

# Lesson 16 – Gather to Worship

Grade 2 – Chapter 16

## KEY CONCEPT

*Mass is another name for the celebration of the Eucharist. The assembly uses songs, prayers, and actions to worship God.*

## QUICK SESSION OVERVIEW

*STEP 1 - WELCOME*

*STEP 2 - INVITE*

*STEP 3 - DISCOVER*

*STEP 4 - LIVE*

*STEP 5 - CLOSING*

## 8 Tips for a Better Lent

- 1. Pray and slow down – spend 10 minutes a day in prayer**
- 2. Read a good book**
- 3. Be kind – perform “RAK’s” (Random Acts of Kindness”)**
- 4. Get involved – service or other activities in the parish**
- 5. Reach out – invite those around you to Mass or prayer**
- 6. Tune out – avoid as much TV and technology**
- 7. Donate – get rid of things that you don’t need and provide them for others**
- 8. Pray! – THIS IS SO IMPORTANT! How do we know what God wants us to do if we aren’t communicating with him**

## ***STEP 1 - WELCOME***

### **TIP**

**Community Activity – Coloring sheet**

## ***STEP 2 – INVITE***

### **TIP**

#### **Let us Pray**

- **Our Father**
- **Say the prayer on pg. 223**
- **Explain that Jesus invites us to gather with others to pray and worship our God. Say: Let's listen to hear what happened when Jesus appeared to his friends after he rose from the dead.**
- **Read God's word section**
- **Talk about What do you wonder questions.**

## **STEP 3 – DISCOVER**

### **Celebrating the Eucharist**

**TIP**

#### **Who Gathers for the Mass?**

- **Read paragraphs**
- **Write “Mass = Eucharist” on the board so the children know that the two words are interchangeable.**
- **Read God’s Word**
- **Ask the questions in the margin under God’s word**

#### **We Gather**

- **Read paragraphs**
- **Ask the questions from the margin**
  - **When do we stand?**
  - **When do the altar servers enter?**
  - **Do the readers, deacon, and priest sing the gathering song as they enter?**

#### **The Introductory Rites**

##### **What happens as Mass begins?**

- **Read the paragraphs.**
- **Ask the questions of what happens from the margin**
- **Say the Lord, have mercy responses together as listed.**

##### **Words of Praise**

- **Read paragraphs.**
- **Ask: What helps us better participate in the Mass?**

##### **Activity – Match Words and Actions sheet**

##### **Activity – Holy Thursday activity sheet**

## ***STEP 4 – LIVE***

### **TIP**

#### **Our Catholic Life**

- **Read paragraphs**
- **Be sure to talk about ways to join in the Mass**

#### **Lent**

- **Remind the children that we are in the season of Lent**
- **Use the review sheet to talk about what happens leading up to Easter?**

#### **Activity – Read an Easter book**

#### **Activity - Talk about the Stations of the Cross for Children**

- **Talk about St. Tarcisus**

#### **Take Homes**

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

## ***STEP 5 – CLOSING***

### **TIP**

#### **Closing Prayer**

- **Hail Mary and Glory Be**

## **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.

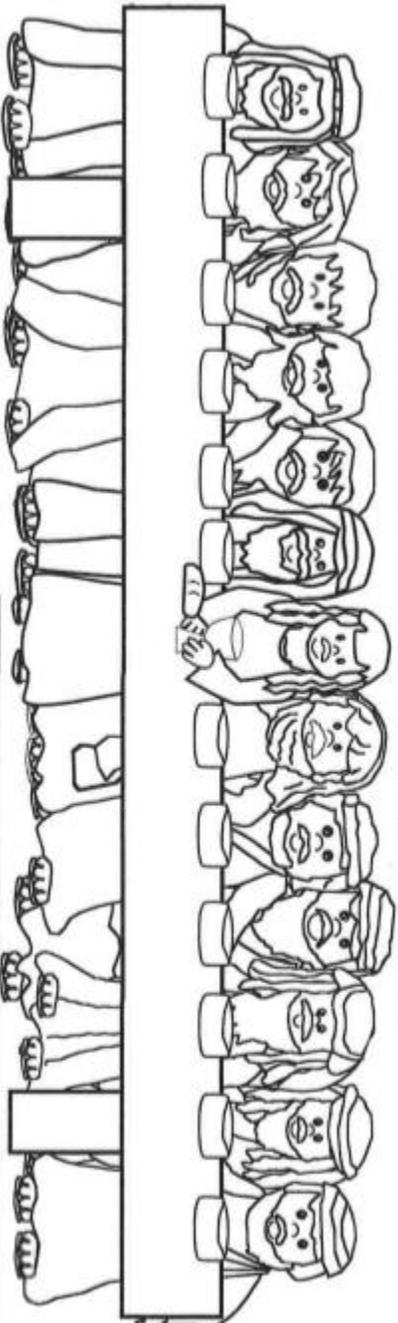
After he died, Joseph of Aramethea asked Pilate if he could bury Jesus. He was taken down from the cross and placed in a tomb and a stone rolled in front of the entrance.

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.

