7th & 8th Grade Encounter Catechist Guide 2019-2020

Class #1: Encounter Session One  (Sept. 29)
4:15-4:20 Welcome and Introductions  (Courtney)

4:20-4:30 My Spiritual Lineage  (Small Groups)
- Student will receive Bibles, these are theirs to keep
- This activity is a variation of the family trees often kept in bibles
- Student name should go in the middle
  - Above- people who have inspired, encouraged, etc. their faith
  - Below- people who they have inspired, encouraged, etc. in their faiths

4:30-4:35 Video- Intro  (DVD)
- Video 0:00-1:59
- Pause at 2 Kings 2:23-25
  - Teaching on how to look things up in Bible
    ▪ Set-Up
    ▪ Looking verses up
  - Memorize books challenge & Verse of the Week & Bonus Info

4:35-4:45  (Small Groups)
- Pause at the Video when 2 Kings 2:23-25 appears on screen
  - Teaching and practice on how to use our Bibles

4:45-4:55 Video- Intro cont’d  (DVD)
- Video 2:00-9:44
- Pause at 3:22 to look up Act 20:7-12

4:55-5:00 Pop Quiz  (Small Groups)
- Complete Pop Quiz

5:00-5:15 Video- Intro conclusion  (DVD)
- Complete Video

5:15-5:25 Discussion  (Small Groups)
- Discuss questions found in the Talking It Out section on page 3 of the Leader Guide
- Also prepare questions for Fr. Brian

5:25-5:45 Prayer- Liturgy of the Hours  (Fr. Brian)
- Introduction of Liturgy of the Hours
- Praying of the Liturgy of the Hours

**If extra time Questions for Fr. Brian**  (Fr. Brian)

Class #2: Encounter Session Two  (Oct. 27)
4:15-4:20 Welcome and Introductions (Courtney)

4:20-4:35 Video- Early World (DVD)
  • Watch video until 15:38

4:35-4:50 Bible Animal Look-Up (Small Groups)
  • Groups will be given a list of Bible verses that contain animals and 5 mins. to look up as many as possible

4:50-5:05 Video- Early World Cont’d (DVD)
  • Complete video

5:05-5:15 Discussion (Small Groups)
  • Discussion questions found in the Talking it Out section on page 7 of the Leader Guide
  • Also prepare questions for Fr. Brian

5:15-5:30 Prayer- Scriptural Coloring (Courtney & Small Groups)
  • Teaching on Scriptural Coloring
  • Pray via Scriptural Coloring

5:30-5:45 Pastor’s Visit (Fr. Brian)
4:15-4:20 Welcome and Introductions (Courtney)

4:20-4:35 Video-Patriarchs (DVD)
- Watch video until 14:18

4:35-4:45 What’s in a Name? (Small Groups)
- Have everyone share in their small groups the meaning of their names:
  - Are they name after someone?
  - Does their name mean something?
  - Does it reflect their family’s culture?
  - Why did their parents pick that particular name?
  - Etc.
- If there is extra time you can also discuss other famous names changes:
  - Biblical (Jacob -> Israel, Simon -> Peter, Saul -> Paul)
  - Superheroes (Bruce Wayne -> Batman, Tony Stark -> Ironman)
  - Popes (Jorge Mario Bergoglio -> Pope Francis)

4:45-5:00 Video- Patriarchs Cont’d (DVD)
- Complete video

5:00-5:10 Discussion (Small Groups)
- Discussion questions found in the Talking it Out section on page 11 of the Leader Guide
- Also prepare questions for Fr. Brian

5:10-5:30 Prayer- Name Inserting (Courtney & Small Groups)
- Teaching on Scriptural Coloring
- Pray via Scriptural Coloring
  - Look up the verse(s)
  - Figure out if the verse(s) is someone talking to God OR God talking to someone. Looking at the verses around the verse(s) can help with this.
  - a. If the verse is someone talking to God- replace all of the I’s, me’s, mine’s, etc. with your name.
  - b. If the verse is God talking to someone- replace all of the you’s, your’s, etc. with your name.
  (either of these may involve editing the grammar a little so it makes sense)
  - Write down the verse with the replacements
  - Once everyone has adjusted their verses, pray them as a group together. Start with the Sign of the Cross, have everyone go around and read their verses. Finish with the Sign of the Cross. Wait quietly for other groups to finish.

