

# Lesson 18 – We Are Welcomed

Grade 1 – Chapter 18 and Easter

## KEY CONCEPT

*Grace is God's gift of a share in his life and help. Baptism is the Sacrament in which a person is immersed in water or has water poured on him or her. Baptism brings new life in God and makes the person a member of the Church*

## QUICK SESSION OVERVIEW

**STEP 1 - WELCOME**

**STEP 2 - INVITE**

**STEP 3 - DISCOVER**

**STEP 4 - LIVE**

**STEP 5 - CLOSING**

## Continue to be Patient

- **Keep in mind you have these children for little over an hour once a week**
- **You might see very little improvement of understanding of their faith, but never fear**
- **You are laying a base for them for the rest of their lives**
- **What you may say in class might have no impression then, but maybe years from now, they will remember and act on it**
- **For many, this will be the only hour in the week that they talk and learn about Jesus and the Church.**
- **That is insanely hard, so if you manage to get one major point across, that is a major accomplishment!**

## **STEP 1 - WELCOME**

### **TIP**

**Community Activity – Easter coloring sheet**

## **STEP 2 – INVITE**

### **TIP**

#### **Let us Pray**

- **Read the prayer on pg. 237 and say the Our Father**
- Use this poem after the opening prayer, before explaining that water is an important sign of life.
  - Read aloud the poem as the children follow along.
  - *Ask:* How could the Ming family welcome the people?
  - *Ask:* How does your family welcomes visitors?
  - After telling the children that welcoming others is important, transition back to the lesson instruction.
- **The Growing Table**
  - The Mings sat down to dinner
  - But before they could begin,
  - There was a loud rap-tap-tap
  - The Mings called, “Do come in!”
  - In strolled a weary postman
  - And Henry’s baseball team,
  - Too many, it would seem!
- **Talk about What do you wonder questions.**

## **STEP 3 – DISCOVER**

### **TIP**

#### **Welcome**

**Ask: What Sacrament welcomes you into the Church?**

- **Read the paragraphs**  
**Can do the activity described in the margin with pouring water into a cup and talking about Baptism.**
- **Read God's Word**
- **Continue to read paragraphs.**

#### **Becoming church Members**

**Activity – Talk to the children about the Baptismal font in Church. (It does not have water in it right now due to the COVID-19 precautions.) Ask the children if they have seen a baptism? Read the paragraphs to let the children know what all happens at a baptism. Ask questions outlined in the margin as you do the lesson. (Which person is the one receiving Baptism? Who else is shown in the photos? What objects are used in celebrating Baptism? Explain that the container of water in which people are baptized is called a font)**

- **Read the paragraph about godparents. Do the children know who their godparents are?**

**Activity – God is there sheet**

## ***STEP 4 – LIVE***

### **TIP**

#### **Our Catholic Life**

- **How does your Baptism help you follow Jesus?**
- **Read paragraphs**
- **Activity – Talk as a group and check off the things the children could do this week to be a sign of God’s life and love.**

#### **Holy Week and Easter**

##### **Time for Remembering**

- **Read paragraphs on pg. 34.**
- **Discuss what happens on each day leading up to Easter. Review sheet provided.**
- **Have coloring sheet activity pages to help the children remember what happens on each day.**
- **Can do the Easter promise activity.**

#### **Take Homes**

- **Remind the children to review the Faith and Family section with their parents**
- **Chapter and Unit Review.**

## ***STEP 5 – CLOSING***

### **TIP**

#### **Closing Prayer**

- **Review Our Father and Hail Mary**

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## God Is There

Write the sentence number under the picture it tells about.

1. Your family brings you to church to be baptized.
2. The priest pours holy water on your head three times.
3. After the Baptism, the priest or deacon makes the Sign of the Cross on your head with holy oil.
4. You are given a white garment.
5. A candle is lit.



## Review sheet for Easter

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday

There are 40 days of Lent. During this time we try to fast, pray, and do good things for others. We may have chosen to give up something for Lent as a way to prepare for Easter. We do not eat meat on Fridays during Lent.

What is Lent preparing us for? The death and resurrection of Jesus.

Holy Week

This is the week before Easter.

Palm Sunday – We get blessed palms and celebrate Mass. Why do we do this? This is in remembrance of Jesus coming into Jerusalem. When Jesus arrived in Jerusalem on his donkey, there were many followers who wanted to see him. People crowded around him and called his name. Many called out “King” or “Savior.” Worshipers knelt down and waved palm fronds as Jesus passed by. Children and grownups wanted to hear him speak to them. They wanted to touch him. Sick people wanted their Savior to make them well. Jesus continued to teach and perform miracles throughout Holy Week.

Holy Thursday – During the Last Supper, Jesus washed the feet of His disciples as an example of how we are to love and serve one another. He also broke bread and wine with them as His body and blood would be broken and shed for us. This is when he took bread and wine and passed it out to his disciples as we see the priest do at Mass each week. After the meal, he went to the garden of Gethsemane to pray. There he was confronted by Judas (one of his disciples) who betrayed him. Jesus was arrested by soldiers.

