

Call to Celebrate- Eucharist

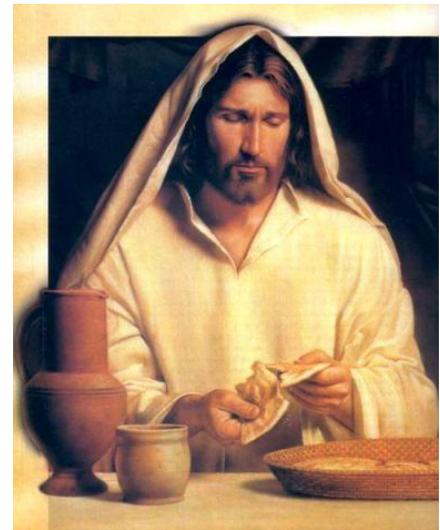
Lesson 8-“We Go Forth”

Theme: The word Mass comes from a word that means “to be sent on a mission.” Our mission is to go out into the world to spread the Good News of Jesus; that he came to reconcile us to the Father, so that we know that we are loved beyond measure, that we are called to oneness with Him, that our lives can have meaning and purpose through Him, and have eternal life with Him in heaven.

Parent Background:

From *A Biblical Walk through the Mass*, by Edward Sri (Ascension Press, 2011)

“Mass ultimately should be seen as a sending forth. The celebration of the Eucharist is called “Holy Mass” because the liturgy in which the mystery of salvation is accomplished with the sending forth of the faithful, so that they may fulfill God’s will in their daily lives. Jesus told the apostles, “As the Father has sent me, even so I send you” (John 20:21). The Father sent the Son into the world, to die for our sins and give us a share in his divine life. As we have seen, the entire paschal mystery of Jesus’ passion, death and resurrection is made present to us in the Eucharistic liturgy so that we can be more deeply incorporated into Jesus’ life and mission. The more deeply the Eucharist unites us to Jesus, the more we will radiate his life and his love in the world around us. The closing line of the liturgy, therefore, is not an aimless dismissal. It is a dismissal with a mission. It is a sending forth of God’s people to bring the mysteries of Christ into the world. “



Activity

1. Start with a prayer of thanksgiving.

Jesus, thank you for the gift of each other and the time we have together. Help us to grow in your love, so that we can serve you and others with a big heart. Help us not to worry about what has to be done or finished before tomorrow. Let us rest in you. Amen.

2. Read page 32 from *The Mass for Children*.
3. Discuss with your child ways that YOU “radiate the life of Jesus and his love in the world around us”. Talk to your child about ways that they can do this. Make a promise to help each other and remind each other to “radiate the life of Jesus and his love in the world”.