

Lesson No. ( 48 )

## The Liturgy

### References

The Liturgy book.

### Notes for Servants

- ★ Beloved servant, the Liturgy is one of the important rituals in our church, that is why we should concentrate in it and give our children a good example in how to behave in the church.
- ★ We should teach our children the importance of the Liturgy and encourage them to go for confession before they take communion.

### Objectives

**General:** To learn about our church Liturgy.

**Specific:**

The children will be able to ...

- A. Follow the sequence of the Liturgy.
- B. Understand the importance of it.
- C. Accept the fact that the bread and wine becomes the body and the blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

### Bible Verse

**“Let the little children come to Me”**

Matthew 19:14

### Teaching Aids

None.

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### Introduction

- (1) Review last week's lesson.
- (2) Who remembers the verse?
- (3) Remind the children about the church occasions for the coming week.
- (4) Teacher should prepare the appropriate questions to emphasize the objectives during the lesson.

## **Lesson**

We go to the church every Sunday to give thanks to God and to praise Him with the angels. We pray for everybody, for everything in the whole world, and we ask the angels and the saints to intercede for us to be worthy to receive the Holy Communion to pray.

The Holy Liturgy starts with the morning offering of incense, after that we pray the Psalms. Then, Abouna will choose the best "Qurban", while we all pray "Kirie lesan" (Lord have mercy). The priest makes the sign of the cross on the "Qurban" and the wine, and prays the thanksgiving prayer. Then, deacons read some reading, start part of St. Paul's letters, part of Catholic letters (St. James, St. Peter, St. John and St. Jude). The priest prays for Gospel, the Gospel will be read followed by a sermon.

The priest gives thanks to Christ, who came and made God the father accept us back. This is why we kiss each other with a holy kiss. Then, The priest says, "lift up your hearts." We Should feel like we are in heaven as we sing the hymn: "Holy, Holy, Holy ..." The priest blesses the "Qurban" and wine and ask the Holy Spirit to come to sanctify them and change them to the body and the blood of Jesus Christ. At this time the Holy Spirit will come on them and they will become the body and the blood of Jesus Christ.

As Christ is present on the Altar we pray for the peace of the church. The Pope and the bishops, the priests, the salvation of the world, the rivers, the wind, the plants ..etc. Also, we remember all the saint who died and ask for their intercession. At the end, Abouna gives us the communion of the body and the blood of Christ while the deacons are singing Psalm 150.

## **Discussion**

- 1 - Follow up the story by talking about it with the children.
- 2 - Continue the discussion while they do the activity.

## **Learning Activities**

Activity Sheet.