

BIBLE IN THE PRAYER CORNER (Prayer)

This presentation can be given for children as young as 3 in the opening weeks of the year.

You can read more about this in *Religious Potential of the Child*, by Sofia Cavalletti pages 120-127 and *Listening to God with Children*, by Gianna Gobbi pages 45-58; 117-130

With this presentation we wish to introduce the Bible as the book in which God's Word comes to us. We know that the Bible is the Word of God. Jesus is the Light of the World. When we read the Bible, Jesus' light is present to us in a particular way.

We hope that from this presentation the children will development of love and veneration for the Bible and that it will help the child develop a love for listening to the Word of God. This will help them have more fuller, active, conscience participation in the Liturgy and prepare them for prayer.

MATERIALS LIST:

Assortment of Bibles of different colors, sizes and languages

PRESENTATION:

Introduction:

The most important book in the whole world is the Holy Bible. The Bible is God's Word to us. In it God gives us many promises. These promises are for all the people in the world. This book is so precious that it has been written in hundreds of different languages. It can be found in many colors and sizes, but inside it is all the same Word of God to us.

Presentation with materials:

SLOWLY, SOLEMNLY, AND LOVINGLY PLACE A BIBLE IN EACH CHILD'S HANDS. A LARGE ONE IS PLACED ON THE LECTURN. TELL THE CHILDREN THAT A BIBLE WILL ALWAYS BE HERE IN THE PRAYER CORNER SO THEY CAN COME AND LOVINGLY LOOK AT IT AND LISTEN TO IT; SO THEY CAN BECOME FAMILIAR WITH IT LITTLE BY LITTLE, AND WHEN THEY ARE OLDER, THEY WILL BE ABLE TO

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READ GOD'S WORD THEMSELVES. GIVE THE CHILDREN TIME TO LOOK AT THE BIBLES.

Solemn reading:

Let's read something now from this precious book. I will be reading today. All of us will be listening. Let us prepare ourselves to listen to this Word, because even though I read it with my voice, it is the Word of God. Let's stand up. We should fix our socks and shoes or what ever might distract us. Let's create an atmosphere of silence and listen closely.

CATECHIST READ JOHN 8:12 DIRECTLY FROM THE BIBLE.

"Jesus spoke to them again, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

Meditation:

In this reading, what did Jesus say that he is? What is He the light of? I wonder what this can mean for us? He is the Light of all of us, of all the people in the world. Sing "Jesus Loves Me", "The Light of Christ has Come into the World" or "Christ is Light, in Him there is no Darkness"