

Part 1: Introductory Rites: First Eucharist Retreat Home Edition

Gathering: Jesus Says Game

The rules of this game are like Simon Says. Before starting the game, model the gestures to the children. Genuflect, prayer hands, kneel, Sign of the Cross, Stand, Prepare for the Gospel, Give the Sign of Peace

Use some of these examples, or some that you come up with. The game concludes when you've worked through all of the postures. (Then Class can begin the next activity)

Jesus Says: Stand at the Carpet

Jesus Says: Prayer Hands

Hop on One foot

Jesus Says: Genuflect

Clap your hands

Jesus says: Do the sign of the Cross

Spin around

Jesus says: Give the sign of Peace

Sit Down

Jesus Says: Prepare for the Gospel

Greeting: We Say Hello (Child Page)

What's a greeting? A greeting is how we say hello to someone when we see them. We can say Good morning or good afternoon, how are you doing or what's up? There are many ways to greet each other, and we do this differently with different people.

1. How do you greet your parents when you wake up, or come home from school?

2. How do you greet your friends?

3. How about your teachers?

4. How do these people respond to us, when we greet them?

When we go to Mass, it's a special time, so the priest greets us in a different way. He says something like:

The Priest:

The Lord be with you.

Just like our friends answer us, we have a special answer we do at Mass

The People Respond:

And with your spirit

Greetings, We Say Hello (Parent Page)

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1. How do you greet your parents when you wake up, or come home from school?

Good Morning Mom, Good Morning Dad, Hello Mommy, hello daddy, hello grandma and Grandpa.

2. How do you greet your friends?

Hey dude, yo what's up.

3. How about your teachers?

Good Morning Mr. Good Afternoon Mrs. /Ms.

How do these people respond to us, when we greet them?

Parents: Good Morning Son or daughter, Friend: Hey Buddy Teacher: Good Morning Class

When we go to Mass, it's a special time, so the priest greets us in a different way. He says something like:

Priest: The Lord be with you.

Just like our friends answer us, we have a special answer we say.

The people reply: And with your spirit.

(Repeat the priest line, followed by 'and with your spirit' until the children are comfortable) Students will have same sheet without potential answers included.

Penitential Rite: We Say We are Sorry (Child Page)

The Priest:

Brothers and sisters let us acknowledge our sins, and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.

The Priest:

Lord Jesus, you came to gather the nations into the peace of God's Kingdom:

Lord, have Mercy

The people reply:

Lord, have mercy

The Priest:

**Lord Jesus, you come in word and sacrament to strengthen us in holiness:
Christ, have mercy.**

The people reply:

Christ, have mercy.

The Priest:

**Lord Jesus, you will come in glory with salvation for your people:
Lord, have mercy**

The people reply:

Lord, have mercy.

The absolution by the priest follows:

**May almighty God have mercy on us,
Forgive us our sins
And bring us to everlasting life.**

The people reply:

Amen

Penitential Rite: We Say We are Sorry (Parent Page)

Tell the children that when we get ready for a special meal, we have to wash ourselves, especially our hands! At Mass we get ready to receive Jesus in our hearts, so just like when we got to Confession, we prepare to receive Jesus! After the priest has greeted us, we prepare to receive the Lord in the readings and the Eucharist! So we say a special prayer to get ready.

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**Lord Jesus, you come in word and sacrament to strengthen us in holiness:
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The people reply:

Amen

Gloria

**Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.**

**We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, Heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
You take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us;
You take away the sin of the world, receive our prayer;
You are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy
on us.**

**For you alone are the Holy One; you alone are the Lord.
You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy
Spirit,
in the glory of God, the Father.**

Amen

(Cut the prayer into numerous pieces, and help your child reassemble it.)

Collect: We Gather in Prayer (Parent)

The Priest:

Let Us Pray

The Priest:

O God, who make this most sacred night radiant with the glory of the Lord's Resurrection, stir up in your Church a spirit of adoption, so that, renewed in body and mind, we may render you undivided service. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

The people Say:

Amen

Collect: We Gather in Prayer

The collect is our opening prayer. It is the last part of the Introductory Rite. We collect or gather our prayers together as we prepare to enter the second part of the Mass, the Liturgy of the Word. Each day the prayers will thank God, and focus on something special about that day. We will pray one/ a couple of these prayers together, the way we will when we are at Mass!

Point out which parts belong to the priest, and then read them. Coach them to say Amen after the prayer concludes. Read just one or a few depending on time. If you feel there is an excess of time, perhaps make a collect for today.

Additional Samples:

-Remember your mercies, O Lord, and with your eternal protection sanctify your servants for whom Christ your Son, by the shedding of his Blood, established the Paschal Mystery. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen

-May the working of your mercy, O Lord, we pray, direct our hearts aright, for without your grace we cannot find favor in your sight. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.