Where Heaven and Earth Meet
OVERVIEW OF THE MASS

PREPARATION FOR LESSON ONE

A QUICK GLANCE AT THE MONTH AHEAD
(See below for more detailed information.)
⇒ Review and print lesson, activities, Review Cards, and Memory Verse.
⇒ Print or purchase A Picture Book of the Mass.
⇒ Gather white poster board, and a small container of holy water.
⇒ Print or purchase W.O.G. Logs if you plan to provide them to students (See Page 5.)
⇒ Order Cycle A Liturgical Calendar if you have not purchased the Supply Kit. (See Page 5.)
⇒ Order Priest Paper Doll if you have not purchased the Supply Kit. (See Page 5.)
⇒ Purchase children’s tithing envelopes. (See Page 5.)

Materials Needed

◆ A Picture Book of the Mass—1/classroom
This lesson requires the use of a picture book showing the major parts of the Mass. There are several books available for purchase, including one in the Saint Joseph book series entitled, The Mass for Children by Rev. Jude Winkler, OFM, which is available online from a variety of sources, including but not limited to catholicfreeshipping.com and inhisname.com.

Another option is to print one of the two booklet formats included on the flash drive. The first format has photographs and is ready to print and distribute. The second format allows you to personalize it by inserting photographs from your parish.

For the personalized option, have someone take photographs of your priest celebrating Mass in your church, and use the directions provided below to create the books. Using these books will help your students instantly recognize the parts of the Mass they are already familiar with and better retain any new information. Once the books are assembled, you may wish to save them for use again the next time this lesson comes around. If you choose this option:

BEFORE YOU BEGIN:
Explain this project to your priest, and obtain his permission to take photographs during Mass.

SUPPLIES NEEDED (per book—each classroom will need one):

- two 1½ inch book rings
- 15 sheets of heavy cardstock (8½ x 11)
- rubber cement or double stick tape
- photos of each part of the Mass (as specified in the booklet)
ASSEMBLING THE BOOKS:
• Print A Picture Book of the Mass (blank version) onto cardstock (one-sided; 1 per classroom).
• Punch two holes on the wide edge of each page where indicated.
• Glue the photos to each page in the order given.
• Insert the book rings into the holes to “bind” the books, allowing the pages to be flipped as they are read to the students.

♦ White Poster Board—1/classroom
One sheet of white poster board is needed for the Star Project as explained in the “Welcome” section of the lesson.

♦ Small Container of Holy Water—1/classroom
Have small containers of holy water available for the students to practice making the Sign of the Cross as directed in the “Get Up and Move” box in the lesson.

♦ Memory Verse—1/catechist
Determine from previous month’s Home Lessons or the Overview of Dates and Topics for the year which Memory Verse the students have been memorizing. Print a copy from the flash drive (See “Other” folder.) for use by the catechist when listening to the students recite it.

♦ OTHER—The following should also be provided. Please refer to detailed information provided on Pages 3-5 of this manual.
  • Cycle A Liturgical Calendar—1/classroom
  • Priest Paper Doll—1/classroom
  • children’s tithing envelopes—1 box/student
  • W.O.G. Logs

Coordinator Notes

Travel Home Trivia
Share with parents the following questions as discussion starters with their children on the way home. These questions are also included at the end of the lesson for catechists to share with the students.
♦ Students Ask Parents What was the first Mass ever? (Jesus instituted the Mass at the Last Supper.)
♦ Parents Ask Students To Whom do we pray during Mass? (God the Father)

Preparation of the Gifts
Part of this lesson teaches about the Preparation of the Gifts during Mass. Catechists are instructed to ask the students if they know how families in your parish can volunteer to take up the gifts at Mass. Make sure your catechists have the information specific to your parish to adequately answer this question, and have them encourage the students to talk to their families about participating in the Mass in this way.
Communion Blessing
At some churches, those not receiving Communion can receive a blessing from the priest or deacon, or a short prayer from the Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion. This blessing or prayer at Communion is a local custom in some parishes and is not a required element of the liturgy. If it is the custom in your parish, you may include this teaching by providing copies of the Communion Blessing to each of your catechists. If not, you may omit this additional piece.

Parent’s Pledge
While not specifically built into this lesson, it is recommended that you allow some time at the end of your session for parents and students to spend time together discussing when the Family Formation Home Lessons will fit into their family’s schedule, and agree to set that time aside each week. Planning for a consistent time will be a key factor in their success with this program. Use this time to have them complete the Parents’ Pledge (included in the Home Lesson materials) and encourage families to post it on their refrigerator or bulletin board as a reminder. End your session by having the families pray together the Prayer of a Family found on the back of the Pledge.

Liturgical Cycle Review
Review the current Liturgical Calendar to determine in which season the Church will be when your classes meet. Compile a list of questions specific to the season that you can pass along to your catechists for discussion with students. Highlight any special feast days, change of seasons, holy days of obligation, etc.
Printing Instructions

All materials to be printed are provided on the flash drive included with this manual. All files should be printed on 8½ x 11 inch paper, in your choice of color, unless otherwise indicated.

- **Print** the lesson *Where Heaven and Earth Meet* (two-sided; one per classroom)
- **Print** the *Star Project* on brightly colored paper (one-sided; one per classroom)
- **Print** the *Lesson One Review Cards* (one-sided; cardstock optional; one set per classroom)
- **Print** the *Memory Verse* (one-sided; one per classroom) - NOTE: there are two per page. Cut in half. (See Page 4 for information on locating and identifying the correct memory assignment.)

Optional Lesson Materials
- **Print** the *Communion Blessing* (one-sided; one per classroom)
- **Print** *A Picture Book of the Mass*(one-sided; one per classroom)

**Lesson One Packing List**

Each lesson should include the following:
- **Lesson One: Where Heaven and Earth Meet**(1/classroom)
- **Star Project**(1/classroom)
- **Lesson One Review Cards**(1/classroom)
- **Memory Verse**(1/classroom)
- **Communion Blessing**(1/classroom, optional)
- **A Picture Book of the Mass**(1/classroom)
- **Cycle A Liturgical Calendar**(1/classroom)
- **Priest Paper Doll**(1/classroom)
- poster board (1/classroom)
- holy water (1 container/classroom)
- box of tithing envelopes (1/student, optional)
- **W.O.G. Logs**(1 set/student, optional)