

BLESSING OF THE BOOKS

GRADES PK TO 3

Teacher: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

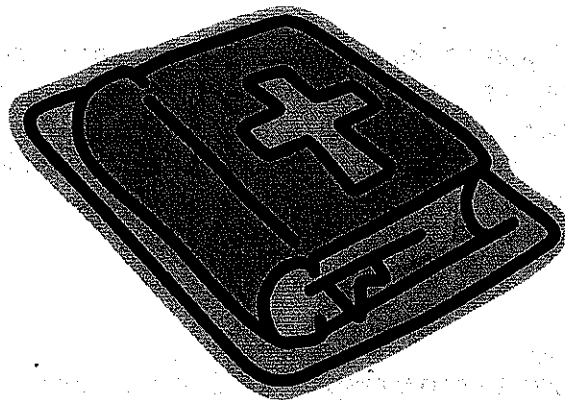
All: Amen.

Teacher: *Talk to children about treasures. Explain that this book is a treasure. Ask them what they think they will learn about in this book. List on the blackboard each thing. Use blackboard list to form petitions. For _____.*
Tell children to respond, "We thank you, Lord."

These books tell us about God. They tell us how God wants us to live. We will share the things we learn in these books with others.

Have children hold up books and say "Let us pray. We promise to take good care of these books. We ask you, Jesus, to help us learn our lessons well so we can live as good boys and girls."

All: Amen.



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GRADES 4 TO 8

Leader: In the name of the Father and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Leader: Our help is in the name of the Lord.

All: Who made heaven and earth.

Leader: Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, thank you for sending us your Son, Jesus Christ, To teach us about your great love for us. Thank you for teaching Us about our life with you in this world and in heaven. Dear Jesus, We thank you for giving your life for us and for giving us your Church to hand on to us your teaching and your way of life and Love. Holy Spirit, be with us and enlighten us so that we will Understand, love and live our faith even when we do not feel like It. Strengthen us so that we may always be faithful in order to show Our gratitude for all that we have received. In this way we will Become the best persons possible; we will help to make this world A better place for ourselves and for others. We ask this from the Holy Trinity—Father, Son and Holy Spirit, now and forever.

All: Amen.

Give out books.

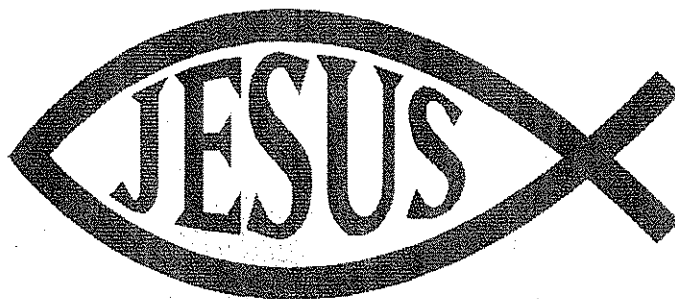
Leader: These religion books which you have received contain the Word of God. They were made to help you to live as Jesus taught us. With These books you will also be able to share what you learn with your Families. They will, in turn, be able to help you to remember and to Live the lessons you have learned in class.

Hold up books.

Leader: Let us pray.

We promise to show respect for these books by taking good care of Them especially now that they will be so special to us. Lord, help Us to use these books to learn to grow in your life and love.

All: Amen.





BLESSING FOR BIRTHDAYS

Leader: Loving God, you created all the people of the world, and you know each of us by name. We thank you for (name of child/ren celebrating birthday[s]), who celebrates his/her birthday. Bless him/her with your love and friendship that he/she may grow in wisdom, knowledge, and grace. May he/she love his/her family always and be ever faithful to his/her friends. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Those present may place their hands on the head or shoulders or raise their hands in blessing over the student celebrated.

Leader: May God, in whose presence our ancestors walked, bless you.

All: Amen.

Leader: May God, who has been your shepherd from birth until now, keep you.

All: Amen.

Leader: May God, who saves you from all harm, give you peace.

All: Amen.

