

Lesson 9 – The Body of Christ

Grade 3 – Chapter 9 and Christmas

KEY CONCEPT

The Church is the Body of Christ, to which all her members belong. Stewardship is the way we appreciate and use God's gifts – including our time, talent, and treasure and the gift of creation- to serve God and others.

QUICK SESSION OVERVIEW

STEP 1 - WELCOME

STEP 2 - INVITE

STEP 3 - DISCOVER

STEP 4 - LIVE

STEP 5 - CLOSING

Be Flexible

-Kids are going to be kids and we need to meet them where they are at

-We have lesson plans but when you get into a certain topic that you're getting good engagement from your kids on, you should continue to push that

-Understand your class and know what gets them going, then use this as your planning your lesson

STEP 1 - WELCOME

TIP

Community Activity

STEP 2 - INVITE

TIP

Let us Pray

- **Pray the Memorare**
- **Read God's word**
- **Talk about What do you wonder questions.**

STEP 3 – DISCOVER

TIP

We Each Have a Role

- **Read 1st paragraph and paragraphs about The Church**
- **Talk about Faith words**

Doing Jesus' Work

- **Read paragraphs**
- **Activity – Important Message sheet**

Sharing in Jesus' Work of Helping Others

- **Read paragraph**
- **Read God's Word**
- **Ask children the questions in the margin under God's word and write answers on a piece of poster board.**
- **Decide as a class what kind of service project or activity you could do to help others**

Share your Gifts

- **Read paragraphs**

Christmas

- 3 activity sheets
- Can read a nice Christmas book to your class

STEP 4 – LIVE

TIP

Our Catholic Life

Read paragraphs and encourage children to get involved in the parish

Christmas

- **Read paragraphs on pg. 24 and 25 about Christmas celebrations of mass.**
- **Remind the children that the season of Christmas lasts 8 days (see Catechist background on pg. 23A) Starts on Dec 25 and ends on Jan 1.**

Read God's Word (pg. 19)

Take Homes:

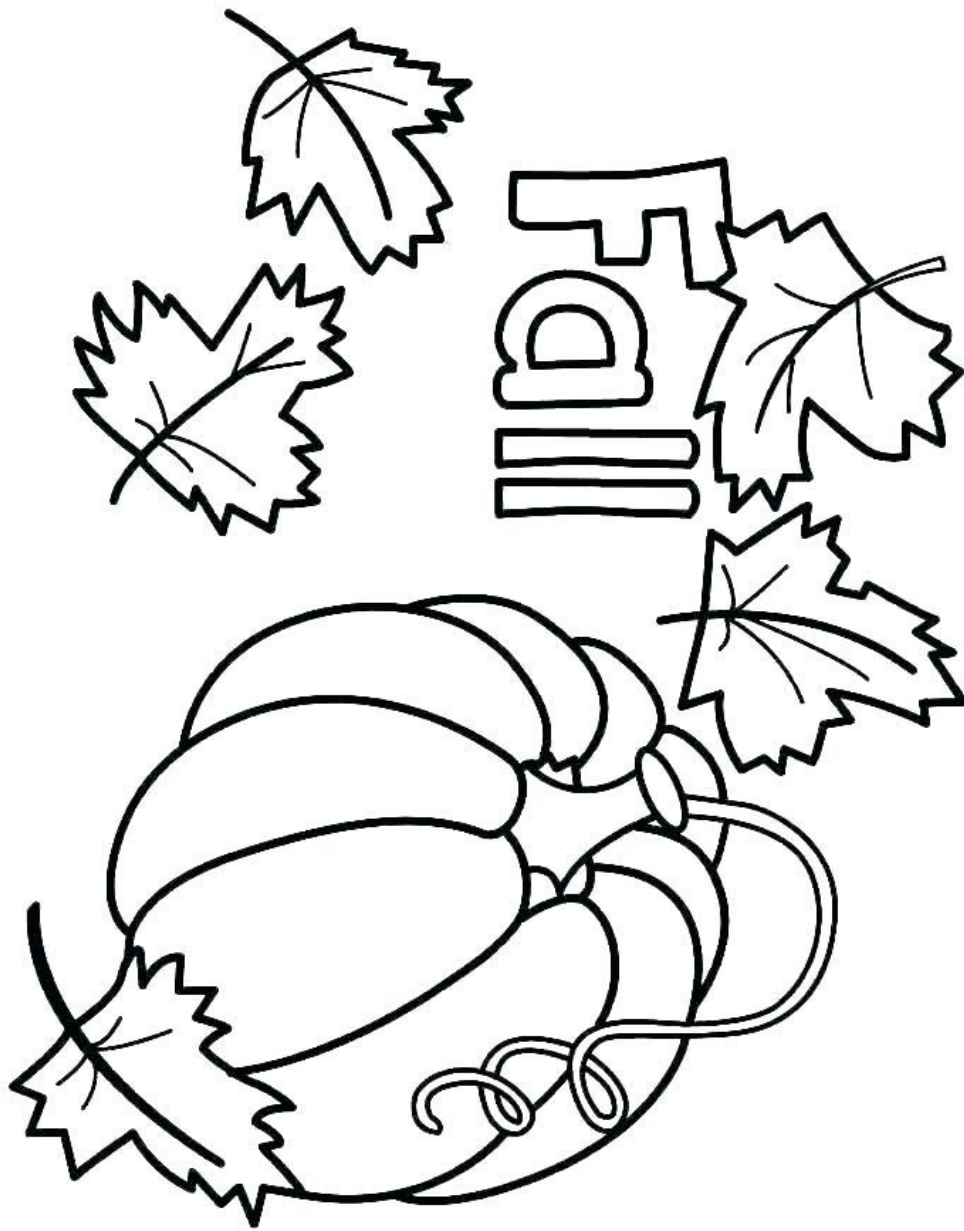
- **Review Family and Faith section with your parents**
- **Do chapter and unit review**

