

## **October GIFT Lesson Plan: Kindergarten**

### **Theme: We Believe in the Communion of Saints**

#### **Materials:**

Coloring page

Brown grocery bag capes

Crayons, glue, decorative extras, yarn

Saints for Kids videos (2 of them)

Preschooler's Bible

Bible Action Songs CD

#### **(5-10 minutes) Arrival and Introductions:**

If you'd like, have the music CD playing while the kindergarteners come into class. This may make it more appealing for them to come to session. As students arrive have them write their name on a sheet of paper and decorate it with crayons. They may need help with their names or their parents may want to help them before they leave. Once everyone has arrived and written their names, meet on the carpet in a circle. Do a brief introduction of yourself.

#### **(2 minutes) Opening Prayer:**

Begin with demonstrating the Sign of the Cross. Have them copy you and redo this a few times. Then pray: Dear God, thank you for this wonderful day and for bringing us here together. Bless (say each kindergartener's name). End with the Sign of the Cross.

#### **(5-10 minutes) Bible Reflection:**

Please read to the students the story of Elijah and the poor woman from the Preschooler's Bible, page 184-187. Talk about how the woman acted in a loving, giving way. Do they know how a saint acts like? Can they give examples of acting saint-like in their own lives? What are their special gifts from God?

#### **(10-15 minutes) All Saints Super Cape:**

With a marker write "Super Saint (child's name)" on a brown bag cape. Let the children decorate the rest with the extras. They may want to draw their special gifts on the back (like ice skates, making their bed, sharing a toy, taking care of their pet, etc.). When they are finished you may string the yarn through the holes in the top of the cape so they may wear them during the rest of GIFT.

#### **(5-10 minutes) St. Francis video:**

Watch the St. Francis portion of the Saints for Kids video (it is about 5 minutes in length). Afterwards briefly talk about the ways Francis acted as a saint.

#### **(10 minutes) Name That Animal Game:**

Following the video of St. Francis play this charade-type game. Children may pick an animal from the basket and then act it out. The other students can try to guess what animal they are.

**(15-20 minutes) Video and Discussion:**

The second video is about three saints, Clare, John Bosco, and Andrew. Stop the video after each segment (about 4 minute segments), and then ask the kids what each how each person acted in a saintly way. (i.e. Clare had courage to do something she may not have felt comfortable doing. John Bosco helped teach young people and was kind. Andrew was one of the first to do what Jesus asked of Him.) Can they do this in their lives? How?

**(20 minutes) St. John Bosco's Bowling Game:**

Saint John Bosco was known for helping young boys learn and grow. One of the things he might have done was to play a game similar to bowling with the children. The kindergarteners can take turns setting up and knocking down the bowling pins.

**(if time left) Free play time:** Please have the children clean up the room before closing prayer.

**Closing Prayer:**

"Dear God, May I have a good friend; may I be a good friend." –Lois Rock