

Grade 3, Unit 2 Lessons

Lesson 5: Jesus is Risen!

Opening Prayer: Today we are learning about the Paschal Mystery. The paschal mystery is the suffering, death, resurrection and ascension of Jesus. We celebrate this mystery at every Mass. Today let's begin with a special prayer we say at Mass that talks about this mystery called the Memorial Acclamation.

[Begin and end with the sign of the cross]

We proclaim your death O Lord and profess your Resurrection until you come again.

1. Watch Videos: The Story of Easter – Jesus' Sacrifice & Ascension

Have you ever had someone do something mean to you? Would you be willing to take the punishment for that person? That is what Jesus did for us. By dying on the cross and being raised from the dead He took the punishment for our sins because He loves you so much.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f1iO1Y8Ruus>

The events in the video make up what we call the Paschal Mystery. These events include Jesus' betrayal by Judas, Trial, crucifixion (death on the cross), and resurrection. One more event that was not mentioned in the above video is Jesus' ascension.

After His resurrection, Jesus appeared to His disciples for 40 days and taught them. Then He was taken up to heaven.

Watch the following video on the Ascension: Jesus' Ascension

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UcFw8pLBSIo>

2. Activity: What happened?

Complete the worksheet below by cutting out the pictures of the events in the Paschal Mystery and putting them in the correct order.

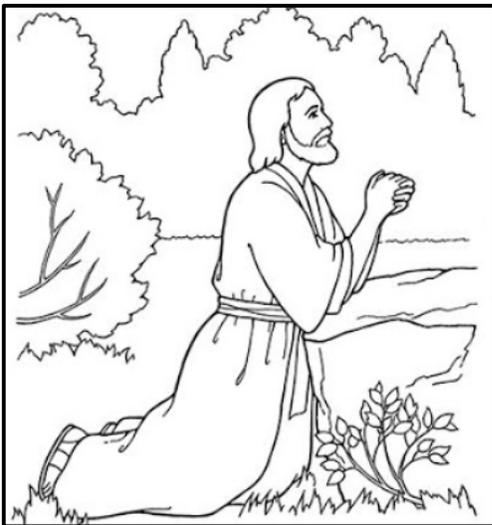
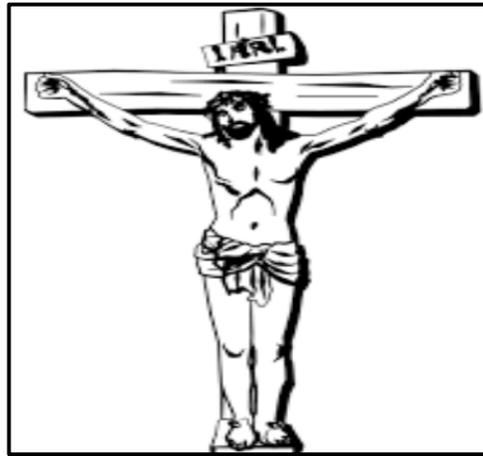
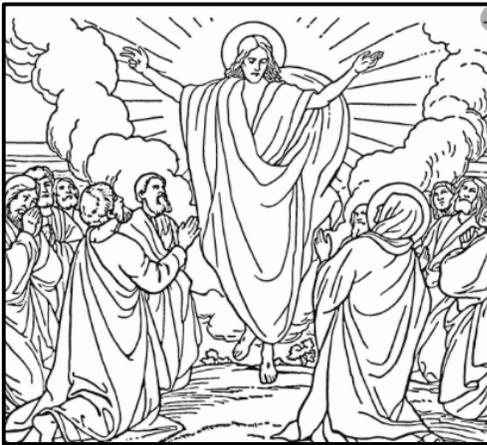
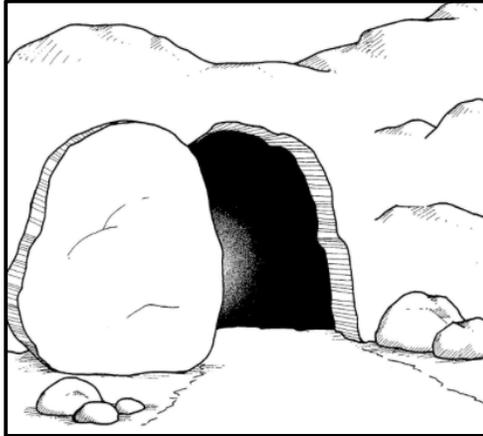
3. Ending Prayer:

[Tell your student that we have a special prayer called the Way of the Cross where we thank God for what He did for us. We will pray one line of it together today. Begin and end with the sign of the cross]

We adore you O Christ and we praise you, because by your Holy Cross you have saved the world.

[Encourage your student to say thank you to God for something and then say Amen and end with the sign of the cross]

Paschal Mystery Worksheet



Lesson 6: The Gift of the Holy Spirit

Opening Prayer: [Begin and end with the Sign of the Cross]

Come Holy Spirit, come fill our hearts with Your love. Help us to become the best version of ourselves. Amen

1. Watch Video:

Last week we learned that after Jesus rose from the dead he spent 40 days on earth with his apostles and others. Before he ascended to heaven, he promised to send a helper to be with us always. This helper is the Holy Spirit, which God sent 10 days after Jesus ascended to heaven.