STEP 5 – CLOSING

TIP

Closing Prayer

- **Pray Our Father and Hail Mary**



Important Messages

Using the pictures and letters, solve the two puzzles.

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Them - m = _____



= _____



- land = _____

Thy - y + e = _____



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often - 10 = _____



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The important message =

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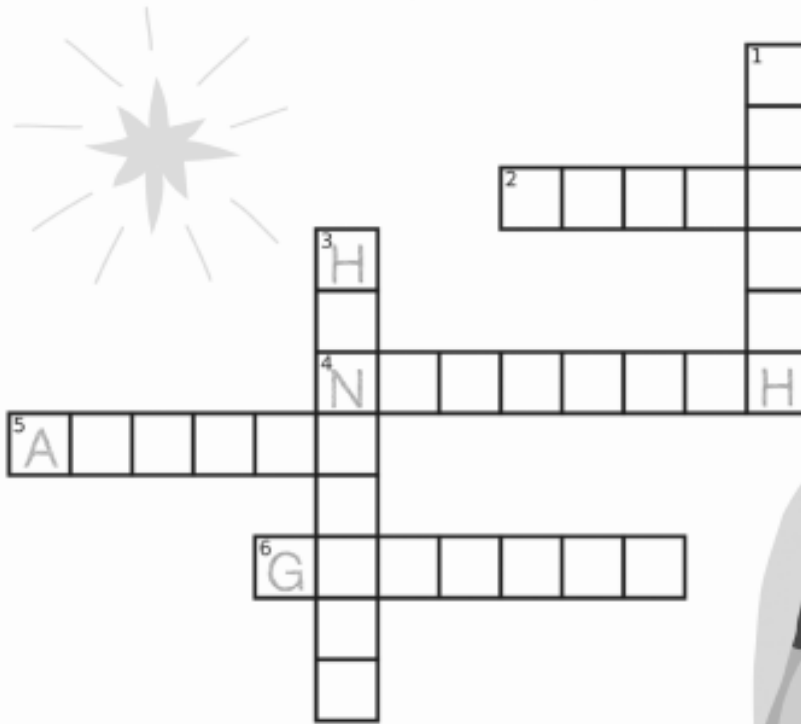
This - is + e = _____



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The important message =

CROSSWORD



ACROSS

- The angel told Mary to name her son _____
- What town did Mary live in? _____
- The angel said, "Do not be _____."
- What is the name of the angel that came to Mary?

DOWN

- Mary was betrothed to _____
- Mary says, "Behold, I am the _____ of the Lord."

Optional Suggestion for Christmas craft

Pipecleaner Christmas Trees



HOW TO MAKE PIPE CLEANER CHRISTMAS TREES TO DECORATE YOUR HOME



MATERIALS NEEDED TO MAKE PIPE CLEANER CHRISTMAS TREES

30cm [green pipe cleaners](#) (I used [cotton pipe cleaners](#) as they work better with pva glue but chenille could work just as well you just might find them a bit thick),
mini pom poms
a [glue gun](#) or [PVA \(white\) glue](#).



HOW TO MAKE YOUR PIPECLEANER CHRISTMAS TREES

The Pipe Cleaner Christmas Trees are pretty easy to make but they are a little fiddly because of their size. Younger kids may find these [pipe cleaner and perler bead](#) Christmas Tree decorations easier to make.

The first thing you need to do is curl your pipe cleaner into a snail shell shape.

Next, carefully pull up from the center of the snail shape to create your cone shape.

Wrap/tuck the outer end of the pipe cleaner around the next curl to secure a circle base (this allows the pipe cleaner to stand).

Finally, glue your pom poms to the pipe cleaner.

HELP MARY TRAVEL TO SEE ELIZABETH

