

Lesson 12 – The Church Teaches

Grade 4 - Chapter 12 and Unit 2 of the Mass

KEY CONCEPT

Jesus gave leaders of the Church the authority to interpret Scripture and Tradition for the faithful. The Holy Spirit directs the Church in teaching and guiding the People of God.

QUICK SESSION

OVERVIEW

STEP 1 - WELCOME

STEP 2 - INVITE

STEP 3 - DISCOVER

STEP 4 - LIVE

STEP 5 - CLOSING

HELPFUL HINT OF THE DAY

Emphasize Community

- Without having a school as a part of our church, Religious Ed becomes the main source of church community for our youth
- While in the classroom, emphasize the importance of being there for one another and that our Faith community builds up one another
- Continue to get the kids to know each other better so that even when they are outside of Religious Ed, they will desire friendships with others that share their Faith
- Allow for time for the relationships to form between them as they will continue to journey together with each other for the next few years to come

STEP 1 - WELCOME

TIP

Community Activity

STEP 2 - INVITE

TIP

Let us Pray

Hail Mary

Chapter Story: "A Good Teacher"

- **Use this story after the opening prayer, before explaining about how the the Church teaches us in different ways.**

A Good Teacher Is...

- **Someone who encourages you to think but allows you to learn from mistakes.**
- **Someone who cares about you and what you learn.**
- **Someone who has some truth to share.**
- **Someone who isn't afraid to smile or cry.**

Encourage the children to share stories about their favorite teachers.

Ask: What are some other qualities of a good teacher?

- **What makes you like a certain teacher over another?**

Ask: Outside of school, who are your teachers?

- **Who else do you know that teaches you something?**

STEP 3 – DISCOVER

TIP

Jesus Chooses a Leader

- **Read and discuss the section with the prompts given**
- **Read about Peter and Jesus**
- **Use the “Share Your Faith” section to allow for discussion**

Can do coloring sheet of Pope Francis who is the current leader of the Catholic Church.

The Church and You

- **Read and discuss the section with the prompts given.**
- **Use the graphic organizer idea (pg. 178) to help the children learn where we fit in the organization of the Church. (Can draw this on a small whiteboard or poster board)**
- **Talk about the Precepts of the Church**
- **Use “Connect Your Faith” section to discuss about qualities of Mary that you want to model**

Activity Master 12: Precepts Poem

Word Search (if needed as an extra activity)

Mass Insert

Summarize the mass (see attached sheet)

Question and Answer Game

- **Play the question and answer game or you can have the children play this with their parents.**

Activity – What’s inside the Church sheet

STEP 4 – LIVE

TIP

Our Catholic Life

- **Go through the ways to Support your Parish and discuss**

People of Faith

- **Discuss about Saint Mary Magdalen Postel**

Live Your Faith

- **Go through the activity to help them to focus on how they can use their time or talents to participate more in Church.**

STEP 5 – CLOSING

TIP

Pray:

- **Our Father**
- **Memorare**

Take Homes:

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

Name _____ Date _____

Precepts Poem

Color and decorate this mini-poster, and display it where you will see it often. The first letter of each line spells an important word for Catholics to remember.

Participate in Mass and observe all holy days.

Recconciliation calls you to change your sinful ways.

Easter is the time to receive Communion yearly.

Church members act to serve the Church that they all love so dearly.

Meat at no meat and fast when asked to show your true devotion.

Penance is a way to show your sorrowful emotion.

Talents, time, and treasure will help the Church grow strong.

So do your part and keep these rules to show that you belong.

