

Lesson 9 – Honoring God

Grade 4 - Chapter 9 and Christmas

KEY CONCEPT

The first three Commandments teach you to honor God above all else, respect his name, and worship him on Sunday. These Commandments tell you to believe in, trust, and love God.

QUICK SESSION OVERVIEW

STEP 1 - WELCOME

STEP 2 - INVITE

STEP 3 - DISCOVER

STEP 4 - LIVE

STEP 5 - CLOSING

HELPFUL HINT OF THE DAY

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

Memorare

Chapter Story: "A Place of Honor"

- **Use this story after the opening prayer, before explaining that we give honor and praise to God.**

A Place of Honor

"What are you building?" Jeremy asked. "A spice rack?"

"No," said Vernique. "It's something for the whole family. It's a place of honor."

Jeremy was doubtful. "What does that mean? It just looks like a shelf."

"It's a place to put things that make us proud of our family," Vernique replied.

"It's for Dad's bowling trophy and my science fair certificate—and Mom's picture from when she shook hands with the mayor."

"Can I put the pottery bowl I made there, too?"

"Sure," said Vernique.

- **Ask two children to read aloud the part of Vernique and Jeremy**
- **Ask the children why the trophy, certificate, the picture and the bowl are going to be displayed in a place of honor.**
- **Ask: What would you put in a place of honor for your family?**

STEP 3 – DISCOVER

TIP

Putting God First

- **Read and discuss the section and Scripture with the prompts given**
- **Read the First Commandment section**
- **Ask: What are some things that people sometimes place ahead of God?**
- **Use the “Catechist Background” at the bottom of your catechist guide to discuss about “idolatry” and being clear about not worshipping Mary, or the Saints, but that we honor them for directing us towards God**
- **Use the “Share Your Faith” section to allow for discussion**

Respecting God

- **Read and discuss the section**
- **Use “The Name of God” section about the Sign of the Cross**

Activity Master 9: Names of God

Keeping the Lord’s Day

- **Read and discuss section**
- **Be clear about meeting our Sunday obligation to celebrate the Eucharist**
- **Activity: Have them come up with some Sunday traditions that they do now or could do moving forward to make it a special day**

Christmas Insert

Use the “Christmas: God’s Greatest Gift” insert on page 21

The Season of Christmas

- **Read and discuss the section with the prompts given**

Activity: Give Gifts

- **Brainstorm with the children some ways they can bring the gifts of frankincense (holiness), myrrh (salvation), and gold (honor) to others.**
 - **Encourage the children to share these gifts with others during the coming weeks.**
 - **Ask the children to record the things they have done. Discuss their results.**

Below are some ideas of activities that you could do with your class but feel free to do another Christmas activity that you might know of.

Optional Activity #1: Christmas Word Search

- **Worksheet attached below!**

Optional Activity #2: Christmas Story / Christmas Discussion

- **Read through the attached Christmas Story from the Gospel**
- **Discuss about the kids Christmas traditions with their families / share yours with them!**

STEP 4 – LIVE

TIP

Our Catholic Life

- **Go through the “Commandments of Respect” and discuss**
- **Ask: What things in the Church should you especially treat with respect?**

People of Faith

- **Discuss about Saint Mary Ann of Quito**

Live Your Faith

- **Go through the activity to help them to focus on how to love God better the next week**

STEP 5 – CLOSING

TIP

Pray:

- **Act of Contrition**
- **Memorare**

Take Homes:

- **Family and Faith**
- **Chapter 9 Review and Unit review**

Name _____ Date _____

Names of God

Read the names of God listed in the box. Then find and circle each name in the word search. The names run from left to right and from top to bottom.

CREATOR	FATHER	JESUS CHRIST	SON
LORD	SAVIOR	HOLY SPIRIT	

A	J	Y	O	Z	U	E	P	T	M	E
J	E	S	U	S	C	H	R	I	S	T
Q	F	A	D	K	M	O	N	Q	D	S
B	W	V	N	L	I	L	G	H	C	Y
C	P	I	R	O	L	Y	D	S	Z	D
M	G	O	Q	R	H	S	O	N	B	L
T	S	R	N	D	R	P	E	D	K	J
K	R	X	G	U	V	I	Z	U	T	N
P	F	A	T	H	E	R	L	W	O	Q
W	B	N	E	D	O	I	B	X	A	B
G	Z	C	R	E	A	T	O	R	J	I

Write one way in which you will use God's name with respect this week.

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The Birth of Jesus

Luke 2 :1-14 (NIV)



R V Q S J K S K E U R B X T V
B R A R N W A H R B O O O Q P
T M D N O R F D E O A B O R S
Y A I N G A B E K P V B G M N
I R V T L P F Y C G H Q Y E E
A Y Z U O P L Z J O S E P H G
A N W Q R E O C R M A C R I H
F L G A Y D C S L P A F B D V
R V P E T Q K I K O E N Q Q S
A G M U L C S G M C T A G Z J
I O N D H X H N F W F H C E N
D Z J T W N M J F J J W E E R
V P R A P P E A R E D R A S J
H A D H U N B E T H L E H E M
E H O U F D O M H S R D Z F S



Joseph	wrapped	shepherds	afraid
Mary	clothes	watch	sign
Bethlehem	manger	flocks	glory
baby	room	angel	peace
born	inn	appeared	earth

THE CHRISTMAS STORY

(from the children's lectionaries for the Gospels according to Luke and Matthew)

When Ceaser Augustus, the ruler of Rome, passed a law that everyone in the world should be enrolled, all the people went to be registered in the towns where they were born.

Joseph and Mary went from the town of Nazareth to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because Joseph was born in the family of David. While they were there, the time came for Mary's child to be born, and she gave birth to her first-born son. She wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

At that time, there were shepherds in the fields watching over their sheep during the night. An angel of God appeared to them, and the glory of God surrounded them with great light. And they were frightened. The angel said to them: "Do not be afraid. I have come to bring you great news, news of great joy, to be shared by all the people. Today in the City of Bethlehem, a Savior has been born for you, Christ the Lord! And this will be a sign for you: You will find a child wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger."

Suddenly, all the angels in heaven were praising God and singing,
"Glory to God in heaven, and peace to all people on earth."

The shepherds said to one another, "Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this wonderful thing God has told us about."

They hurried to Bethlehem and found Mary and Joseph and saw the baby lying in a manger. When they saw the child, they repeated what the angel had said about him.

Everyone was amazed at what the shepherds told them.
And Mary thought about all these things and kept them in her heart.

The shepherds returned to their fields, thanking and praising God for all they had heard and seen.
(from Luke 2:1-20)

Some Magi came from the east. When they arrived in Jerusalem, they asked the people, "Where is the newborn King of the Jews? We have seen his star in the east, and we have come to worship him."

They left for Bethlehem. The star, which they had seen in the east, went ahead of them, and it stopped over the place where Jesus was. When they went in, they found the child with Mary, his mother. They were filled with joy. They knelt down and worshipped Jesus. And they gave him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

(from Matthew 2:1-2, 9-11)