

Children's Liturgy of the Word

6th Sunday of Easter (Year A)

Theme: Jesus Does Not Leave Us Alone

1. Welcome & Gathering

Leader:

Today Jesus says something very important:

“I will not leave you orphans.”

That means:

We are not alone.
Jesus is still with us.

Let us begin with the Sign of the Cross.

In the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Leader:

Jesus,
You are with us.
Help us to know You are near.
Amen.

2. Introducing the Theme

Ask:

Have you ever felt alone?

(Take a few answers)

What helps when you feel alone?

Someone being there.
Someone listening.
Someone helping.

Now say:

Jesus knows that feeling.

And today He promises:

You are not alone.

3. Gospel (Simplified - John 14)

Leader:

Jesus said:

“I will not leave you alone.

I will send you the Holy Spirit.

If you love me,
you will keep my commandments.

I am in you,
and you are in me.”

Leader:

The Gospel of the Lord.

Children:

Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ.

4. Reflection

Jesus says:

“I will not leave you.”

That means:

Even though we cannot see Him,
He is still with us.

How?

Through the Holy Spirit.

Through the Church.

Through Mass.

Through prayer.

Think about this.

If someone you love is far away,
you can still be close.

You speak to them.
You remember them.
You stay connected.

But with Jesus—it is even more.

He is not far away.

He is really with us.

Then Jesus says:

“If you love me, you will keep my commandments.”

That means:

We show love by how we live.

So what does that look like?

- Being kind when it is hard
- Telling the truth
- Forgiving others
- Listening to God

That is how we stay close to Jesus.

Then Jesus says:

“I am in you.”

That is amazing.

Jesus is not just near us.

He wants to live in us.

And where do we receive Him?

At Mass.

In Holy Communion.

So remember:

You are not alone.
Jesus is with you.
And you can stay close to Him.

5. Quiet Prayer

Leader:

Close your eyes.

Jesus,
You are with me.

Pause.

Help me to know You are near.

Pause.

Help me to follow You.

Pause.

Stay with me always.

6. Living the Gospel

Leader:

This week:

- Remember: Jesus is with you
- Speak to Him in prayer
- Choose what is right

A simple prayer:

“Jesus, stay with me.”

7. Closing Prayer

Leader:

Jesus,
You do not leave us alone.

Help us to stay close to You
every day.

Amen.

8. Sending Back

Leader:

Today we heard that Jesus is with us.

Let us go back to Mass
and stay close to Him.

Optional Activities

1. “Lost & Found”

Best after Introduction

Leader tells a short scenario:

“Imagine you are in a big shop...
You turn around...
and the person you came with is gone.”

Pause.

Ask:

- How would you feel?
- What would you do?

Then say:

That feeling—being alone—that’s what Jesus is speaking about.

And He says:

“I will not leave you.”

2. Guided Presence Exercise

Best before Reflection or before Quiet Prayer

Children sit quietly.

Leader slowly:

“Close your eyes.
You cannot see Jesus...
but He is here.

Not far away.
Not watching from a distance.
Here.

Right now.”

Pause 10–15 seconds.

Then:

“Open your eyes.
That is what Jesus means—He is with us.”

3. “Show Me Love”

Best after “keep my commandments” section

Leader gives real-life moments:

“Someone is left out—show me what you do.”
(children physically act including them)

“Someone hurts you—show me what you do.”
(children act forgiving)

“You don’t feel like praying—show me.”
(children fold hands or bow head)

4. “Where Does Jesus Meet Us?”

Best mid-reflection

Put 3–4 options verbally or on cards:

- At Mass
- At the park
- In prayer

- Nowhere

Children choose (hands up / move sides of room).

Then explain:

Jesus is everywhere—but **He meets us in a special way at Mass and in prayer.**

5. Trust Walk (Paired Activity)

Best after reflection on Holy Spirit

Pair children.

One closes eyes, the other gently guides a few steps.

Then switch.

Ask:

- Was it easy or hard?
- Why?

Then say:

The Holy Spirit helps us like that.

We don't always see clearly—
but we are guided.

6. One Real Choice

Best before Sending Back

Each child quietly chooses one:

- Be kind to someone specific
- Say a short prayer daily
- Help at home without being asked
- Forgive someone

Leader:

“Don't say it out loud.

Just choose it.

And do it this week.”

7. “Never Alone” Response

Best after Gospel

Leader: “Are we alone?”

Children: **No! Jesus is with us!**

Repeat a few times with energy.

8. Feelings → Truth

Best after Introduction

Leader:

“When I feel alone...”

Children: **Jesus is with me!**

“When I feel afraid...”

Children: **Jesus is with me!**

9. Where is Jesus?

Best after Reflection

Ask:

Where can we meet Jesus?

Answers:

- At Mass
- In prayer
- In the Church

Reinforce: He is really present.

10. Keep My Commandments

Best after “keep my commandments” section

Leader gives choices:

“Someone is mean — what do we do?”

Children: **Be kind!**

“Someone hurts us?”

Children: **Forgive!**

11. Hands on Heart

Best during reflection on “I am in you”

Children place hand on heart.

Leader:

“Jesus is near...”

“Jesus is with me...”

“Jesus is in my life...”

12. Holy Spirit Action

Best after Gospel

Leader:

“The Holy Spirit helps us to...”

Children respond:

- Pray
 - Be kind
 - Be brave
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13. Who Helps Me?

Best early or mid-session

Leader:

“Who helps us when we are weak?”

Children: **The Holy Spirit!**

14. Stay Close

Best before closing

Leader:

“How do we stay close to Jesus?”

Children:

- Pray
 - Go to Mass
 - Do good
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15. Situation Game

Best mid-reflection

“What do we do?”

“You feel left out...” → **Be kind / include others**

“You don’t feel like praying...” → **Pray anyway**

16. Echo Prayer

Best for prayer section

Leader:

“Jesus, stay with me”

Children repeat.

“Help me follow You”

Repeat.

17. Stillness Exercise

Best before quiet prayer

Leader:

“Sit very still...

Jesus is here...

He is close...”

(5–10 seconds silence)

18. Send & Go

Best at the end

Leader:

“Who is with you this week?”

Children: **Jesus!**

“Where is He?”

Children: **With us!**