

Family Faith Formation Unit 2

Overview

Unit 2 – How do we celebrate what we believe? The Faith Celebrated

Oct 31 At Home

Lesson 6 – How does God share His life with us?

Lesson 6 asks the Essential Question “How does God share his life with us?” The opening Scripture offers an important focus for this lesson: “For where two or three are gathered in my name, there I am in the midst of them” (Matthew 18:20). Community is necessary for our well-being in all aspects of our life. It begins with the family, our first experience of a community of faith, and spreads outward to the parish and the broader Church. Consider how Jesus dwells in the midst of your home and parish. What signs do you see of his presence?

Lesson Summary

This lesson focuses on the liturgy as the official prayer of the whole Church. In the liturgy Jesus and the Holy Spirit prepare us to receive grace. During the Liturgy of the Word, we hear about God’s love from both the Old and New Testaments. During the Liturgy of the Eucharist, the priest asks God to send the Holy Spirit so that the bread and wine may become the Body and Blood of Christ. Jesus knows that we need to see, touch, and hear signs of his presence, and so he has given the Church the sacraments, and these are also part of the Church’s liturgy. They are the instruments of the Holy Spirit at work in Jesus’ Body, the Church. A sacramental is a blessing, object, or action that helps us make our lives holy and act on God’s graces given in the sacraments.

How does Jesus heal, forgive, and feed you in the liturgy?

- Liturgy
- Sacrament
- Sacramentals
- Prayer

NOVEMBER

7 Class Day

Lesson 7 – How do we praise and thank God?

Lesson 7 explores the Essential Question “How do we praise and thank God?” Imagine how much stronger your relationship with God will be if you praise him each day. In doing so, you open yourself to the goodness of God that draws forth from you a deep sense of gratitude and wonder. You might use the phrase from the Gloria in this lesson: “We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you.” As you utter each line, add something for which you praise, bless, adore, and glorify God.

Lesson Summary

This lesson focuses on the Liturgy of the Word, the liturgical year, and the role of rituals and devotions. Sunday is the Lord’s Day on which we celebrate the Mass as the center of our Catholic life. During the Liturgy of the Word we hear readings from the Old and New

Testaments. These readings follow a certain order, guided by the Church's liturgical year. The liturgical year helps us recall and celebrate all that Jesus did for our salvation. In this way the whole year becomes a "year of God's grace." A ritual is a special way that Catholics celebrate and pray to God. All around the world, Catholics use their local customs to praise and worship God. Devotions also help us pray and show our love for God and help us grow closer to him.

Which rituals in your daily life resemble aspects of the rituals we celebrate within liturgy?

- Praise
- Mass
- Liturgy of the Word
- Liturgical Year
- Devotions

14 At Home Lesson 8 – How do we become members of the church?

Lesson 8 asks the Essential Question "How do we become members of the Church?" What are your earliest memories of being a member of the Church? You might recall the awe you felt the first time you received Holy Communion, or you might remember the music and prayers that were sung. Do you treasure photos and other mementoes of your Baptism? What were your feelings at your Confirmation? Let these sacramental experiences deepen your appreciation of what it means to be a member of the Catholic Church

Lesson Summary

This lesson aims to help learners know the effects of each Sacrament of Christian Initiation, essential elements and celebrants of these sacraments, and the meaning of Real Presence. The students will understand how the sacraments unite the recipients to Christ and his grace. In particular, the Sacraments of Christian Initiation transform, strengthen, and nourish us to live out our faith as members of the Church.

What does sharing in the Real Presence mean to you? How has your participation in the sacraments nourished and strengthened you to live out your faith every day?

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| ➤ Sacraments of Christian Initiation | ➤ Sacred Chrism |
| ➤ Baptism | ➤ Consecration |
| ➤ Confirmation | ➤ Transubstantiation |
| ➤ Laying on of Hands | ➤ Real Presence |
| ➤ Anoint | ➤ Eucharist |

21 Class Day Lesson 9 – How do we celebrate God's healing and forgiving?

Lesson 9 asks the Essential Question "How do we celebrate God's forgiveness and healing?" The Scripture quote from Psalm 86 is very powerful: "Lord, you are good and forgiving." When our lives feel fractured by stress, resentment, anxiety, fear, and hurt, we need the healing power of Christ's love in our lives. Offer your own fractured self to Jesus, trusting in his ability to forgive you and heal you with his love.

Lesson Summary

This lesson aims to help students grow in a deeper appreciation for the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick and the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation. When we are sick, we can call on God. Sickness can take a physical, psychological, or spiritual form. Jesus understands our pain and suffering because he suffered and died on the Cross. He shows us the mercy of the Father. The entire lesson builds toward understanding that we celebrate God's healing in the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick and the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation.

When are you most likely to pray for someone's healing? How do you help others know God's forgiveness and healing?

- Forgiveness
- Healing
- Sacraments of Healing
- Penance and Reconciliation
- Anointing of the Sick
- Oil of the Sick

DECEMBER

Unit 2 Continued

5 Class Day

Lesson 10 – How are we strengthened for service to God and other?

Lesson 10 explores the Essential Question "How are we strengthened for service to God and others?" This lesson begins with a wonderful Scripture verse: "Serve the LORD with gladness" (Psalm 100:2). Authentic acts of service are not done to serve one's ego or as a sort of penance. When we take humble pride in our service, we recognize the grace that comes with being generous, compassionate, and caring. Reflect on the gladness that you experience in serving others.

Lesson Summary

This lesson aims to help the children understand that we share in Jesus' work in the world through our calling to a particular vocation. The activities should develop skills for defining and using the faith words as part of their vocabulary. In doing so, they should identify how people are called to serve God and the Church through the Sacraments of Service and name ways that they can serve others. All of these build an understanding of what it means to serve Christ and his Church as well as how we celebrate what we believe.

Who helped you discern your vocation? Although they are young, how might you help the children begin to consider their call to serve others, perhaps as ordained clergy or married people?

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| ➤ Common Priesthood of the Faithful | ➤ Bishops |
| ➤ Sacraments at the Service of
Communion | ➤ Priests |
| ➤ Holy Orders | ➤ Deacons |
| | ➤ Matrimony |

