

Chapter 5 – God’s Saving Action

Grade 6 – Chapter 5

KEY CONCEPT

God rescued the Hebrews from slavery in Egypt and sent his Son to save all people from the power of sin and everlasting death. The Passover and the Eucharist celebrate God’s saving actions.

QUICK SESSION

OVERVIEW

STEP 1 - WELCOME

STEP 2 - INVITE

STEP 3 - DISCOVER

STEP 4 - LIVE

STEP 5 - CLOSING

HELPFUL HINT OF THE DAY

Share with Your Students “What’s Up”

- Leading a group means guiding them step by step through the time together, so let them know what’s next
- Be specific when guiding them to what else they can expect from the lesson. It allows students to feel comfortable knowing what else they may experience throughout the class
- Being specific helps our brains to envision directions
- Put directions in the positive – “Keep your glass up” – helps us get it right
- When we put them in the negative – “Don’t spill that!” – we envision spilling the glass and often do just that!

STEP 1 - WELCOME

TIP

Community Activity

STEP 2 - INVITE

TIP

Let Us Pray

What Do You Wonder?

- **Discuss these questions and share answers**

Chapter Story: Heroes

Use this story after the opening prayer, before explaining that God walks with us on our faith journey.

Heroes

A hero in a comic book may have big muscles or supernatural powers. A sports hero is admired for his or her physical abilities. A hero in an adventure story is courageous in the face of danger. People look up to heroes and want to be like them.

Heroes are also those who go to work every day and do their jobs. The work they do makes people such as nurses, ambulance drivers, firefighters, and police officers true heroes. Occasionally their names appear in the news. But every day they are heroes.

STEP 3 – DISCOVER

TIP

God Delivers His People

- **Read and discuss the section**
- **Break down the Scripture passages and allow the kids to picture the story being told**

Share Your Faith

- **Discuss and then share answers as a class**

Memorial Meals

- **Read and discuss the passage**
- **Do Activity Master 5: Seder Meal**

Connect Your Faith

- **Discuss and then share answers as a class**

STEP 4 – LIVE

TIP

Our Catholic Life

- **Go through the “Actions that Protect” section**
 - **Have them discuss where they feel that they are at currently with these things**
 - **Highlight point #5 about friends: have them critically think about who they have chosen as friends and how they are influencing them**

People of Faith

- **Discuss briefly about Saint Teresia Benedicta of the Cross**

Live Your Faith

- **Use the activity to have them critically think about where they are at today and where they would like to move towards**

STEP 5 – CLOSING

TIP

Close in prayer together

- **Memorare and Glory Be**

Take Homes:

- **Family and Faith sheet**

Chapter 5 Activity Master

Name _____ Date _____

Seder Meal

The Seder is the meal celebrating the Israelites' Exodus from slavery in Egypt. The food and the celebration are highly symbolic.

- Jews dress as people ready to travel, wearing coats and hats and sitting on the edges of their chairs as a reminder of their need to be ready to flee at a moment's notice.
- Ritual food items include unleavened bread as a sign of the flight from Egypt; hard-boiled eggs as a reminder of the sacrifice offered in the Temple in honor of the feast; roasted lamb as a reminder of the blood of the lamb killed in Egypt; bitter herbs as reminders of the bitterness of slavery; a green vegetable as a reminder of springtime, the season of Passover; and wine, apples, nuts, and cinnamon as reminders of the mortar used with the bricks for building Pharaoh's monuments.
- The youngest person present asks this question during the meal: "Why is this night different from all others?" The father of the family then explains the significance of the Exodus for the Jewish people.

Read the Exodus story from the Bible (Exodus 12:1–28), and compare the story with the Seder meal. Write the similarities and differences below.

The Exodus Story and the Seder Meal

Similarities

Differences

