

# Chapter 21 The Three Days

Advent

Christmas

Ordinary Time

Lent

Three Days

Easter

Ordinary Time

## The Three Days

Christ redeemed us all and gave perfect glory to God principally through his paschal mystery: dying he destroyed our death and rising he restored our life. Therefore the Easter Triduum of the passion and resurrection of Christ is the culmination of the entire liturgical year.

*(Norms Governing Liturgical Calendars, 18)*

## Overview

In this chapter the children will learn that we celebrate the Death and Resurrection of Jesus during the Easter Triduum.

### For Adult Reading and Reflection

You may want to refer to paragraph 628 of the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*.

## Catechist Background

What do you consider to be the most important three days of the liturgical year?

The Church's celebration of the Triduum, the Three Days, begins on Holy Thursday and ends on Easter Sunday evening. Each liturgical celebration from the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday to Evening Prayer on Easter Sunday is part of the celebration of the Paschal Mystery, Christ's Passion, Death and Resurrection. If we sincerely participate in these celebrations, we may sense that our ordinary lives are truly lived in Christ, with him and through him in sorrow and joy.

Within the Triduum, the Easter Vigil is the high point, because this is the celebration of the night when Christ passed from death to life, the night when hope and joy are once again restored to us. Celebrating our belief in Christ crucified, buried,

and risen—and thus handing on our faith in him—is a baptismal ministry shared by all believers.

During the Triduum, as we enter deeply into the “hour” of Christ's Passover, we are asked to join him. We are asked to leave sin and death behind, and walk with Jesus into new life, love, peace, and forgiveness. Jesus Christ whom we follow has conquered death and sin. “You too must think of yourselves as [being] dead to sin and living for God in Christ Jesus” (Romans 6:11).

Go to [www.webelieveweb.com](http://www.webelieveweb.com), Catechist/Teacher, We Believe Correlations for this chapter's correlation to the Six Tasks of Catechesis.

How will you participate in the Church's celebration of the Triduum, the Three Days?

# Lesson Planning Guide

## Lesson Steps

## Presentation

## Materials

### 1 WE GATHER

<p><b>page 115</b> <b>Introduce the Season</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Read the <i>Chapter Story</i>.</li> <li>• Introduce the Advent Season.</li> <li>• Proclaim words on a banner.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>page 116</b></p>	<p> Sing an Advent song.</p>	<p> "Stay Awake," Christopher Walker, #9, Grade 2 CD</p>

### 2 WE BELIEVE

<p><b>pages 116–117</b> <i>Advent is a season of waiting and preparing.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Present the text about Advent.</li> <li> Complete the Advent-wreath activity.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• colored pencils or crayons</li> </ul>
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### 3 WE RESPOND

<p><b>page 118</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Brainstorm ways to help people see God's love.</li> <li> Complete the Advent calendar.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Text page 114</b> <b>Guide page 114–120</b> <b>We Respond in Prayer</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Listen to Scripture.</li> <li>• Respond in prayer.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• prayer space items: photos of light shining in darkness, Advent wreath (option)</li> <li>• flashlight</li> </ul>
<p><b>Text page 120</b> <b>Guide pages 114–120, 120A</b> <b>Project Disciple</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Complete the <b>Project Disciple</b> activities. Discuss the <i>Take Home</i> activity.</li> <li>• Complete the Reproducible Master 13 activity. See guide pages 120A and 115C.</li> <li>• Discuss/send home <b>Sharing Faith with My Family</b>, guide page 120B.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• colored pencils</li> <li>• scissors, glue, dark colored construction paper</li> <li>• copies of Reproducible Master 13, guide page 120A</li> <li>• copies of <b>Sharing Faith with My Family</b> reproducible master for this chapter, guide page 120B</li> </ul>

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