Good Friday - This is when Jesus was crucified on the cross. After Jesus was arrested he was taken to Pontius Pilate. He asked the people what Jesus did wrong and tried to free him but the people said to crucify him. They said he claimed to be a king. Jesus was sentenced to death on a cross. We do the stations of the cross which shows what happened to Jesus as he was being crucified. He had to carry his cross up a big hill. He fell while carrying his cross. The guards made a man in the crowd (Simon) help Jesus carry his cross. Once he got up the hill, he was crucified along with 2 other men who were robbers. The hill where he was crucified is called Golgotha. When he died on the cross, a dark cloud came over the area and everyone knew he was dead but was indeed the son of God. The soldiers broke the legs of the robbers but not Jesus. Instead they pierced his side with their sword and blood and water flowed out.

After he died, Joseph of Arimathea asked Pilate if he could bury Jesus. He was taken down from the cross and placed in a tomb and a stone rolled in front of the entrance.

Holy Saturday – This is called the Easter Vigil. During this mass we start with the church dark and have lighted candles as the priest processes in. There are numerous readings and blessings. In addition, some adults who are becoming Catholic receive sacraments of baptism, 1<sup>st</sup> communion, and confirmation. It is a service preparing us for Easter Sunday.

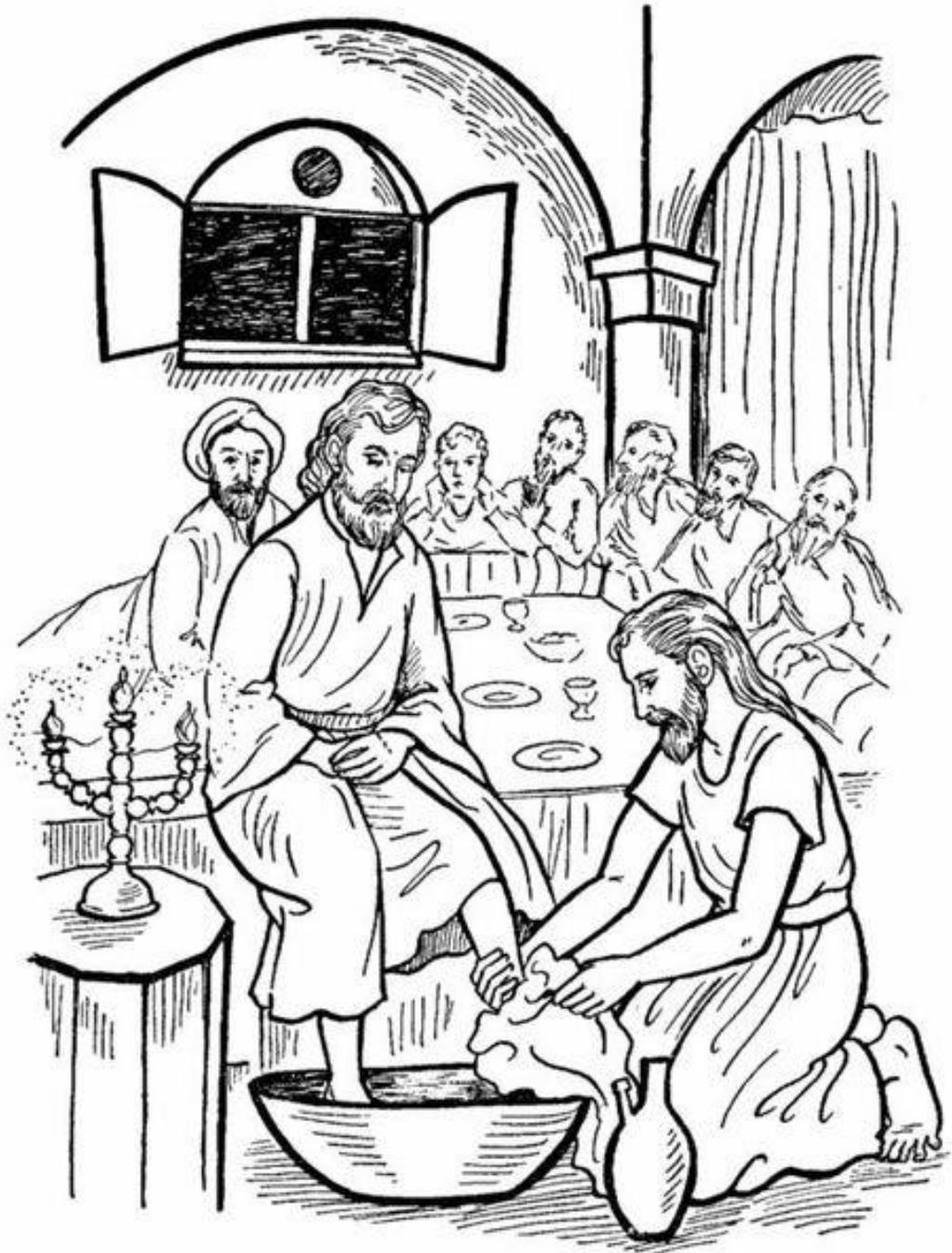
Easter Sunday – This is a special day because it is the day of Jesus’ resurrection from the dead!! Mary, mother of Jesus and Mary Magdalene went to the tomb to look for Jesus. When they got there they

saw the stone had been rolled back and the tomb was empty. He had been raised from the dead. They ran to get the disciples. We celebrate Jesus' resurrection on Easter.

