had given authentic teachings to the Church, whom the Church has accepted as well versed people. Their teachings regarding Church, God and worship are very precious. This portion is kept aside to know and understand about them. Make children memorize maximum number of verses from their teachings.

f. Answers

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2. Page 13

3. Page 11

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VI. Related Activities

Make a chart for writing down the main words in the lesson and its meaning and add up words from other lessons