

LESSON PLAN STD 8 LESSON 6 CHURCH :THE PRIESTLY PEOPLE

OBJECTIVES

- Students will understand the concept of priesthood in the Old Testament and its fulfilment in Jesus Christ.
- Students will recognize their role as a part of the priestly people of God and how they can live out this identity in their daily lives.
- To understand that through Baptism we are also sharing in the royal priesthood of Jesus.
- To understand that Holy Qurbana is the highest form of worship and Jesus is the eternal priest.

STARTER

Begin with a question: What do you think of when you hear the word 'priest'?

Share any of the inspirational stories of priests from our parish or diocese or show some pictures of ordination.

PRESENTATION OF THE TOPIC

1. Explain how Moses anointed Aaron and the beginning of Israel's history of priesthood.
2. Explain the functions of priests in the Old Testament -to offer worship, offer sacrifices, gifts and incense to the Lord, to pray for the people, mediator between God and people, be a witness of God's Holiness before people, to teach the statutes which Lord has spoken to them by Moses.
3. Discuss how Jesus became the eternal priest through His sacrifice on the cross.
4. Discuss how through Baptism members of the church share the royal priesthood of Jesus and how should they exercise their priestly function.
5. Emphasize that Holy Qurbana is the highest form of worship and is offered by the Church in union with Jesus Christ.
6. Explain Ministerial priesthood- the people specially chosen and anointed by God to minister to the people of God and offer sacrifice of sanctification.
7. Discuss how can we exercise common priesthood as priestly people in the New Testament- bearing sufferings and sorrows of life patiently, by doing good to others.

APPLICATION

-Respect priesthood and learn methods of revering the priests.

-Pray for more vocations.

-Accept the difficulties of life and offer it to God.

BIBLE VERSE

"You are the chosen race, a royal priesthood, holy nation, God's own people." (1 Pet.2:9)

ACTIVITY

Lead a reflective discussion on the challenges and rewards of living as a priestly people in today's world.

