Everyone Deserves a Home - a Lesson on Adoption

GRADES PK-K - Lesson I (Year III, Day 3)

Goal: Students will learn about the loving choice of adoption. Activities will help students to see the beauty of adoption and rejoice in the gift of every individual person.

Materials: coloring supplies

Lesson: Play and sing <u>"I Love You</u>" Have the children gather in a circle on the floor. Introduce the topic of adoption. "Adoptive parents invite a baby into their homes and make them a part of their family. Lots of people are adopted." Read a book or watch a short video depicting children who have been adopted. (See links below for options.) Prompt the children with discussion questions such as: Do the adopted children have fun in their adopted family? Do they love their adoptive parents? Do they love their brothers and sisters? Are their adoptive parents happy to be with them?

Read: Yes, I'm Adopted! or My Adopted Family

Watch: "Lott Family" or Adoption Story

Activity: Draw a picture of a family.

Prayer:

Dear God, when you create new people for the world, you create them to be part of a family. Some families are big and some are small. Some families live in the city and some in the country. One thing is true about all families—there is lots of love! Sometimes parents cannot take care of their children. When that happens, we ask that You send them new families. Please let these children find families to love them, and give them everything they need to grow up happy and healthy! We thank You for our families! Amen.

Lesson adapted from the plans on the Archdiocese of Los Angeles Office of Life, Justice and Peace website