

Lesson No. ( 43 )

## Our Respect for Abouna

### References

Matthew 10:40, 28:18-20.

John 20:21-23.

### Notes for Servants

- ★ The priest is God's image on Earth, for that we should pay him the appropriate respect.
- ★ We should understand that the priest is also a human under temptation like us, we should not judge him for he has his Master who will judge him.
- ★ We should not have any doubts of the sacraments he performs because of he has sins.

### Objectives

**General:** Respect the priesthood.

**Specific:**

The children will be able to...

A. Learn to kiss the priest's hand and the cross when they see him.

B. Know that when we kiss Abouna's hand, we receive a blessing.

C. Understand that the priest is very important to us because he celebrates the Mass so we may have communion.

### Bible Verse

" He that receive you receive me. "

Matthew 10:40

### Teaching Aids

Picture of a priest.

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### Introduction

- (1) Review last week's lesson.
- (2) Remind the children about the church occasions for the coming week.
- (3) Servant to ask the children the following: Who baptizes the little children? Who gives us communion? What does he wear? Where does he stand in the church? What does he do in the Altar? Who kissed Abouna's hand this week?
- (4) Teacher should prepare the appropriate questions to emphasize the objectives during the lesson.

## **Story Time**

Once upon a time, there was a very good monk who had the gift of seeing his guardian Angel. He always talk to his Angel and when he pray the angel takes his prayer to God. His Angel used to walk before him and protected him from the devil.

One day, he was chosen to be ordained a priest. After the ordination when he walked out of the church he did not see his Angel in front of him as usual. He was afraid that the Angel had left him, he started to look around him then he saw the Angel behind him.

He was very happy and asked the Angel, "Why do you walk behind me now not in front of me like before?"

The Angel answered saying, "Now you are a priest and I can not walk before you."

That is why every time we see Abouna, we should greet him and kiss his hand and the cross to receive his blessing because he hold the body and the blood of Jesus Christ.

### **Discussion**

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

### **Learning Activities**

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