

St. Simon Says

Gestures to include:

1. Sign of the Cross
2. Genuflection toward the Tabernacle (explain why)
3. Three Crosses at Gospel with words "Glory to you, O Lord"
4. Receiving Communion – in Diocese of Fargo make a bow from waist, then receive on tongue or hand
5. Kneeling
6. Standing & Sitting

After review of words and gestures, play "St. Simon Says." The objective is to have the children know the Mass in more detail.

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This game is played like Simon Says. Begin with an explanation of who St. Simon is. Simon is the name for Peter, the rock upon which Jesus built His Church. Simon Peter is the head of the Twelve Apostles and the first Pope.

Start with "St. Simon says..." and then the gesture or word.

Possible gestures:

1. ...make the Sign of the Cross
2. ...Genuflect
3. ...a reading from the Gospel according to {Matthew} (children do the three crosses & say, "Glory to you, O Lord.")
4. ...The Body of Christ (children bow from the waist, say, "Amen," & pretend to receive on their tongue or hand.)
5. ...kneel
6. ...stand
7. ...sit
8. ...scooch over in your pew

Possible responses:

- 1....The Lord be with you. (children should say, "And with your spirit.")
2. I confess to almighty (children should say, "God and to you my brothers and sisters...")
3. ...the Word of the Lord (children should say, "Thanks be to God.")
4. ...a reading from the Gospel according to Matthew (children do the three crosses & say, "Glory to you, O Lord.")
...Mark
...Luke
...John
5. ...the Gospel of the Lord (children should say "Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ.")
6. ...lift up your hearts (children should say, "We lift them up to the Lord.")
7. ...let us give thanks to the Lord our God (children should say, "It is right and just.")
8. ...let us proclaim the mystery of faith (children should say, "We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.")
9. ...this is the Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, happy are those who are called to His supper (children should say, "Lord, I am not worthy that You should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.")
10. ...The Body of Christ (children should bow from the waist, say, "Amen," & pretend to receive on their tongue or hand.)
11. ...The Mass is ended, go in peace glorifying the Lord by your life. (children should say, "Thanks be to God.")
12. ...Let us pray to the Lord (children should say, "Lord hear our prayer.")