Joyful Catholic Families Lesson #5 – Vestments

Before class: (click here for a post about priest paper dolls and vestments)

Put 1 gift bag in the vesting sacristy. In this bag are the priest paper dolls.

Put 5 gift bags by statues or some other items in church.

- In gift bag #1 put the albs.
- In gift bag #2 put the yarn for cinctures.
- In gift bag #3 put the green stoles.
- In gift bag #4 put the green chasubles.
- In gift bag #5 put a Ziploc bag for each child. In each Ziploc bag there is a red, purple, and white chasuble and stole.

Vestments: (If possible, have a priest show the vestments and how to put them on.) Go to the vesting sacristy.

A priest talks about the vestments and shows how to put them on.

• Point out the different designs on the chasubles and stoles.

Scavenger hunt for priest paper dolls and vestments:

Give each child a priest paper doll while in the vesting sacristy.

Remind the children about how to behave in church

- walk
- no running, skipping,...
- talk quietly

Show a big picture of a statue in the church (or some other item in church). When the children find the statue and gift bag #1, talk about the statue. Give each child an alb from gift bag #1. The children put it on their priest paper doll.

Show a big picture of another statue in the church (or some other item in church). When the children find the statue and gift bag #2, talk about the statue. Give each child a piece of yarn from gift bag #2. The children put it on their priest paper doll.

Show a big picture of a statue in the church (or some other item in church). When the children find the statue and gift bag #3, talk about the statue. Give each child a green stole from gift bag #3. The children put it on their priest paper doll.

Show a big picture of a statue in the church (or some other item in church). When the children find the statue and gift bag #4, talk about the statue. Give each child a green chasuble from gift bag #4. The children put it on their priest paper doll.

Show a big picture of a statue in the church (or some other item in church). When the children find the statue and gift bag #5, talk about the statue. Give each child a Ziploc bag with the other chasuble and stoles from gift bag #5.

Color Designs onto Chasubles and Stoles:

Return to the classroom.

Children color designs onto the chasubles and stoles for their priest paper doll.

Liturgical calendar: (click here for a post about a liturgical calendar and a PDF)

This is a liturgical calendar.

- It shows all the Sundays in our church year.
- What colors are the Sundays colored? (red, purple, green, and white)
- If a Sunday is colored green, then Father wears a green chasuble and stole for Mass.
- What color of chasuble and stole does Father wear if the Sunday is colored white? (white)
- What color of chasuble and stole does Father wear if the Sunday is colored purple? (purple)
- What color of chasuble and stole does Father wear if the Sunday is colored red? (red)

Pick a Sunday (i.e. 2nd Sunday of Advent) and have the children (with parent help) put the correct color vestment on their paper doll.

• Repeat several times.

New Items:

(Look at the bottom of <u>this post</u> for the pdf of the large pictures used in this lesson.) Put a large picture of these items in a gift bag. Take out the pictures one at a time. Ask the children the name of the item.

- Chasuble
- Stole
- Alb & cincture

Look for Father doing these things at Mass this month:

(Show big picture of each of these)

- Consecration (bread)
- Consecration (wine)
- The great amen
- Lamb of God

Mass Concentration Game: (Find the Concentration game cards in this post.)

Give each child a set of concentration cards.

- Child and parent(s) play the game.
- All cards are turned picture side down on the table.
- The first player turns over two cards.

If the cards match,

- the player tells the name of the item in the picture and then keeps the two cards.
- the player gets another turn.
- continue until the two cards do not match.

If the cards do not match,

- the player shows the other players the cards
- the player then places the cards back where they came from.
- It is the next player's turn.

Continue until all cards have been matched.

Note: If you have a lot of young children or children who do not play many games, you may want to divide the cards in half and play the matching game with half of the cards and then with the other half.

Hand out to families:

- Home lessons
- Pages for children's Mass booklets (Find the Mass booklet pages in this post.)

Stickers:

• Give each child a sticker as they leave.

Supplies:

Nametags & Permanent markers Prayers for prayer rings Home lessons Snack Plates, napkins, water & glasses Stickers (for each child at the end of class)

Big pictures of statues or items in church where gift bags are set during the scavenger hunt. You will need to take these pictures because every church hasn't different statues,...in them.

In gift bags:

- Priest paper dolls
- Albs
- Yarn to make cinctures
- Green stoles
- Green chasubles
- Ziploc bag for each child that contains a red, purple, and white chasuble and stole

Crayons

Liturgical calendar printed in color for each child

Big pictures to use during review of items

- Chasuble
- Stole
- Alb & cincture
- Consecration (bread)
- Consecration (wine)
- The Great Amen
- Lamb of God

Concentration game for each child

New pages for the children's Mass booklets:

- Chasuble
- Stole
- Alb & cincture
- Consecration (bread)
- Consecration (wine)
- The Great Amen
- Lamb of God