Let's watch:

The Holy Spirit Comes: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0IZDXkLy154>

2. Activity: Dove & Flame

The Holy Spirit has three different names that help us remember the different things He does for us:

Advocate: Defends and strengthens us in difficulties (gives courage)

Teacher: Helps us learn to be more like Jesus (gives wisdom, understanding & knowledge)

Guide: Helps us make good decisions

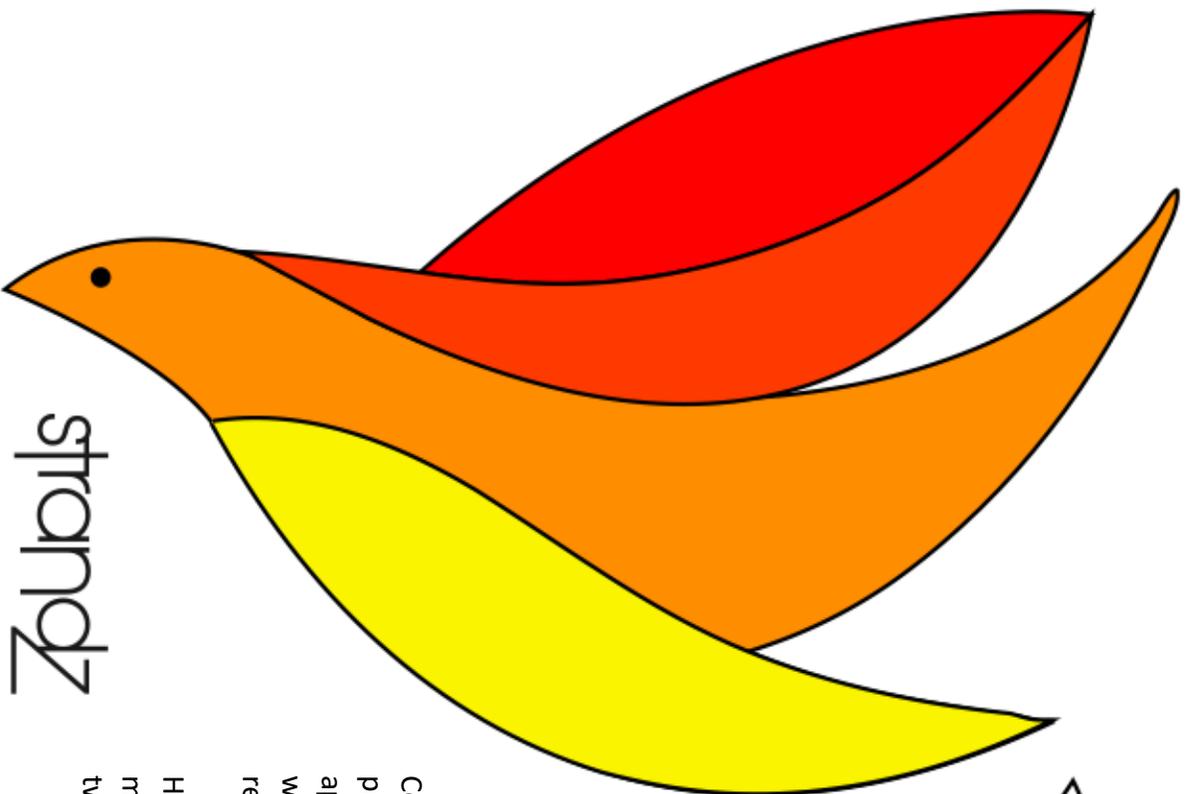
Complete the following Dove & Flame worksheet by cutting out the dove/flame (you can either print in color or print in black and white and have your student color the picture appropriately) and writing "The Holy Spirit" on one section, and then writing each of the roles of the Holy Spirit (listed above) on one of the remaining sections.

Have children either draw a small picture to help them remember the meaning of the role (i.e a book for teacher, etc) or write a word or two in each section describing that role.

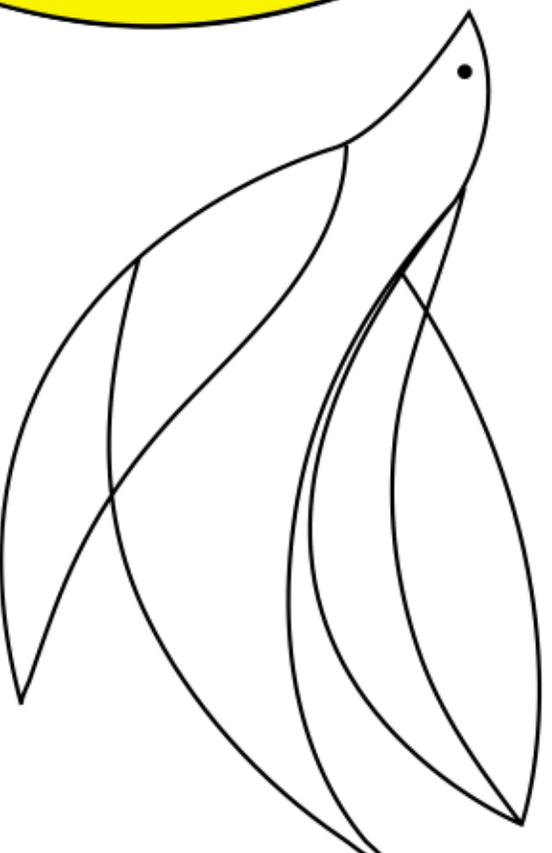
3. Closing Prayer: [Begin and end with the Sign of the Cross]

