Std 2- Lesson plan

Lesson 2: Man who lived with God

1.Objective:

Through the story of Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden, children will grasp the concept of happiness of living a life with God. They will understand that by loving and obeying God and regularly talking to Him, we invite His presence into our lives.

2.Starter:

This is a story about two best friends named Mia and Max. They were neighbours in the same building. Both Mia and Max were ten years old, they went to the same school, played at the same park, and even attended the same church on Sundays. Mia's family spent evenings cooking, playing, and praying together. Max's family, however, had a different routine. Every evening, Max's family gathered around the dinner table, but instead of talking and laughing, they were glued to their gadgets. After dinner, each one was immersed in their own screen. Max started feeling lonely because of this routine. Max admired Mia's family routines and wished for something similar. When he talked to Mia about feeling lonely, she told him all about their family, how they spent time together doing fun activities and helping each other. But what stood out the most was how they included God in everything they did, just like talking to a good friend. They prayed together, thanking God and asking for His help whenever they needed it. Max spoke to his family about spending less time on gadgets and more time together. They agreed to change their routine, setting aside gadget-free evenings for board games and walks. Before bed, they gathered to talk and pray, thanking God for bringing them closer. All these changes in their routine made Max and his family happy.

By being obedient to God, treating each other with kindness and love, we can feel God's presence. We can all live a happy life like Mia & Max if we love, obey and talk to God in our daily life and by doing so our life will be filled with blessings like comfort, goodness, peace, joy and hope.

3.Important points from the chapter:

*Garden of Eden: Described as a beautiful paradise filled with trees, flowers, fruits, and a flowing river. It was a place prepared by God for Adam and Eve to live in.

*Living with God: Adam and Eve lived happily in the Garden of Eden because they loved and obeyed God. We should also love and obey God, so that we also find happiness just like Adam and Eve.

*The Joy of Paradise: Living with God brings the joy of paradise. It means that when we are in a close relationship with God through love, obedience, and prayer, we experience peace, joy, comfort, and love.

4.Application in daily life:

Be obedient and loving: Children should be obedient towards God, parents and elders. They should be loving to all.

<u>Family Prayer</u>: The family should say a simple prayer, thanking God for everything and thus invite God's presence into our lives.

<u>Talk to God:</u> Children should talk to God anytime, anywhere, just like talking to a friend. When they feel happy, sad, or scared, they can tell God about it and ask for His help and comfort.

Talk to your parents:

Tell your parents all that happened during the day in school, outside while playing etc. They can ask their doubts and also help their in small chores.

<u>5.Bible Verse:</u> Psalm 136:1 "O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever."

6.Activity:

Activity 1."Living with God"

<u>Introduction:</u> Explain to the children that we can live with God by doing things that show love and kindness, just like Adam and Eve did in the Garden of Eden.

Materials Needed:

Box or container, small pieces of paper with simple actions written on them (e.g., pray, obey, disobey, be rude, love, hate, help others, be kind, be angry, be honest, be dishonest, say thank you, attend holy mass)

Instructions:

Place all the pieces of paper with actions written on them into the box or container. Have each child pick a piece of paper from the box.

Ask the children if they think the action written on their paper is something that would help them live in harmony with God or not.

This activity emphasizes the idea that simple acts of love and kindness can help them live in harmony with God.

Activity 2: "Blessings of Living with God"

Introduction: Explain to the children that living with God brings us so many blessings like comfort, goodness, peace, joy, hope, and much more.

Materials Needed:

Small flower shape cut-outs with a blessing written on each one, Glue, Markers or crayons, Sheets of paper

Instructions:

Give each child a sheet of paper and ask them to draw their interpretation of the Garden of Eden.

Provide them with the flower-shaped cut-outs, each with a blessing written on it.

Encourage the children to stick the flower cut-outs onto their drawings in places they like.

This activity will encourage the children to remember these blessings in their daily lives and to be grateful for the relationship they have with God.