

Overview

In Chapter 8 the children learned about Jesus' followers and what he taught them. In this chapter the children learn that Jesus loves us and that he died on the cross and rose to new life for us.

Doctrinal Content

For Adult Reading and Reflection
Catechism of the Catholic Church

The children will learn:	Paragraph
• Jesus told his followers that he loved and cared for them.	754
• Many people gathered to welcome and praise Jesus.	559
• Jesus taught in the Temple in Jerusalem.	584
• Jesus died and rose.	638

Key Words

Temple (p. 87)
Easter Sunday
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Catechist Background

What gives you hope?

One important aspect of Jesus' message, that he loves us and cares for us, is captured in the story of the Good Shepherd. (See John 10:1–18.) This story was one to which the people of Jesus' day could relate. It contains a profound message of someone who watches over us and will even sacrifice his life for us. As Jesus taught this lesson of his ultimate love, people's hearts were uplifted and they found hope. It was this hope in Jesus that drew people to welcome him into Jerusalem with palms and shouts of "Hosanna!" The people were joyful because they had hope in their hearts.

The angel who met the women at the empty tomb on Easter morning repeated a message of love and hope. He told the women not to be afraid. We, too, believe Christ is with us as he promised. We do not have to give in to fear but can always find the hope that comes from faith.

Go to www.webelieveweb.com, Catechist/Teacher, We Believe Correlations for this chapter's correlation to:

- Six Tasks of Catechesis
- *Catechetical Formation in Chaste Living.*

Truly it is what happened between those two events of Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday that is so amazing. Jesus did what he said the Good Shepherd was willing to do. He gave his own life for us. How easily we say, "Jesus rose again on the third day." But it is the miracle of miracles. He rose again. And because of that, we will too.

The promise of Eternal Life enables Christians to be persons of hope. Every day of our lives we face that challenge. We can be hopeful because we have faith in what Jesus did for us. This gives us joy and peace in our hearts. When our own joyful hope shines through, we give a powerful message to the children in our care. This is what a Christian believer is like!

How does your belief in the Resurrection of Christ affect your daily life?

Lesson Planning Guide

Lesson Steps

Presentation

Materials

1 WE GATHER

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- Praise and thank Jesus.
- Discuss some ways that guides help people.

For the prayer space: a Bible, a cross, a palm branch, and a picture of Jesus, the Good Shepherd (option)

2 WE BELIEVE

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Jesus told his followers that he loved and cared for them.



- Read the Scripture story about the Good Shepherd.
- Follow the path of signs.

- crayons or colored pencils

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Many people gathered to welcome and praise Jesus.



- Present the story of Jesus entering Jerusalem.
- Show ways of praising Jesus.
- Read and discuss the *As Catholics* text.

- copies of Reproducible Master 9, guide page 83C
- crayons or colored pencils, scissors

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Jesus taught in the Temple in Jerusalem.



- Present the story of Jesus teaching in the Temple.
- Sing a song about the house of God.
- Discuss places where you can pray.

- globe or world map (option)
- "In the House of Our God," Christopher Walker, #8, Grade 1 CD

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Jesus died and rose.



- Read and discuss Jesus' Death and Resurrection.
- Present why we celebrate Easter Sunday.

3 WE RESPOND

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- Talk about celebrating Easter.
- Celebrate Jesus' love by doing the activity.

- crayons or colored markers

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Project Disciple

- Complete the **Project Disciple** activities.
- Explain the *Take Home* activity.
- Discuss/send home **Sharing Faith with My Family** reproducible master for this chapter.

- pencils
- copies of **Sharing Faith with My Family** reproducible master, Chapter 9 (back of book)

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Chapter 9 Test

- Complete **Chapter 9 Test**.
- Work on *Alternative Assessment* activity.

- optional: copies of Scripture reproducible master, *What's the Word?*, Chapter 9 (back of book)