

# Lesson 9 – Christ Our Savior

Grade 7 - Chapter 9 and Christmas

## MAIN OBJECTIVE

*Jesus Christ is our Savior, Redeemer, and Messiah*

## 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**

- **Recite the prayer and read the Scripture passage.**
  - **Why are we in need of reconciliation?**
  - **What weakens our friendship with God?**

## **STEP 3 – DISCOVER**

### **TIP**

- **Read and discuss “Getting Started”**
  - **Discuss what they write in the boxes and compare to others around them**
  - **Use the “Identify” section**
- **Activity Master 9: Our Redemption**
- **Read and discuss “Original Holiness”**
  - **Discuss what questions the kids might have about the Creation story and write them down if needed**
  - **Use the “Reflect” section to relate it into their own lives**
  - **Watch: “Creation Of The Universe As Told By Noah” (5:25 min)**
    - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=namlVpZnvZg>
    - **Helps to give a visual. Came from the movie “Noah”**
- **Read and discuss “God So Loved the World”**
  - **Use the “Titles of Christ” to continue the point of Jesus being the “New Adam”**
- **Read and discuss “Jesus Brings New Life”**
  - **Discuss the painting of Mary Magdalene**
  - **Relate the Paschal Mystery of how we continue to encounter it today**

- Use the “In Summary” to follow-up on what has been discussed

## Christmas

- Read and discuss “God With Us” on pg. 27
  - o Ask the discussion questions on the bottom of the section
- Read and discuss “True Generosity” on pg. 28
  - o Use the “List and Identify” section to dive deeper into this section
  
- Watch Fr. Mike Schmitz “The Immaculate Conception Explained” (8:15 min)
  - o <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=atbpPi0MgcA>
  - o Before watching, ask the kids what they believe the Immaculate Conception is and what its significance is (Feast is Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>)
  - o After watching, ask how the Immaculate Conception relates into Advent and the Christmas season
  - o Other questions to consider:
    - What is the Immaculate Conception celebrating?
    - Why did Mary have to be without sin? Could she have said No to God?
    - What do you understand about the theory of Mary being the New Eve?
    - Why is the song “Mary Did You Know” technically theologically incorrect?
  
- Watch: “Our Lady of Guadalupe” from St. Paul Center (4:50 min)
  - o [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JpOaj\\_S2-bE](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JpOaj_S2-bE)
  - o Feast day is December 12<sup>th</sup>
  - o Other questions to ask:
    - What stood out to you in the video? Have you ever heard of the Marian Apparition in Guadalupe?
    - How do you think you would react if Mary appeared to you this Christmas? Would you be ready? If not, what are some ways you can prepare?
    - What are three things we can learn from Juan Diego?

## ***STEP 4 – LIVE***

### **TIP**

#### **Our Catholic Life**

- **Read and discuss more about forgiveness**

#### **People of Faith**

- **Read and discuss about Saint Madeleine Sophie Barat**

#### **Recall and Write**

## ***STEP 5 – CLOSING***

### **TIP**

#### **Pray the Memorare together:**

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thine intercession was left unaided.

Inspired by this confidence, I fly unto thee, O Virgin of virgins, my mother; to thee do I come, before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me.

Amen.

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Date \_\_\_\_\_

## Our Redemption

The reading from Saint Paul's Letter to the Colossians (1:15–22) addresses a central theme of Jesus' mission and ministry: our redemption. We are a people in need of being saved.

Identify "evidence" or examples that indicate we are a people in need of reconciliation. Specifically, focus on ways that we (either as individuals or human beings in general) treat each other and treat God's creation.

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What does it mean to be reconciled with God?

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How does Jesus help us to be reconciled with God?

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