









FOLLOWERS – LESSON PLAN

Age	Term	Mod.	Module Theme	Module Title	Lesson Number and Title
6	3	5	Christian Living	Listening to God	20: Listening to God with Trust

Use the syllabus framework to complete above. Infants: 20 minutes; Juniors: 30 minutes; Middles & Seniors: 45 minutes
(Mod. = Module Number, Module Theme - in the heading, Module Title - uppercase in the cell, Lesson Num [NO. column] and Title)

							
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Tick the appropriate box(es) above [copy this: ☒] for the modes of learning being used in this session.

Prayer: O Heavenly King, Comforter, Spirit of Truth, Who art everywhere present and fillest all things, Treasury of good things and Giver of life: Come and dwell in us, and cleanse us of all impurity, and save our souls, O Good One.

Starter: Remind the children that they can talk to God as they would their best friends. God wants to hear what each person has to say. Invite each child to thank God for one good thing that happened in the past week.

Learning objectives: To understand that when we believe in God and have trust in His fatherly providence and concern. To understand that God is aware of our needs and looks after our problems, and that we must want to allow God's love and providence to function for us. To learn about the Christian virtues of faith, hope, knowledge and love.

Core Activities and Learning

The teacher will tell children that when we believe in God and have trust in His fatherly providence and concern, then we do not think of ourselves, instead we know that God is aware of our needs and looks after our problems, from the simplest to the most serious one. The only things we must want to allow God's love and providence to function for us. When we have this kind of faith and inner disposition, we are able to see God's miracles – God himself – who is always close to us under all circumstances. We must totally rely on God's providence as this is the only way to be relieved of our anxiety and worries... To trust divine providence, we must free ourselves from all worldly concerns and wait for God to look after us. Surrendering to God begins with our lips and our thoughts. We need more than a commitment to depend on Him, we need to cry out to Him to show that dependence. When we pray, we admit that His ways are higher than ours. We show that we're leaving our troubles and burdens and dreams in His hands. "Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not rely on your own insight. In all your ways acknowledge Him and He will make straight your paths. Do not be wise in your own eyes" (Proverbs 3:5).

2. The children will be taught that whatever is found in us to be good and beautiful and true, is found there because of God and is from God. "For every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights" (James 1.17), It is Christ Himself, the eternal Son and Word of God, who is the light and the life of every person who has ever lived and been enlightened on this earth (Jn 1: 1–10).

The teacher will talk to children to children about Christian virtues of faith, hope, knowledge and love.

Faith - The fundamental condition of the Christian life is faith, for with faith come hope and love and every good work and every good gift and power of the Holy Spirit. This is the doctrine of Christ, the apostles, and the Church. In the Scriptures faith is defined as "the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen" (Heb 11.1). The teacher will talk to children about the faith in God, in Christ, in the Holy Trinity, in the Church. The second is faith in the sense of trust or reliance. In this sense, for example, one would not merely believe in God, in his existence, goodness, and truth; but one would believe God, trust his word, rely upon his presence, depend securely and with conviction upon his promises. For Christians both types of faith are necessary. One must believe in certain things with mind, heart, and soul; and then live by them in the course of everyday life.

Hope - The virtue of hope goes together with the power of faith. Hope is the assurance of the good outcome of our lives lived by faith in God. Hope is the power of certain conviction that the life built on faith will produce its fruits. Hope is the confidence that, despite all darkness and sin, the light of the loving forgiveness of God is upon us to do with us and for us what we ourselves cannot do.

Knowledge - Knowledge of God is the aim of every person's life, the purpose of his creation by God. Faith and hope go together with knowledge. They are built on knowledge and lead to knowledge. For what is "not seen" is believed and hoped on the basis of what is seen. And the understanding of what is seen depends on belief and hope in what is not seen. The teacher will tell children that man was created to know God; not only to believe in Him and to hope in Him, but to know Him and so to love Him and to serve Him. Knowledge of God is the aim and goal of man's life, the purpose of his creation by God.

Love - The greatest virtue of all is love. If we do not love one another, we cannot love God, for God is love. The teacher will tell children that man's love has its origin in God. God's love always comes first. Men are to love God and one another because God Himself has loved first. God's love for man and His world in Christ is given in the Holy Spirit. This love is the first and greatest "fruit of the Spirit" (Gal 5.22), "for God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit which has been given to us" (Rom 5.5).

3. God is Love 3D paper Heart. Children will be invited to create a heart pendant by cutting the heart shapes then glue them together and glue the decorative ribbon on one of the heart shapes, straight down the middle.

Resources: Icon of Christ, Icon of the Holy Theotokos, icon of the Holy Trinity, 3D heart templates, coloured paper, scissors, glue, decorative ribbon.

Review: A trustful and attentive listening to God and readiness to obey His will strengthens faith, hope and love in all of us.

Follow Up: Think of one thing you can do this week to strengthen faith, hope and love ... one for each that is.