

1 November 2020 - Solemnity of All Saints

If possible arrange candles, a crucifix and a Gospel or Sunday Missal on a table.

Introduction

Today we celebrate the feast of All Saints – the day when we remember everyone who has led a good life and is now in Heaven. This includes the well known Saints recognised by the Church, but most especially today, the ordinary people who have tried their best to live as Jesus taught us and having died, are now with Him forever in Heaven.

Make the Sign of the Cross – a sign of the love God has for us.

An adult lights the candles.

Penitential Act

Ask the children to think about how they have behaved in the past week. Especially when our daily routines are different just now. Have you shown patience to those around you? Have you been kind and helpful even when you don't feel like it and it's difficult?

Lead the children in singing the "Sorry Song" (sung to tune of Frere Jacques)

We are sorry,
Truly sorry,
Heal us Lord,
In Your love,
Help us to do better, Help us to be kinder. Forgive us,

Forgive us.

Gloria (Sung)

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to His people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King,
Almighty God and Father,

we worship You, we give You thanks,

we praise You for Your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ,

only Son of the Father,

Lord God, Lamb of God,

You take away the sin of the world:

have mercy on us;

You are seated at the right hand of the Father:

receive our prayer.

For You alone are the Holy One,

You alone are the Lord,

You alone are the Most High,

Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,

in the glory of the Father.

Amen

All stand to welcome the Gospel singing the **Gospel Acclamation:**

(Sing to the tune of 'If You're Happy and You Know It)

Alleluia, alleluia, praise the Lord, Alleluia, alleluia, praise the Lord,

As we listen to the story,

let us praise him for his glory. Alleluia, alleluia, praise the Lord.

Gospel

A reading from the Holy Gospel According to St. Matthew

All say “Glory to You Oh Lord” while making a cross on your forehead, on your lips and on your heart.

Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12 (refer to)

<https://cafod.org.uk>>Education>Children’sLiturgy

Read the Gospel aloud to the children. At the end say: “**The Gospel of the Lord.**”

All reply: “**Praise to You Lord Jesus Christ.**”

Lead a Discussion on the Gospel

What did you hear in today’s Gospel?

Build on the points that the children remember. Be sure to include the following:

What did Jesus teach the disciples in this gospel?

He said that people who are peaceful, humble, merciful and do God’s will are children of God and will be granted the kingdom of Heaven.

What does it mean to be peaceful?

If we are peaceful in God’s eyes we are kind, help others, forgive others and generally do what God asks us to do. By doing what God asks and knowing we are doing his will, he gives us a peaceful heart.

When can we think about God and feel peaceful?

We can do this when we say our prayers or when we are unhappy, angry or confused. If we pray to God to help us he will grant us peace and show us the way.

Do you know people that make you feel peaceful? What are they like? How does being peaceful help others?

Peaceful people are calm, kind, honest and fair. They make you feel safe and happy. Even pets like to be around peaceful people.

What will you do in the next week to peaceful?

Prayers of the Faithful

Lord Jesus,

Thank you for all the people in our lives that make us feel peaceful.

Lord, in Your mercy.

All reply: **“Hear our prayer”**

Lord Jesus,

Help us to be calm, kind, honest and fair to others so that we may help others to feel God’s love and peace.

Lord, in Your mercy.

All reply: **“Hear our prayer .”**

Closing Prayer

<i>Leader</i>	<i>Children</i>
Lord have mercy	Lord have mercy
Christ have mercy	Christ have mercy
Lord have mercy	Lord have mercy
Holy Mary	Pray for us
St John the Baptist	Pray for us
St Peter	Pray for us
St Joseph	Pray for us
St Patrick	Pray for us
St Francis	Pray for us
St Dominic	Pray for us
St Andrew	Pray for us
St Margaret	Pray for us
St Thérèse	Pray for us
(Name of the Saint of your Church)	Pray for us

All holy men and women

Pray for us