

LESSON PLAN: STD 4

CHAPTER 4: BAPTISM- THE BIRTH OF JESUS

OBJECTIVE:

Students will understand the significance of Baptism as the initiation into Christian life.

Students will learn about the symbolism , ceremony and importance of living out their baptismal promises

INTRODUCTION:

Begin by telling the story of Nicodemus visiting Jesus and Jesus teaching on being “ born from above “ (John 3:3)

Also ask them “if you are attending a special ceremony where someone is being welcomed into a new community what do you think might happen during this ceremony.”

Explain the concept of original sin and how baptism offers a new birth , freeing us from sin and making us children of God.

PRESENTATION OF TOPIC

Define Baptism as the sacrament through which individuals are initiated into the Christian faith and become members of the church.

Explain the roles of the godparents in making promises on behalf of infants and the candidates themselves if adults

Explore the meaning behind the rituals and symbols of baptism ,such as anointing with oil, pouring of water, receiving a white garment and being given a lighted candle.

Emphasize how each symbol signifies a spiritual reality such as purification, new life in Christ and becoming a light to the world.

Also discuss the fruits of Baptism

BIBLE VERSE:

Ask children to read the below bible passages

Matthew 3: 16-17

John 3:5

John 3: 1-8

ACTIVITIES:

Assign the activity of collecting photos & information date, about their own baptismal details (date, God parents name, Church in which it was administered etc.) reinforcing the personal significance of the sacrament.

Encourage students to memorize the 'Creed' as a declaration of their faith and commitment to Christ.

CONCLUSION:

Lead students in a closing prayer ,thanking god for the gift of Baptism and asking for grace to live as faithful disciples of Jesus.

Conclude by posing questions for reflection and review , allowing the students to demonstrate their understanding of the lesson content