Have your child hold up their flame/dove and think about something they need the Holy Spirit's help with (strength to face a difficult situation, help with a decision, understanding, etc.).

Encourage them to speak to the Holy Spirit either in their minds or out loud and ask them for help and then thank the Holy Spirit for always being with them. End with Amen and the Sign of the Cross.



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Dove + Flame Prayers

Color and cut out the dove/flame (you can either print in color or print in black and white and have your student color the picture appropriately) and writing “The Holy Spirit” on one section, and then writing each of the roles of the Holy Spirit (listed above) on one of the remaining sections.

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Lesson 7: The Church

Opening Prayer: [Begin and end with the Sign of the Cross]

Holy Spirit, you make us a holy people. Help us to live holy lives. Amen

1. Watch Video: Your Parish Family

<https://www.dynamiccatholic.com/first-communion/blessed-program-view-first-communion-session-6-2.html>

Write or draw a picture of one way mentioned in the video that the Catholic Church is a force for good in the world:

2. Activity: Made for Mission

You are a beloved child of God! As a member of God's family and a member of His Church, you have a mission – to become the best-version-of-yourself and share God's love in the world.

On the Mission worksheet below, have your child write or draw a picture of what the best-version of themselves looks like on one side, and on the other side, write or draw about 2 things they can do to share God's love in the world.

3. Ending Prayer:

The Our Father is the prayer of all Christians (or followers of Christ). In this prayer, we ask God to help us do the work He wants us to do (our mission!).

Pray the Our Father together with your child slowly (either from memory or using the words on p. 257 of your text, or by praying along with the following video:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CHWeFBqllCA&list=PLbg4F9JBVbPc0oB9QlrYn4_7ldienJvO1&index=1

Did you know that our parish has a food bank to serve those in need? You can help, by placing donations in the bin in the back of the church when you come to Mass. If this is something you are able to do, you may consider having your child participate in this act of service.

Mission Worksheet

The Best Version of Myself...	How I can share God's love with others...
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Lesson 8: The Communion of Saints

Opening Prayer: [Begin and end with the Sign of the Cross]

Lord we love you more than anything. We love you with all our hearts. Amen

1. Watch Videos:

Blessed Session 6.3 Go make a Difference <https://www.dynamiccatholic.com/first-communion/blessed-program-view-first-communion-session-6-3.html>

The Church celebrates those people who have become their best-versions and made a difference in the world and are now living in heaven. We call them Saints. We can look to the saints for examples of how we can live out our mission to become our best-selves and share God's love in the world.

New saints are being made all the time. Here is a video on a recently named Saint. He loved computers and technology, played sports and playstation, and he fulfilled the mission God gave him to become his best-version and share God's love with others by using the gifts he was blessed with.

Blessed Carlo Acutis https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yC_oZIY_f5w

2. Activity: What can I do?

Each member of God's family has a job to do. Just like each part of your body does something different to help make the body work, each member of the church is unique, and has different gifts they can use to serve God. That's why the church is sometimes called the **Body of Christ** or **Communion of Saints**

Complete the following worksheet by writing or drawing about what special gifts you have that you can use to help you fulfill your mission.

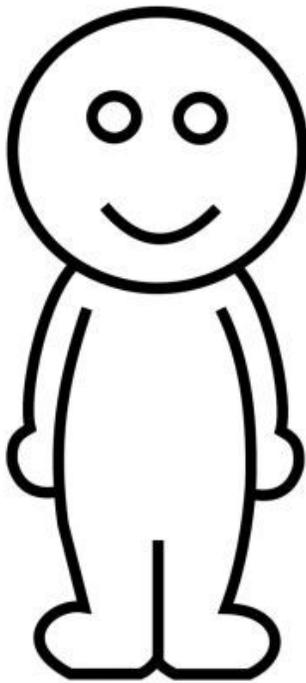
3. Ending Prayer:

The Saints in heaven can pray to God for us. There is a special prayer called the litany of saints. Using the prayer found on p. 77 of your text, pray with your child to the saints. Reminder to begin and end with the Sign of the Cross. (Suggestion: you may want to add 'Blessed Carlo Acutis, Pray for us'.)

God Made Me **Special**

My name is: _____

This is what I look like:



I like to:

I am really good at:

I can serve God by: