

PMR First Third Ministry

Online Children's Church

Program Outline: May 31, 2020

Based on Acts 2:1-21 (Revised Common Lectionary)

Purpose of this Outline:

- This Outline is for you to help run a 'virtual Sunday School' program for your Children in your congregation, feel free to use this just as a jumping off point or as a Program outline

Preparations ahead of Online Gathering:

- Families should be sent an email with the Zoom link for the gathering ahead of time
- If there is anything that they need for this gathering, this should be included in the email as well
 - For this Gathering, ask Children to wear anything **Red or Orange** to the online gathering, or something in their house that has **Red or Orange** on it
- You will need to gather the following supplies: Christ Candle, Lighter/Matches, Family Story Bible
- Security Measures:
 - When planning a Zoom Meeting it is important to remember the following: enable the **waiting room** feature so that you are in control of who you allow into your Zoom meeting, require a **meeting password** for you Zoom meeting so that it is more secure and not at risk for hacking, and email Zoom meeting link to your families and do not post on Social Media sites with the link (it is easier for hackers to find links this way)

Program Outline (30 minutes of total programming)

- **Greeting & Welcome** (5-7 Minutes)
 - Greet each child as they log on to Zoom (by each child's name)
 - Lighting of the Christ Candle (feel free to say the words that you say as you light the Christ Candle)
 - "There was once someone who said and did amazing things and people started to follow him, and as they followed him they just had to ask who he was, and one time when they asked he said, I am the Light of the World."
- **Check in** (2-3 minutes)
 - Check-in Question
 - What would you like to do this summer that you have not done yet?

- We are talking about a very special birthday today and the gifts that were given to us on that birthday, but I would like to know what has been your favourite memory of your birthday or the best gift you have ever received?
- **Gathering Prayer** (2 minutes)
 - Ask Children to stand up as you go through the actions and words of the Body Prayer, repeat twice through together
 - Body Prayer (Courtesy of Illustrated Children’s Ministry)
 - **(3 deep breaths)**
 - God, you are above (**reach toward the sky**), below (**touch your toes**), inside (**hands to heart**) and all around (**big arm circles**).
 - I worship you (**reach toward the sky**), and give my life to you (**touch your toes**).
 - And I love you (**hands to heart**) with all that I am (**big arm circles**).
 - **(3 deep breaths)**
- **Share the Story** (4-5 minutes)
 - Read pages 269-270 (“Birthday of the Church”) from the “Family Story Bible” by Ralph Milton
OR
 - Link for Video talking about Pentecost for Kids:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=130&v=xtokHQOmFu0&feature=emb_logo
- **Reflection** (6-8 minutes)
 - Pose a few questions to the Children so that you as a group can reflect and talk about the story of Pentecost that thy just heard or watched (depending on what medium you choose to show them the story, every group is different)
 - Remember that there is no wrong answer to these questions, some of them reflect Godly Play questions to invoke a sense of wondering about the story
 - Reflection Questions:
 - What happened in the story we just heard about?
 - What was the most important part? What was your favourite part? Is there anything we can take out of that story and still have all that we need?
 - What kind of gifts did the disciples receive?
 - How is the Holy Spirit reflected in your life?
 - Closing Statement (you are more than welcome to branch off from this):
 - The word Pentecost means 50, and it happened 50 days after the Passover. On this day, we were given a very special gift, but each of these gifts are special to you and only you, not one is alike. We are taught to share God’s love and Jesus’ teachings with the world in our own and very unique ways.
- **Closing Prayer** (1 minute)
 - Repeat after me prayer:

- “Dear God, Thank you for your church! I’m glad I am a part of your family, help me to share your love, and tell others about Jesus, I love you, God! Thanks for loving me, Amen!”
- Invite Children to draw a picture of what they think they think the Holy Spirit looks like for them (they can then share their drawings with the group during the next week)