

Sacraments of Healing and Sacraments of Service

Big Idea: Jesus heals us in the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Anointing of the Sick and he calls us to serve others in the Sacraments of Matrimony and Holy Orders

Lesson:

1. Begin with Advent procession (*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*)
2. Review:
 - a. What is Jesus' Advent nickname? (Emmanuel)
 - b. What does this name mean? (God with us) – show the card I received in the mail with the words *Emmanuel – God with us* on the front.
 - c. What are the Sacraments of Initiation? (Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist)
 - d. What are the signs of each? (have them write on the board, working in groups)
 - i. Baptism (water, oil, fire, white garment)
 - ii. Confirmation (laying on of hands, anointing with oil, “be sealed,” bishop’s crosier)
 - iii. Eucharist (bread, altar, wine, cup)
3. Sacraments of Healing
 - a. Reconciliation –
 - i. Do demonstration of disappearing water color (fill a clear glass half way with water and vinegar; add one drop of food coloring to represent sin; stir to change color; add bleach to make food color disappear, representing Baptism and Reconciliation)
 - ii. Read aloud FG pgs 124-126 on the Sacrament of Reconciliation and talk about how Jesus heals us from sin.
 - b. Anointing of the Sick –
 - i. Do demonstration of the “healing” (restoring) effects of oil (either apply furniture oil to a piece of wood to show the healing effect or bring in 2 dried leaves, rub baby oil onto one leaf – both sides – then crush each in your hand to show the one treated with oil does not crumble)
 - ii. Read aloud FG pgs. 140-142 on the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick and talk about how Jesus heals us spiritually and physically from the effects of serious illness
4. Sacraments of Service to Communion
 - a. Matrimony –
 - i. Do demonstration of combining 2 colors to create a new color (fill 3 clear glasses halfway with milk; add food coloring to create 3 primary colors = red, yellow, blue; show how mixing 2 colors together creates a new color; add red to the blue to create purple; add red to the yellow to create orange; add yellow to the blue to create green)
 - ii. Read aloud FG pg. 148-149 on the Sacrament of Matrimony and talk about how 2 people become 1 in the Sacrament.
 - b. Holy Orders –
 - i. Do demonstration of how a music conductor leads a choir or an orchestra to work together to create beautiful music (direct the children to sing *Row, Row, Row Your Boat* in rounds)
 - ii. Read aloud FG pg 151 on the Sacrament of Holy Orders and talk about how bishops, priests, and deacons serve the People of God, helping us to use our gifts to build the Body of Christ.
5. Guided Reflection – A Walk in the Vineyard (FG CD 1, Track 9)