

OBSERVE THE LORD'S DAY - KEEP IT HOLY

References:

Numbers 15.

Notes for Servants

- ★ We do not always respect Sunday, the Lord's day. We thank God for He is merciful to us. He does not treat us the same way as He treated the people of the Old Testament.
- ★ Let us observe Sunday. Let us worship the Lord, receive the Holy Communion, read the Holy Bible, give alms and not to do anything that can be postponed so that we may devote our time to prayers and deep thought.

Objectives

General: God want us to obey His commandment..

Specific:

The children will be able to...

- A. Observe Sunday as it is the day on which the Lord rose from the dead.
- B. Make sure that they are ready for communion.
- C. Know the importance attending Sunday School and reading the Bible.

Bible Verse

" Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy. "

(Exodus 20:8)

Teaching Aids

Draw several pictures to represent the way of observing the Lord's Day, a person praying, another bowing down, someone receiving communion, etc.

Instruction

- (1) Review last week's lesson.
- (2) Who remembers the verse?
- (3) Remind the children about the church occasions for the coming week.
- (4) Servant may start by the following question:
 - + What are the ten commandments?
 - + Why did the Lord command that the Sabbath should be remembered?
 - + What did the children of Israel do on the Sabbath? What is the Lord's Day now after Crucifixion? Why was Sunday chosen?

Story Time

Once, while the Israelites were still in the wilderness, a man was found gathering firewood on the Sabbath. He was taken to Moses, Aaron and the whole community and was put under guard because it was not clear what should be done with him. (Write down the conversation that ran among the people, between the men and Moses and between Moses and the men) Then, the Lord said to Moses, "The man must be put to death, the whole community is to stone him to death outside the camp." So, the whole community took him outside the camp and stoned him to death, as the Lord had commanded.

- + What did the man do?
- + What did Moses say at first?
- + What did the Lord say to him?
- + Why did the Lord command that all the community was to stone him? (So, you may not forget that breaking this commandment is dangerous.)

Exercise:

Hold a conversation about how to keep Sunday holy. Let the pupils give their suggestions. Then, make an agreement with the pupils to go to church and attend the Holy Mass, receive the Holy Communion, pray, read the Bible, visit the sick people and the poor people on that day in particular.

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.