# Palm Sunday



## Holy Thursday

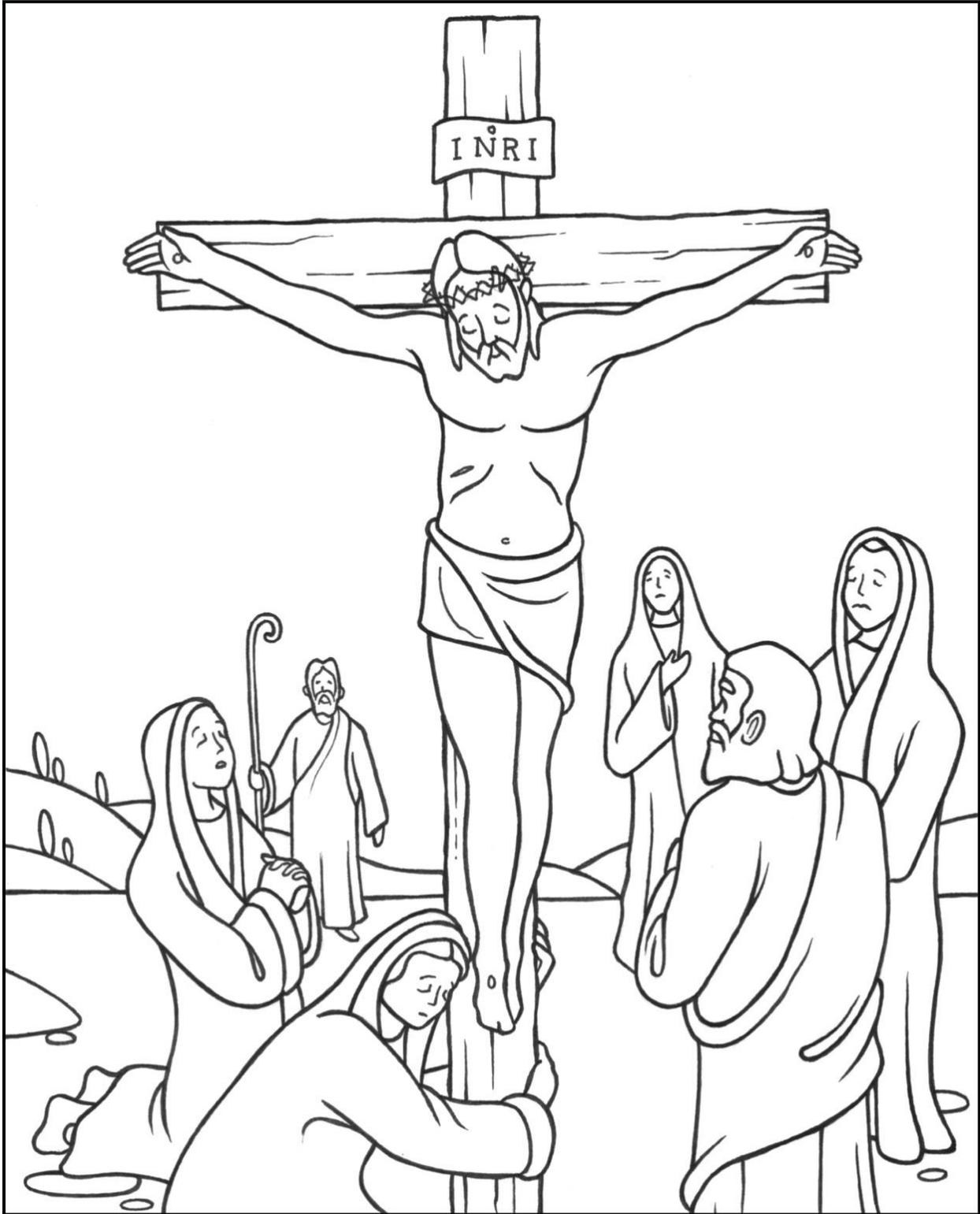


At the Lord's Supper before the crucifixion, Jesus washed the apostles' feet to teach them humility.

Good Friday



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He is Risen



*My jelly beans tell a  
wonderful story,  
All for God's own glory.*

-  *Red is for the blood of  
God's only son,*
-  *Black is for the sins  
we've done.*

## *An Easter Promise*

-  *Yellow is for the morning  
so bright,  
The day He arose  
to make all things right.*

-  *Green reminds us that  
He is risen,*
-  *White is for the  
forgiveness we find in Him.*

-  *Purple is for Jesus'  
throne,*
-  *Pink reminds me  
that I am never alone.*

*A bag full of jelly beans,  
colorful and sweet.  
It's a prayer, a promise,  
and an Easter treat.*

BE HAPPY!  
IT'S EASTER!  
JESUS IS WITH US!



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