Day 3

Theme - Holy Bible

Bible verse

Psalm 119:105 "Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path."

Aspiration: Lord Jesus, purify me

Story time

One day Grandma and Jane were sitting together. Grandma said to Jane, "My dear, today I'll tell you about the importance of reading the Bible every day."

Jane became very curious and asked grandma, "Grandma, tell me. I do not understand everything in the Bible when I read it."

"Jane, I'll tell you a story. Listen carefully." said grandma.

There was a boy who lived in a village. He was very smart and intelligent. One day, he asked his father the same question you asked me now... about the importance of reading the Bible daily. His father decided to give him a test. His father gave him a bamboo basket and asked him to go to the river and bring water in it.

He went to the river and dipped the basket, filled it with water and came back home.

His father asked," Where is the water in the basket??"

He said the water went down since the bamboo basket had lots of holes.

Father asked him to keep trying till he gets water. He tried again and again. Every time he returned with an empty basket.

The boy was so tired and went to his father. The father said, "I know you couldn't collect any water. But, do you remember the first time you took the basket to the river? It was full of dust and dirt. But, each time you dipped the basket into the water, it became clean and nice. In the same way, when you read Bible you may not understand everything. But it keeps on purifying our thoughts and deeds."

After hearing this story, Jane said to Grandma, "I also want to read the Bible to purify my thoughts and actions."

Then Grandma told, Jane – Honey, do you know Bible is Working Manual which tells all of us how to live our life? And if you read Bible daily your life will become more and more beautiful; and more and more happy...

Jane replied – Wow... that sounds really good and awesome!!!

Watch this video to know more about this beautiful Love letter:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v= I0YqAgoljc

Some questions to reflect:

- Am I spending my time to read Bible daily?
- Am I learning & hearing the word of God?

Saint of The Day

St. Therese of Lisieux

ONCE UPON A TIME, there was a young girl named Thérèse Martin who loved Jesus very much. But sometimes, even girls and boys who love Jesus very much have a hard time loving others, like their mothers and fathers and sisters and brothers. This was the way it was for Thérèse, too. Sometimes, Thérèse did not do what her father and mother asked her to do. Sometimes, Thérèse said angry words to her big sisters. And sometimes, when Thérèse didn't get her way, she would throw a big fit, rolling all over the floor in tears and anger.

"Nothing can make Thérèse give in," her mother used to exclaim.

But Thérèse loved her mother and father and three older sisters. She knew that most of the time, Jesus would want her to show her love for them by saying "yes" instead of "no." But saying "no" was easy, and saying "yes" was very hard! How could she change those pesky noes into yeses?

One day, Thérèse's father gave her a little white flower.

"Here is a flower for you, my little Queen!" he said.

"Thank you so much, Papa!" Thérèse exclaimed. Papa knew flowers always made her happy.

Suddenly, Thérèse knew how to turn her noes into yeses! Every time she did what Jesus wanted her to do instead of what she wanted, she could imagine her sacrifice was like a flower for Jesus. Her First Holy Communion day was coming up. If she made many sacrifices for Jesus, she could give him a spiritual

bouquet of flowers on her special day. That night, after she was tucked into bed and kissed goodnight, Thérèse was left alone in the dark. Thérèse was afraid of the dark, and being alone in it was even worse. She thought about tiptoeing downstairs to Papa, but he said she must stay in bed and go to sleep. But she was still afraid.

How would she ever fall asleep? Then she had an idea! "Instead of being afraid, I will give Jesus a flower," she thought.

Thérèse thought about all her favorite flowers. "I know! I will give Jesus a white moonflower. They must not be afraid of the dark, because they only bloom at night! They are beautiful and brave!" And Thérèse forgot all about the darkness, and fell asleep dreaming of flower vines reaching for the moon.

A few days later, Thérèse asked Pauline to give her a ride in the wheelbarrow. Pauline went so fast, Thérèse felt she was flying! But then the wheelbarrow hit a bump, and Thérèse went sprawling into a patch of gravel.

"Oh, Thérèse!" Pauline cried. "Are you all right?"

Thérèse was not all right. Her knee was scraped and bleeding, and hot tears filled her eyes. Thérèse was about to say something sharp and hurtful to her sister . . . but then she saw Pauline's worried face. Poor Pauline had not meant for Thérèse to get hurt! So she swallowed her sharp words. Instead, she smiled and said, "My knee hurts, but I will be all right." And she lifted her flowers of bleeding hearts up to heaven.

Another time, Thérèse was playing with a little red ball. She was having fun imagining the Child Jesus playing with the little ball, too! Then her older sister Celine came along.

"May I play with you?" she asked.

Normally, Thérèse and Celine got along very well, sharing everything. But today, Thérèse didn't want to share! She wanted to play by herself. But she knew that the Child Jesus would want her to be kind to Celine. So she smiled at Celine and said, "Let's play catch!"

And she gave the Child Jesus a red rose, because its sharp thorns reminded Thérèse that sometimes it hurts to sacrifice for love. But even though it hurt a little at first, the sweet scent of the rose was worth it!

At last, it was the great day of Thérèse's First Holy Communion! She had made many sacrifices for Jesus so that she could offer him a beautiful spiritual bouquet. Though Thérèse was happy to receive Jesus in the Eucharist, she couldn't help but feel a little sad, too, for her Mama and sister Pauline were not there. Her Mama had died, and Pauline had gone away to live as a nun in a convent. Thérèse decided to add one more flower to her spiritual bouquet: a pretty little

Forget-Me-Not, for she remembered that both her Mama and Pauline had told her that they would always keep her close in their hearts. Even if they could not be there beside her, surely they were both praying for her! And besides, when she received Holy Communion, she would be closer to them than ever.

And on that special day, as she knelt to receive Jesus in the Eucharist for the first time, Thérèse presented him with all the "flowers"—the little sacrifices and acts of love—that she had made especially for him. "I love you, Jesus, and I give myself to you forever," Thérèse prayed. And Jesus smiled, filling her heart to overflowing with love and joy.

Let's watch a video about this sweet saint:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sM3jxJkmjug

Virtue: Kindness

Action song:

Let us play an action song

MY B.I.B.L.E: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ahHWtv0mt2E

Quiz:

- For Kids **Mathew 4: 1-11**
- For Pre-Teens -Mathew 4

Habit Formation

Morning Prayer

Lord, thank you for a new day.

Please go before me and clear the way.

Thank you for protecting me.

Thank you for guiding me.

Thank you for loving me.

In Jesus name, Amen.

Grace before meals

Bless us, O Lord, and these Your gifts, which we are about to receive from Your bounty. Through Christ our Lord. Amen

Grace after meals

We give You thanks, Almighty God, for these and all Your gifts, which we have received through Christ our Lord. Amen

Prayer to Guardian angel

Angel of God, my guardian dear, to whom God's love commits me here. Ever this day, be at my side, to light and guard; to rule and guide. Amen