5:30-5:45 Pastor’s Visit (Fr. Brian)
Class #4: Encounter Session Four (Dec. 22)
4:15-4:20 Welcome and Introductions (Courtney)

4:20-4:35 Video-Egypt & Exodus (Part 2) (DVD)
• Watch video until 12:00

4:35-4:50 The 10 Commandments (Small Groups & Courtney)
• Groups will be given 5 minutes to come up with as many of the 10 Commandments (in the correct order!) as possible
• Teaching on Commandments on fingers
• Differences in listings of 10 Commandments

4:50-5:05 Video- Patriarchs Cont’d (DVD)
• Complete video

5:05-5:15 Discussion (Small Groups)
• Discussion questions found in the Talking it Out section on page 11 of the Leader Guide
• Also prepare questions for Fr. Brian

5:15-5:30 Prayer- Taizé (Courtney)
• Teaching on Taizé
• Pray via Taizé

5:30-5:45 Pastor’s Visit (Fr. Brian)
Class #5: Encounter Session Five (Jan. 26)
4:15-4:20 Welcome and Introductions (Courtney)

4:20-4:35 Video-Royal Kingdom (DVD)
- Watch video until 13:38

4:35-4:55 Facing Our Giants (Small Groups & Courtney)
- Each group will have a poster sized piece of paper on which to make a giant
- Outline a giant on the paper and then fill it with things (circumstances, situations, people, etc.) that go against the Faith and may be intimidating to stand-up to
- Also draw a pouch and fill it with five stones
- On each stone, write something (a virtue, a prayer, a person, a fact, a saying, a memory, etc.) that helps one to be courageous in the faith
- Once all groups have finished, each group will present their giant and stones to the larger group

4:55-5:10 Video- Royal Kingdom Cont’d (DVD)
- Complete video

5:10-5:20 Discussion (Small Groups)
- Discussion questions found in the Talking it Out section on page 19 of the Leader Guide
- Also prepare questions for Fr. Brian

5:20-5:30 Prayer- Contemplation of Place (Courtney)
- Teaching on Contemplation of Place
- Pray via Contemplation of Place

5:30-5:45 Pastor’s Visit (Fr. Brian)
Class #6: Encounter Session Six (Feb. 23)
4:15-4:20 Welcome and Introductions (Courtney)

4:20-4:35 Video-Exile & Return (DVD)
  • Watch video until 15:41

4:35-4:50 Objects in Our Church (Small Groups)
  • Each group will receive three packs of cards
    o Pictures of various things we have in our church
    o Names of these things
    o Descriptions of these things
  • Groups will be tasked with matching pictures, names, and descriptions
  • First group to finish wins!

4:50-5:05 Video- Exile & Return cont’d (DVD)
  • Complete video

5:05-5:15 Discussion (Small Groups)
  • Discussion questions found in the Talking it Out section on page 23 of the Leader Guide
  • Also prepare questions for Fr. Brian

5:20-5:30 Prayer- Contemplation of Place (Courtney)
  • Teaching on Contemplation of Place
  • Pray via Contemplation of Place

5:30-5:45 Pastor’s Visit (Fr. Brian)
Class #7: Encounter Session Seven (Mar. 15)
4:15-4:20 Welcome and Introductions (Courtney)

4:20-4:30 Reconciliation Prep & Penance Service (Courtney)
- Brief Reminder about Confession
- Pray Prayer Service

Ongoing *Grade Level Confession (Priests & Table Facilitators)
- For the remainder of class, as priests become available, we will be sending kids to the Sacrament of Reconciliation by small group (adults are welcome to go too!)

4:30-4:45 Video-Messianic Fulfillment (DVD)
- Watch video until 14:38

4:45-5:00 Symbols & Shields of the Twelve (Small Groups)
- Each group will be given two sets of cards
  - Bios of the 12 Apostles
  - Shields of the 12 Apostles
- Groups will be given ~8 minutes to match bios and shield
- Group with the most number right will be the winner

5:00-5:15 Video- Messianic Fulfillment Cont’d cont’d (DVD)
- Complete video

5:15-5:25 Discussion (Small Groups)
- Discussion questions found in the Talking it Out section on page 27 of the Leader Guide
- Also prepare questions for Fr. Brian

5:25-5:40 Prayer- Journaling (Courtney)
- Teaching on Journaling
- Pray via Journaling

5:40-5:45 Pastor’s Visit (Fr. Brian)
Class #8: Encounter Session Eight

4:15-4:20 Welcome and Introductions (Courtney)

4:20-4:35 Video-The Church (DVD)
  • Watch video until 17:09

4:35-4:50 The Gospel Message (Small Groups)
  • Each group will be given a list of Scripture verses that “sum up” The Gospel message
  • Groups should spend some time discussing these verses and also discussing what they believe the Gospel message is
  • Then as a group they should come up with a simple sentence (or two) that sums up the Gospel message

4:50-5:05 Video- The Church cont’d (DVD)
  • Complete video

5:05-5:15 Discussion (Small Groups)
  • Discussion questions found in the Talking it Out section on page 31 of the Leader Guide
  • Also prepare questions for Fr. Brian

5:20-5:30 Prayer- Lectio Divina (Courtney)
  • Teaching on Lectio Divina
  • Pray via Lectio

5:30-5:45 Pastor’s Visit (Fr. Brian)