

5<sup>th</sup> Grade Religious Ed      Wednesday, March 28, 2012

Theme: Parables of Jesus

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- I.      6:15-6:30      Welcome      Sarah, Jessi, Ali
- Attendance
  - Cell Phones
  - Rosary, Bible
  - Special items needed:
    - Come Holy Spirit prayer cards (in drawer in room)
  - Copies to make:
    - Copies of Parables Worksheet
- II.      6:30 – 6:40      Opening Prayer      Sarah
- Moment of silence to prepare our thoughts and minds for God.
  - Come Holy Spirit...
- III.      6:40 – 6:45      Trivia Answers/Questions      Sarah
- This week's trivia:
    - What are the Stations of the Cross?
  - Next week's trivia:
    - What are the Beatitudes? Bonus: tell where they are in the Bible.
- IV.      6:45-7:00      Discussion: Storytelling/Parables      Sarah
- How many of you like to listen to stories?
  - Why do you like them? Who tells the best ones?
  - Jesus taught his followers -- and teaches us -- with stories.
    - -->Parable - story used to teach a lesson
  - Have you ever heard the story of the Three Little Pigs? What happens?
    - What did the pigs learn?
    - Why do you remember that story?
  - Why do you think he used parables?
  - Let's see what he said.
    - Matthew 13:10-17 - read aloud
    - Why didn't some people understand the meaning in the stories?
      - --> Hardened hearts
        - When do we have hardened hearts? When do we try to listen to only what we want to hear? When do we ignore big-T Truth for what we want to hear or do or understand
  - What are some of the parables you know that Jesus used?

V. 7:00-7:20 Parables for How to Treat Others Sarah

- Divide class into four groups.
- Assign each group one of the following parables:
  - Parable of the Rich Fool - Luke 12:16-21
  - Parable of the Dishonest Steward - Luke 16:1-8
  - Cleansing of the Ten Lepers - Luke 17:11-19
  - Zacchaeus the Tax Collector - Luke 19:1-10
- Share overall observations. Adapt as needed with energy levels, discussion quality, etc.

VI. 7:20 - 7:25 Closing Prayer Sarah

- Decade of the rosary, reflecting on the First Joyful Mystery, the Annunciation
  - Mary said Yes.
  - It seems like such a simple thing, saying Yes.
  - Three letters. One syllable. Hardly a thought.
  - And yet that one word encompasses a willingness few of us really have.
  - Do we really say Yes to God? Do we really try to do his will? Do we really think beyond the confines of our wants and desires to what he has in store for us?
  - How often do we say Yes to things that we shouldn't? How often do we say Yes when we should say No?
  - And, then again, how often do we say No to things that could easily be a Yes? Who can we help? When have we turned away from Jesus himself in the guise of the poor or needy?
  - This mystery is a lesson in God's will. It's a lesson in not just being open to God at the beginning, but during the whole process, even if it's painful and hard.
  - In Mary's Yes, we have a hand to hold, and that hand leads us straight to Jesus.

VII. 7:25 – 7:30 Clean-up & Dismissal Sarah, Jessi, Ali

- Return Phones!!