

## **WHAT IS ENTHRONEMENT OF THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS?**

Enthronement of the Sacred Heart of Jesus is a celebration of the fact that Jesus loves us and deserves first place in our lives. By enthroning Jesus we are proclaiming him as King of our hearts!

## **WHY CELEBRATE ENTHRONMENT OF THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS?**

We celebrate the enthronement of the Sacred Heart of Jesus as a reminder to both ourselves and our children that we are deeply loved by Jesus. Enthronement is about celebrating the love of Jesus.

The following short prayer sums it up.

I am good.  
God made me good.  
God loves me.  
And so does... (My mom and dad...)  
And so do I love myself.

We enthrone the Sacred Heart as a reminder of how good God is and how good God has made us. We remember his love and respond with our whole heart.

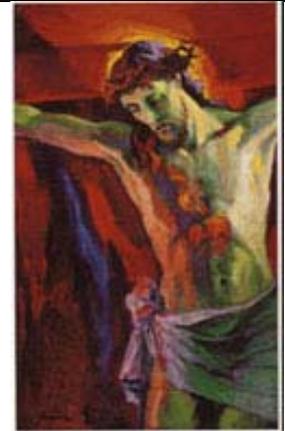
## **WHAT CAN I DO?**

1. Reflect on these ideas and share them with your class. Remember enthusiasm and spirit are caught. If you are excited, the children will be also.
2. Teach the Morning Offering.

Jesus, through the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I offer You my prayers, works, joys, and sufferings of this day, in union with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass throughout the world. I offer them for all the intentions of Your Sacred Heart: the salvation of souls,

reparation for sin, and the reunion of all Christians.

I offer them for the intentions of our bishops and of all Apostles of Prayer, and in particular for those recommended by our Holy Father this month.



3. Share with your class that we have a way of giving to God all the good things and all the bad things that happen to us. We can give him our happy thoughts and our sad feelings. We can tell him those things that worry us and those things that make us laugh. We do this when pray the Morning Offering.

## **WHY PRAY THE MORNING OFFERING?**

4. We pray the Morning Offering as a way of giving Jesus all that we do and say. He uses these actions done with love to reach out and touch the lives of others.

## **CAN I DO ANY ACTIVITIES?**

5. Have the children draw a heart and mount it on paper. Cut twelve rays from yellow paper. On each of the rays write one promise of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. (See the back of this sheet.) Arrange the rays around the heart and glue.
6. Make a world heart by arranging pictures of different peoples of the world in the shape of a heart.
7. Make a class community heart by arranging the pictures of each of your students in the shape of a heart. Be sure and put Jesus in the center.

## **QUIET PRAYER EXPERIENCES**

8. Ask the children to sit with their eyes closed, hands folded and heads bowed. Speaking softly say:

**Think about all the good things and people in your life. Pause. Think about how much God love you to send you all those people. Pause. Thank God for his love. Thank him for all those people who love you.**

9. Ask the children to sit with their eyes closed, hands folded and heads bowed. Speaking softly say:

**Think about all the people who love you: your mom and dad, your grandparents, even your brothers and sisters. Imagine God loves you even more! God wanted us to know that he loved us, so he sent Jesus to us. Jesus wanted us to know how much he loved us, so he gave us his heart. Pause. Imagine Jesus giving you a great big hug. Tell Jesus how much you love him.**

## **IS THERE ANY PRAYER WE CAN SAY?**

Sacred Heart of Jesus, who lovingly desires to instill in us a tender devotion and unlimited confidence in you, hear our prayers and grant our petitions.

1. That those devoted to You may receive all the graces necessary for their life, we pray... (All respond): HEART OF JESUS, HEAR US.
2. That there may be peace in our families, we pray... HEART OF JESUS, HEAR US.

3. That You may comfort them in their afflictions, we pray... HEART OF JESUS, HEAR US.
4. That You may be to us a secure refuge during life and above all in death, we pray... HEART OF JESUS, HEAR US.
5. That You may abundantly bless everything we do, we pray... HEART OF JESUS, HEAR US.
6. That sinners may find in Your Heart, the source and infinite ocean of mercy, we pray... HEART OF JESUS, HEAR US.
7. That lukewarm souls may grow fervent, we pray... HEART OF JESUS, HEAR US.
8. That fervent souls may quickly grow to holiness, we pray... HEART OF JESUS, HEAR US.
9. That you may bless every place where a picture of Your heart is exposed and honored, we pray... HEART OF JESUS, HEAR US.
10. That you may give priests the gift of touching the most hardened hearts, we pray... HEART OF JESUS, HEAR US.
11. That the names of us who promote devotion to you may be written eternally in your Heart, we pray... HEART OF JESUS, HEAR US.
12. That you may give the grace of final perseverance to all who receive You in the Eucharist on the First Friday of nine consecutive months, that they may not die deprived of your grace and without the Sacraments, we pray... HEART OF JESUS, HEAR US.

## **WHAT ABOUT PARENTS?**

You may want to write to your parents something like this:

As we journey through life, may I invite you to consecrate your family to the Heart of Jesus? Choose to make Jesus the CENTER of your family! Try to show the Love of the Heart of Jesus to each other.

## **WHAT DO WE HAVE TO DO?**

1. Each Day: Pray the Daily Offering as a family.
2. Each Night: Make peace with each other.
3. Each Week: Remember the poor.

We live such busy lives. If God is not part of our life, what do we have? Who are we?

Our life is God's gift to us. Let us return love for love! Let us put our joys and our sorrows in the Heart of Jesus. He will help us do and be what we cannot be by ourselves. Let us this Lent love as Jesus loves us!

## **Daily Offering**

O Jesus, through the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I offer You my prayers, works, joys, and sufferings of this day, in union with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass throughout the world. I offer them for all the intentions of Your Sacred Heart: the salvation of souls, reparation for sin, and the reunion of all Christians. I offer them for the intentions of our bishops and of all Apostles of Prayer, and in particular for those recommended by our Holy Father this month.

### *Act of Consecration*

Sacred Heart of Jesus, our brother, and our friend, we thank you for loving us; we thank you for dying for us. Today we consecrate ourselves to Your most loving Heart.

We give you all that we are and all that we have, use them to draw our families closer to your Heart. Make our hearts more like your Heart.

Jesus, be the center of our families. Help us to lead good lives and to be faithful to you even in times of trouble and stress.

Help us to love one another, and to proclaim your love to others. Sacred Heart of Jesus, we place our trust in you. Sacred Heart of Jesus, we believe in your love for us.

## **A BOOKMARK FOR YOU AND YOUR STUDENTS!**

*For God so  
Loved the*



*that He  
gave us  
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