

Grade 4, Unit 3 Lessons

Lesson 9: People of Prayer

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

Spirit of God, be with us today as we learn new ways to talk with you. Amen.

Watch Video:

We have been talking about the Church and what it is. We learned that it is a community of believers. The main work of the Church is called the Liturgy, which is a type of group **prayer**. There are many types of prayer. We pray on our own as individuals, but also as a community. So what is prayer?

Watch this video about different types of individual prayer: God's Story, Prayer:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZrdIXOk_QdQ&t=45s

After the video, take a minute and practice the 4 types of prayers mentioned with your child.

Thank God for something (Praise)

Say sorry to God for something (Repent)

Ask God for something you need help with (Ask)

Take a minute and listen to what God might be asking of you (Yeild).

Activity: The Creeds

Praying is also something we can do as a community. It is this community prayer that is the work of the church – the Liturgy. Praying is a sign of our faith in God. One way we can share, explain and deepen this faith is by praying the Creeds. The two main creeds of the Church that we pray often are the Apostles Creed and the Nicene Creed.

In the charts below, write down 2 things from each creed that we believe about God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit. You can find the creeds on p. 258 of your textbook.

Ending Prayer:

There are many ways to pray. The important thing is to make time to pray. Today let's do this short 3-minute guided prayer together. Find a quiet place and get comfortable. Breathe deeply and think about God while listening to this guided prayer [parents may want to help read so kids can keep their eyes shut].

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

The Creeds Worksheet

In the charts below, please write two things each that we believe, that are included in the specified creed about God the Father, about God the Son, and about God the Holy Spirit. Please use p. 258 in your text for reference.

The Apostles Creed		
God the Father	God the Son	God the Holy Spirit
1.	1.	1.
2.	2.	2.

The Nicene Creed		
God the Father	God the Son	God the Holy Spirit
1.	1.	1.
2.	2.	2.

What did you notice was different between the two creeds?

Lesson 10: Celebrating God's Love

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

Dear God, we love you with all our hearts. Be with us today as we celebrate your love for us. Amen.

Watch Video:

We began last week learning about the Liturgy, which is the prayer of the Church. Remember, the Church is not a building, but a community of believers. The Liturgy is the special prayers that we pray together as a community of believers and it centers around the celebration of the Eucharist at Mass and the other sacraments.

We celebrate the Liturgy every day of the year at the Mass, and throughout the year we travel through different seasons that focus on different aspects of Jesus' life and ministry.

The Liturgical Year: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=otUf_ovMLOQ

After watching the video, answer the following questions based on what you watched:

What is the first season in the Liturgical Year? _____

What is the 'Central Mystery of our Faith?' _____

Activity:

Pick one of the liturgical seasons listed on p.95 in your textbook complete the Seasonal Worksheet below based on the season you chose. You may use p. 225-226 in your book as reference, or do a google search (making sure to look for catholic resources) to help you.

Ending Prayer:

Using your Bibles, look up the following verse and write it below: Ecclesiastes 3:1

