

Lesson 3



Theme: Listening

Learning Objectives:

By the end of this lesson, your child should be able to:

- Identify the importance of listening to God's Word
- Explain that God's Word is proclaimed at Mass during the Liturgy of the Word
- Recognize the Catholics are called to listen to God's Word and act on it
- Understand the Bible is the Word of God

Key Words

1. Liturgy of the Word
2. Gospel
3. Homily
4. Creed

Materials Needed for this Week:

- Pencil, colors/markers, drawing paper
- Weekly Mass Questionnaire
 - ✓ If your child has to miss Mass, please fill out backside of questionnaire and turn in.

➤ **Looking Ahead:** PARENT ED #4 – March 4, 2015

PARENTS: Keep in Mind

When God's word comes into our hearts, we are changed. We are called in faith to respond to his word through the Liturgy of the Word (the main part of the mass) with careful and attentive listening to help lead us to where God wants us to be each day. When a person's heart and mind are open to the fullness of the God's Word; they are opening themselves up to amazing possibilities. Those who hear God's Word are called to live it out in many ways: by seeking holiness, by acts of loving service, and in prayer and thanksgiving.

Listening well is a skill that people of all ages can always improve upon. Jesus, our greatest storyteller, tells incredible stories while teaching us about God's love and how we should treat one another. How can we help children learn to listen to God's Word?

- ✚ Primary age children need frequent reminders to listen.
- ✚ Short attention spans are very normal. When they lose focus simply pause, ask your child to look at you, and begin again.
- ✚ Primary age children need to listen actively. Take advantage of their energy! Ahead of time, consider how the story can involve movement: act out the story, add sound effects.

Preparatory Thoughts:

- What could you do specifically to prepare to hear and listen to God's Word this Sunday at Mass?
- At Mass this week, what did you hear proclaimed in the Liturgy of the Word that changed you? Comforted you? Challenged you?

Daily Prayer:

Remind me each time I proclaim the Scriptures to my child that you are calling us to listen more closely to your word, and to live your word more generously. /AMEN/

PARENT & CHILD LESSON 3

****Don't rush ~ a page (or two) a night & you'll easily be done ! ****

Developing a weekly routine will help your child feel comfortable and help them learn. Taking time to review the lesson material throughout the week, by repeating key words and prayers, will help them grow.

Day One: Stories

Talk to your child about listening: Why are they always being asked to listen to people? Explain to them why listening is so important.

- Read the story & discuss the questions in the gold box.
 - ✓ *Practice the Sign of the Cross and Glory Be. This week, ask God to guide you ways - to give you opportunity to do good and show His love to others. Listen to how God is answering this prayer.*

Day Two: Listening to Jesus

- Before reading the bible story with your child, explain to them that Jesus used images such as shepherds/sheep/farmers/seed because these were things the people knew well.
- After done, discuss these questions & those in LETS TALK box:
 - What are the seeds? (God's Word)
 - What do seeds need to grow? (good ground, water, sunshine)
- ✓ *Practice the Sign of the Cross and Glory Be*. Pray for the people who are in need of someone to talk to. Try to be a good listener this week.*

Day Three: God's Word

Read and complete Activity box.

- ✓ Discuss: This We Believe - How do we hear God's word?
- ✓ *Practice blessing each of by making the sign of the Cross on each other's foreheads.*

Day Four: Listen and Act

- Complete activities in workbook and have you child fill out worksheet on Mass order.
- Check: ANSWER: 1. d, 2. b, 3. g, 4. f, 5. a, 6. e, 7. c
- ✓ *Practice the Sign of the Cross and have your child say The Glory Be*.*

Day Five: Wrap Up

- Home & Family activities are optional.
- Check out RCL website where there are games and activities with a special section devoted to sacramental preparation: www.RCLBenzinger.com

{*NOTE: If your child has GLORY BE memorized, feel free to move onto whichever prayer needs work: Lord's Prayer, Hail Mary, Act of Contrition.}