# HOLY THURSDAY!

Color the picture. Read the poem. Find the bold words in the word search!



M	C	A	L	V	A	R	Y
G	E	J	E	S	U	S	O
H	E	A	R	T	A	W	Y
D	O	G	L	B	J	I	J
I	B	R	E	A	D	N	O
C	R	O	S	S	O	E	Y

## **Stations of the Cross for Children**

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**1. Jesus is condemned to death.** Jesus was accused of many crimes he didn't commit. He didn't defend himself. He knew he needed to die for our sins.

*Prayer: Jesus, I often get defensive when I know I did something wrong. Help me be honest. I also don't want to be a tattletale or accuse others of doing wrong.*

**2. Jesus accepts the cross.** The cross was big and heavy. It was hard for Jesus to carry it. Jesus carried the heavy cross without complaining once.

*Prayer: Sometimes schoolwork or jobs at home are hard for me and I complain. Jesus, please help me not to complain. I want to keep trying, even when I find something hard.*

**3. Jesus falls the first time.** Jesus was already badly wounded when he fell the first time. It must have hurt very much. Jesus got up and kept on going.

*Prayer: When we don't succeed in school or when we lose a sports game, it can make us feel defeated. Jesus was hurt but never defeated. Jesus, I want your attitude of hope and victory even if I am not succeeding.*

**4. Jesus meets his mother.** Jesus knew that his mother was sad to see him suffering so much. But he was so happy she came to him. Mary loved Jesus very much.

*Prayer: Our parents love us very much, and sometimes we don't let them hug us and care for us because we are mad or sad or don't want them to see us in trouble. Jesus, I thank you for my parents and their love for me.*

**5. Simon of Cyrene helps Jesus.** Simon didn't come to help Jesus but to see what was going on. Then he was ordered by the soldiers to carry the cross, because Jesus was having such a hard time.

Prayer: *Sometimes I don't want to help my friends or brothers and sisters or parents when I am told to. Jesus, help me know that when I do help others, it is like helping you. I want to be kind and helpful.*

**6. Veronica wipes Jesus' face.** Veronica loved Jesus very much. When she stepped out to wipe his face, she risked getting in big trouble from the soldiers. Her love and kindness overcame her fear.

Prayer: *Jesus, I want to love you like Veronica. Help me to be brave and love others who are unpopular.*

**7. Jesus falls a second time.** Jesus fell again because he was so weak and tired from all his wounds. He still didn't give up. He got back up and continued on.

Prayer: *Think of something that makes you feel weak, something that is hard for you to do. Ask Jesus to help you with this.*

**8. Jesus meets the women of Jerusalem.** A lot of people were against Jesus, but a lot of people followed him. They were his faithful friends.

Prayer: *Help me to be a faithful friend. When my friends are going through a hard time or are being made fun of, I want to help them and be a true friend.*

**9. Jesus falls a third time.** It's unbelievable that Jesus fell again and the soldiers didn't help him. They only yelled louder for him to get up and continue on. Jesus didn't get mad at them; he forgave them.

Prayer: *Sometimes people say or do hurtful things to us or don't help us when we need them. Jesus, help me to forgive everyone like you did. Help me not to get angry or hold a grudge against someone who has hurt me.*

**10. Jesus is stripped of his clothes.** To be without clothes in front of everyone is a humiliating thing. Jesus wasn't ashamed because he knew his Father in heaven loved him and everyone who was there.

Prayer: *Jesus, I want to know how much you and the Father love me, so I will never be embarrassed or ashamed.*

**11. Jesus is crucified.** The soldiers drove nails through Jesus' hands and feet. They lifted up the cross and put it in place. Jesus was in a lot of pain.

Prayer: *Many people suffer pain every day from being sick, hungry, poor, and because of war or natural disasters. Jesus, please comfort everyone who is in pain today.*

**12. Jesus dies on the cross.** When Jesus died, the sky got dark and the ground started to shake. This made some people very scared. They saw that Jesus was innocent and that they had made a big mistake.

Prayer: *Jesus, help me to admit when I make mistakes. Help me to say I'm sorry. Thank you for always forgiving me. I love you, and I want to do the right thing.*

**13. Jesus' body is taken down from the cross.** Joseph of Arimathea gave Jesus his own burial cave because Jesus didn't have a place to be buried. Joseph was another one of Jesus' friends who took a risk to help him.

Prayer: *Sometimes it is risky to step out and help people who are in need. Jesus, I want to be a risk-taker and help others. Give me love and courage.*

**14. Jesus is laid in the tomb.** Even when things look very difficult and sad, there is always hope that God can bring new life.

Prayer: *Jesus, I believe that you died and rose from the dead so that I could have new life. Thank you!*

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

## Match Words and Actions

Draw a line from the words in Column A to the correct action in Column B.

### Column A

1. "In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit."
2. entrance procession
3. gathering song
4. "Lord, have mercy"
5. "Glory to God in the highest"

### Column B

- Stand.
- Sing.
- Give praise and honor to God.
- Make the Sign of the Cross.
- Ask God's forgiveness.

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Draw a picture that shows one of the Mass actions listed above.

