

TEACHER'S NOTES

6 year olds	OUR HEAVENLY FATHER
Chapter 14	Jesus Tells the Good News
Lesson 4	The Bible is for All People

AIMS

1. Children will understand that God's word is for all people: God wants more people to know Him and His Good News.
2. They will understand that they hear God's Word at Mass in the readings.
3. They can also learn God's Word by reading the Bible.
4. They will learn how they can respond to God's Word by loving God and neighbour.

STEP 1

Show the children a Sunday Missal or missalette. Open it to the propers for the day and explain that many of these readings come from the Bible. Find the readings in the Bible to demonstrate to the children that what you're saying is true.

STEP 2

1. Explain to the Children that at Mass, God's Word is read aloud said so that all people can come to know, love and serve God. By doing this, everyone can prepare to be with God forever In Heaven.
2. Explained that the priest at Every Mass Reads the Gospel. The priest reads in Latin, but it is important that we follow what he is reading in our missals in English. If we are serving Mass, so can't read a missal, we should try to read the lessons for the day either before or after Mass.
3. The Gospels tell us some of the things that Jesus said and did. So when we read The Gospels, it is like having Jesus teaching us and showing us what to do by His example.
4. The Bible is for all people, of all ages, for people long ago, people now, and even those yet to be born. The Bible is for everyone - it is part of what God wants man to know. If we want to know God and what God wants us to know, listening to God's Word at Mass and reading the Bible are both very important.
5. Explain to the children that the Good News can be summarised in the two Great Commandments that are found in Matthew 22:37-40. Asked them to read aloud the two Great Commandments from the children's pack.

STEP 3

Discuss ways that we can demonstrate our love for God and our neighbour. Have the children think of things they have done and can do, for example: pray, go to Mass, visit the Blessed Sacrament, do a kind deed, etc. Have the children lists some other ideas using the exercise in their packs.

STEP 4

Help the children to memorise the Catechism question, the two Great Commandments and the special words that are all in their packs.

STEP 5

1. Have the children write their own prayer asking God to help them live the Good News in a way that is relevant to them. E.g. "Please God, help me to be kind to my brother/sister."

CONCLUDE

1. Sing "I heard the voice of Jesus say," *Adoremus hymnal*, # 579

PREVIEW

In our next lesson, we will review what we have learned in the last four lessons and take a quiz.