

LESSON PLAN- COVENANT KEEPERS
Book no. 8- LESSON 8 - CHURCH: THE PROPHETIC PEOPLE

OBJECTIVES:

- To understand the role of prophets and how that role extends to the Church today.
- To reflect on how the Church, as a prophetic people, is called to bear witness to Christ in society through word and deed.
- To recognize the prophetic function of the members of the church.

STARTER:

Begin by explaining them how Prophets not only delivered God's message but also embodied it through their own lives, often facing opposition and suffering as a result. Also show a YouTube video of prophet Jeremiah (the story of Jeremiah in the well).

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lp1pmUZa_2c

PRESENTATION of TOPIC:

1. Emphasize on how prophet Jeremiah stayed loyal to God and trusted God. He did not fear death or punishment and most importantly to carry the word of God to the people no matter what.
2. Like Jeremiah, every baptized Christian is called to be a prophet. This means speaking and living the truth, even in the face of opposition. Christians must trust in God's guidance and strength, just as Jeremiah did.
3. On the day of Pentecost, the disciples, filled with the Holy Spirit, began to prophesy and speak in various languages, signifying the universal nature of the prophetic mission. The early Church became a prophetic people, witnessing to the truth of Christ's resurrection and the Kingdom of God.
4. Christians, by virtue of their baptism and anointing, are also anointed with the Holy Spirit and called to be witnesses of Jesus Christ. The prophetic mission of the Church involves sharing the message of Christ with the world and being an example of faith through actions and lifestyle.
5. Family life has the central place in the prophetic function of the laity.

HABIT FORMATION:

- Like the prophets in the Old Testament, we should have the courage to speak the truth, even in difficult situations, addressing social injustices and moral wrongs in our communities.

-Participating in parish activities and contributing to the Church's mission to spread the Gospel.

BIBLE VERSE:

"Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven." (Mt.5:16)

ACTIVITY:

- Encourage students to take part in a week-long "truth-telling challenge," where they focus on speaking the truth in love in all situations at home, school, and with friends. Help them understand the importance of being honest and standing up for truth, just as the prophets did.
- Tell students to write down one thing they can do to "stand up for someone" or "speak up against a wrong." This will allow them to practice their prophetic role by being a voice for those in need and standing against wrongdoing.