



Religious Education

Lesson 5 - 11/2/21

Our Church Family

Begin to understand what it means to belong to our Church family. Reflect on what we do together in church.



Read The Story

Questions to ask on picture in Big Book

God's people come to church.
He blesses His people when they
come.

We come to be with God, to
listen, to talk and to thank Him.



- What do you see in the picture?
- What day do you think it is?
- Why are people here?

Text to read to Children

It's Sunday morning in Tom's house.

Sunday mornings are special because the whole family are up and having breakfast together. Tom was wearing his new shirt and he felt very smart.

Soon it was time to get into the car to go to church. As they went into the church, they saw granny and grandad already there and they went to sit with them. Tom saw his best friend with his family and he wanted to show them his new shirt, but his mum said to wait until afterwards. Tom looked around and saw lots of people he knew.

The priest came in and the Mass began with one of Tom's favourite hymns. They all made the sign of the cross and said sorry to God for anything wrong they had done in the week. Then they all listened to the word of God. Tom liked singing the Alleluia before the Gospel - he knew this was because the Gospel has the words of Jesus himself. They all sat down while Father explained some of the things they had heard from the Bible.

Then everyone stood up to join in saying together what they believe - Tom could join in with the first part now and felt very pleased. Next there were some prayers for people who needed them, and then Tom was asked to help carry the gifts of bread and wine to the altar for the Offertory. He felt a bit nervous, but he had done it once before and he knew he could manage if he walked slowly.

After this, it was the most solemn part of the Mass. Everyone knelt down while the



Read The Story

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priest offered the gifts to God the Father. Tom knew that something very important happened at this time. He knew that Jesus came to be with them. He knelt very quietly and prayed to Jesus in his heart.

When the Mass ended, Tom's family all left together saying goodbye to the priest. Tom felt happy and peaceful inside. They chatted to their friends and granny and granddad came home with them for lunch. Tom loved Sundays – Sundays are great!



Discuss The Story

Questions on story

- When have you been inside a church?
- What was happening?
- What did you do?
- Do you think Tom liked Sundays? Why?
- What was happening in the story to make this day different from other days?
- Would anyone like to tell us what it is like when they go to church?
- What do you like about Sundays?



Activities

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1. **If possible**, take children to the church at a quiet time. Show them the font, the altar and the candles. *[It is not necessary at this stage to explain the significance of what they see.]*

Encourage children to take photos of what they see in church or make observational drawings.

2. **Work Book:** page 18 'A Visit to Church'.
3. Make a point of having a lighted candle (or candles) when prayers are said during the school day. Appoint different children each week to hold the candle unlit and place it in the sand tray for the teacher to light.
4. Learn to sing: 'Listen to Jesus' or 'There is someone who loves me' by Bernadette Farrell – CD 'Share the Light'
Available from www.viewpoint24.co.uk or
Viewpoint Direct Resources, Fax. 020 8692 0375

ICT for children www.reonline.co.uk click on 'Church' to write a prayer and print it.

www.request.org.uk Select 'Infants' select 'Going to church'.



Activities (continued)

A Visit to Church

When I go to church I talk to Jesus

and I

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In church, I can see

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Words to help

Priest	altar	candles	book for mass
tabernacle	statues	stations of the cross	
crucifix	baptismal font		