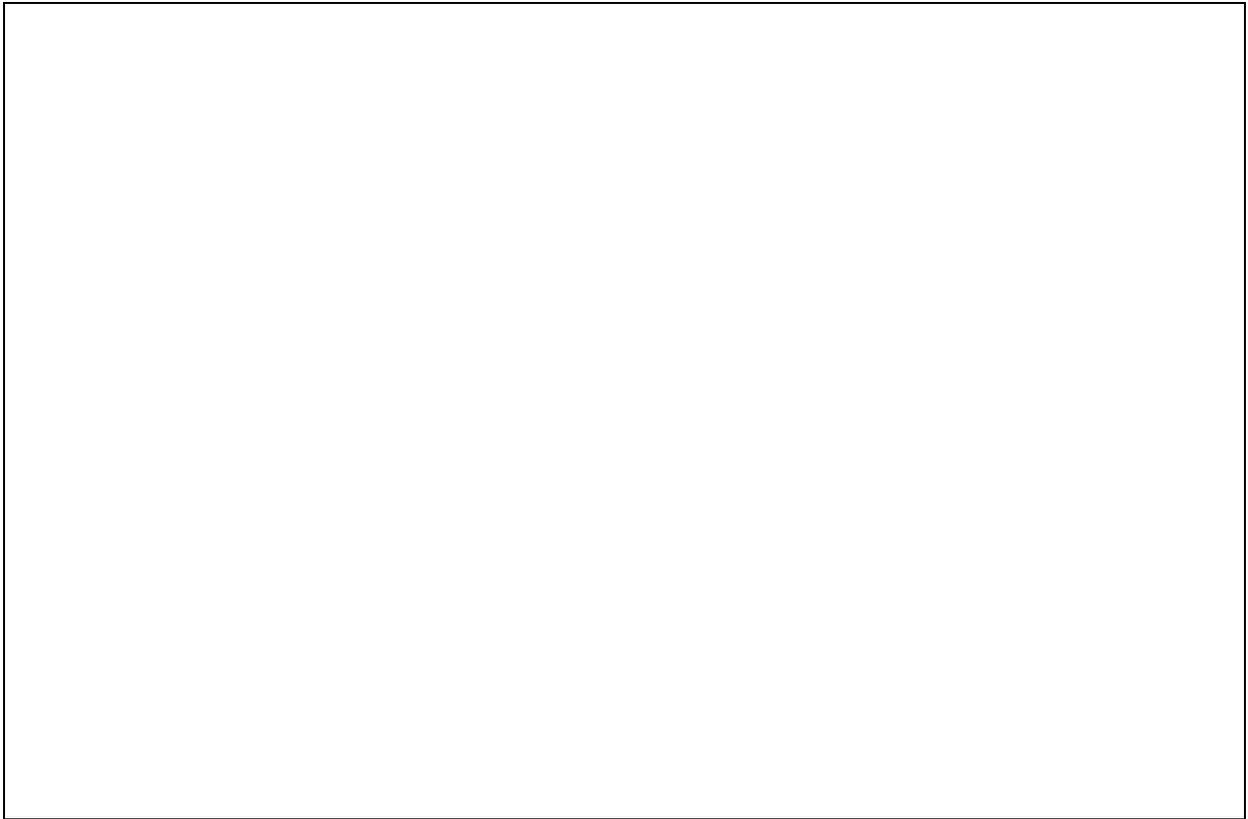
Make the Sign of the Cross. Sit quietly and ask God what this means for you. Write what it means for you below:

Seasonal Worksheet

Season I picked: _____

What is the liturgical color of this season?

Draw a picture or symbol to show what we do in this season:



What part of Christ's life do we celebrate or focus on during this season?

Lesson 11: Sharing in Christ’s Life and Work

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

Jesus, you are living water for us. We believe in you. Amen.

Watch Video:

The last few weeks, we have been learning about the Church and its work (Liturgy). This work, or liturgy, is centered around the Sacraments, especially the Eucharist. The Sacraments are special celebrations of our faith given to us by Jesus that unite us more closely with Him and His Church through the working of the Holy Spirit.

7 Sacraments Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qmfSwi3ZKH4>

The Sacraments are grouped based on what they do. The first 3 Sacraments are known as the Sacraments of Initiation, as they make us full members of the Church. Watch this video on the Sacraments of Initiation to learn more:

Sacraments of Initiation video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3u301TW5nRQ&t=33s>

Activity:

Complete the Sacraments of Initiation Worksheet below by filling in the names of the 3 Sacraments of Initiation, drawing a picture or writing what the physical sign that we see in that Sacrament, and then writing or drawing a picture to describe the invisible gift we receive in each sacrament. You can use p. 102-103 in your text if you need help.

Ending Prayer:

Look up the following Bible Verse and write it below: Matthew 5:14-16

Make the Sign of the Cross and sit quietly with God and ask Him what He is saying to you in this verse. Write what you hear below:

Sacraments of Initiation Worksheet

Complete the chart by filling in the 3 Sacraments of Initiation, and for each, what signs that we can see, and what gifts we receive that we can't see.

Sacraments of Initiation	Visible Sign	Invisible Gift

Lesson 12: Responding to God's Call

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

Lord, help us listen to you today. Amen

Watch Video:

We have been learning that we are the Church, and that together we work for God. Today we will look at what God is calling us to do.

First, let's watch the story of Samuel from the Bible:

Story of Samuel: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P13ulsFW7OA>

Even through Samuel was young, God had an important mission for him, and God has an important mission for you too! The mission God wants you to complete is called a Vocation.

Watch the following video to learn more:

Vocations: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fWxnG-O7OvY>

Activity: I follow Jesus

Complete the activity on p.112 of your text book by writing a gift or talent that you have in each balloon. In the space provided below the balloons, write how you can use some of your gifts to serve God and others. Circle a gift that you would like to grow stronger.

Ending Prayer:

Today we are going to try and listen to God as Samuel did. Make the sign of the Cross and pray "Speak Lord, Your servant is listening". Then play the following meditation. Close your eyes and think about the story of Samuel and what God might be saying to you.

Guided Meditation: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=I0C4_499Ing

What I heard:
