Day 8

Walk by Faith Not by Sight

Theme: Trusting in God (Obedience)

Bible verse:

Matthew 21:22 "And whatever you ask in prayer, you will receive, if you have faith".

Aspiration

Say – Jesus, I Trust in you!!

Story Time

Jane – Grandma, today during online mass, the priest read from the Gospel of (Matthew 17:20). In it, Jesus was teaching about faith. He said, "If you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you would say this mountain move from here to there, and it will move." It was interesting......Grandma, can you tell me what faith exactly means?

Grandma – Faith is a gift from God to believe and trust in him. It is to obey God truly even though we cannot see him, touch him or feel him. Our faith increases only with our relationship with God. When we have strong faith, miracles happen. Through faith, we enter the Kingdom of God.

Jane- Ah! I am confused...

Grandma- I will tell you a story.

Once upon a time, a father and a son went to a Circus. The boy lost his way. But he was not afraid. He started to pray that he could find his father anywhere. Suddenly a man came to help the little boy. He was the Manager of the Circus. He found the boy is in trouble and wanted to help him. The man asked, aren't you scared? No sir, I knew God will help me. The manager was surprised. That's amazing! But, I heard you saying the 26 Alphabets. What was that for? The boy looked up at him and said, I was not sure exactly what to pray? So, I was praying all the 26 letters of the alphabet and letting God put them together, the way He wanted them. God knew and understood that I was lost and needed help. The man was amazed by the faith the little boy had in God even though he couldn't see God. He believed that God loves him and truly cares for him. To have faith isn't about how big or small our faith is. It is all about how powerful our God is. Nothing is impossible for him. The man helped the boy to find his father.

Grandma- The scriptures teach us that having Faith in God is just like planting a seed. We can make a place in our heart for Jesus just like we prepare a place for that seed in the soil. Believe in God and believe in me, says Jesus. The heroes of faith that we read about in the bible experienced many miracles. Miracles happened because of their faith. For eg: David fought against Goliath, Daniel in the lion's den, Moses led his people through the red sea.... and so many... Mother Mary is the greatest example of Faith.

Jane – How can I increase my faith?

Grandma – Faith comes from hearing and hearing the word of God. Reading the bible, praying to God and following the life story of saints...

Jane - That's great, grandma. From today, I will pray to God to increase my faith by following the life of saints...and sharing the word of God....

Think about this:

How can we build our faith during this Pandemic with our Family?

Build a shield of faith- Attend online mass on Sunday, do personal Prayers, say Thank you Jesus, say Sorry if you have done wrong. Make an effort to read bible Verse, Say your morning and night prayers. Kiss the Holy cross before going to bed.

To grow up like Jesus we have to obey our parents, help our parents and be kind to our siblings and Grandparents.

Saint Of The Day:

Blessed Imelda Lambertine

(Patron saint of First Communion)



Dear friends, today we will introduce you a cute and lovely little saint. Her name is Imelda Lambertine. Imelda was born to a noble family in Bologna, Italy in 1322. She was guided in here Faith by devout catholic parents. From the age of 5 she expressed a deep desire to receive Jesus in the blessed Sacrament by making her First communion. However back in the year 1327, Holy communion was not given until the age of 15. Years passed and she still longed to receive Jesus. At the age of 9 she had a great interest in Bologna's saints, like saint Dominic. Imelda felt called by Lord to be a nun, to save souls more fruitfully in the life of a Dominican nun. She went to live with the Dominican nuns at a neighboring monastery. She told her parents her desire, when she was 9 years old. Her parents refused her first, finally they gave in. Imelda was a child of so many prayers. Her parents thought that the life of Dominican nun was hard. In the End her mother yielded, and a few weeks later, the nuns agreed to receive her. Far from feeling sad, her mother was happy that Imelda was going to be religious. Although she was a nun, the

sisters prohibited her from making her First communion, thinking that she was too young to understand the Holy Eucharist.

Imelda prayed very hard to Jesus to make her desire of receiving him in the Holy Eucharist before she was Fourteen come true. Years waiting patiently her desire would be granted.... through a miracle.

It was May 12, 1333 at the mass when she was 11 years old she heard a little voice give a hope of receiving our Lord on the vigil of the Ascension. She was hoping that the Superior would give her a sign of allowing her to join the others. But that didn't happen. Imelda remained silence in her place with tear filled eyes. She remained kneeling in the chapel long after the other nuns has left. She said a prayer, Dear Lord, I know you are truly present in the Tabernacle. I believe it with all my heart. But please don't stay hidden there. Come to me. I won't tell anyone of your visit. "suddenly strange light played about the distant alter. Inside the light was the Sacred Host. Imelda kneeled in adoration, her face was glowing like an angel. The other nuns were called for the priest. Seeing the scene, he knew that his decision was overruled and that Jesus was making his decision known. The priest gave Imelda her First Communion. Imelda remained kneeling in the chapel, with Jesus in her heart. The child closed her eyes and joined her Lord as her soul departed from her body.

The Story of Imelda reveal her deep passion for Jesus present in the Blessed Sacrament. It was Pope Pius X who declared Blessed Imelda Lambertini the patroness of First Communicants in 1910.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Gz7qahCLZfE

Moral Value: Obedience

Movie time:

Faith Prevails: The Miracle of Bolsena (A Eucharistic Miracle)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ei CZp4zyVg

Action Song

Faith as small as the Mustard seed: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HPylxzfN-00

Bible Quiz:

Read Passage from (Mark 10:46-52) Jesus healed Bartimaeus by his Faith and Determination.