© Our Sunday Visitor

Name: _____

Date: _____

Mass in Catholic Church

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

PRAYERS	HYMNS	ALLELUIA	READER
AMEN	BODY	COMMUNION	EUCARIST
GOD	GREETING	HOLY	LITURGY
PEACE	WINE		



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Summary of the Mass:

- The Mass is a celebration of Jesus.
- We go to mass every week (Sat night or Sunday) and Holy Days.
- You should get to Church early enough so you can take time to pray and get into the correct frame of mind before Mass starts.
- The Mass is broken down into 2 parts:
 - Liturgy of the Word and Liturgy of the Eucharist.
- There are 3 different positions we use during Mass: Sit, kneel and stand.
- Need to show reverence (respect) during Mass because we are celebrating Jesus.
- During the first part of the Mass, the priest comes into Church in a procession. Then he greets us and blesses us. We have the penitential rite. The Glory to God is said together except during Advent and Lent.
- The people who read the 1st two readings are called the Lectors.
- The 1st reading is from the Old Testament. (Before Jesus was born)
- Then we have the responsorial psalm.
- The 2nd reading is from the New Testament. (After Jesus was born)
- The gospel can only be read by the priest or the deacon. It is from the New Testament.
- Before the gospel we do a small sign of the cross on our forehead, lips, and heart. This is done to help us hear the word of God with our head, speak God's word with our lips, and understand it in our hearts.
- There are 4 authors of the gospels: Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John.
- The talk or lesson the priest gives us is called the homily. Padre often gives his homily before the readings but at other parishes the priest gives the homily after the readings.
- After the homily (or the gospel at St. Albert) we say the creed.
- Then we pray the prayers of the Faithful.
- The preparation of the gifts is when the gifts are brought up during mass. These include the hosts (bread that has not yet been blessed), wine, and the collection basket.
- The 2nd part of the Mass is called the Liturgy of the Eucharist.
- The priest begins with the Eucharistic prayer.

- Consecration is when the priest takes the bread and blesses it so it can become the body of Christ. The first time this was done was on Holy Thursday at the Last Supper.
- Then the priest takes the wine (adds a little water) and blesses it so it can become the blood of Christ. The first time this was done was on Holy Thursday at the Last Supper. (Jesus did turn water into wine at a wedding before the last supper but that was not the blood of Christ as he had not died yet.)
- The memorial acclamation is said following the consecration. The priest continues with the eucharistic prayer.
- After the Eucharist we say “Amen”. We also say this during the mass. When we say Amen, we are saying we agree.
- Then we say the Lord’s Prayer. Another name for this prayer is the Our Father.
- Then we turn to our neighbors and family and offer them the sign of Peace. This is done with a handshake or a hug to family. This should be done in a serious way.
- Then we say the Lamb of God together.
- When we go up to Communion we do so reverently. Can everyone receive communion? You must have received your 1st Reconciliation and 1st Communion in order to receive Communion. You are supposed to fast for 1 hour before receiving Holy communion.
- You can receive communion in your hands or on your tongue. We generally bow before we get communion. Some people may genuflect first or may choose to kneel when getting communion. After the Eucharistic Minister of Holy Communion says “The body of Christ” you need to answer “Amen”. The host is to be consumed immediately.
- The blood of Christ is only offered at special masses at St. Albert. When it is offered, the Eucharistic Minister of Holy Communion says “The Blood of Christ” and hands you the cup. You say “Amen” and then you take a small sip before handing the cup back. The Minister of Holy Communion then wipes off the cup before giving it to the next person.
- After receiving communion, you go back to your pew to kneel and pray.

- After communion, the priest or deacon cleans the vessels. They wipe all the crumbs from the ciborium and then put water in the chalice, swirl it around, and drink it before wiping it down.
- At the end of the mass, the priest will say a closing prayer before giving a final blessing. Then they have a closing procession
- You should stay until the priest and his servers leave before leaving Church.

Questions and Answers:

1. Who is the hero of the Church? Jesus
2. What do we do when we enter Church for mass? Bless ourselves with holy water
3. The mass is divided into how many parts? 2
4. What is the 1st part of the mass called? Liturgy of the Word
5. What do we do before we enter the pew as we come into Church? Genuflect
6. Does the priest offering forgiveness during Mass replace us going to Confession? No
7. What is the name of the table the priest stands by at Mass? Altar
8. Who is the mass all about? Jesus
9. How often can we go to Mass? Every day
10. What do we do in the Liturgy of the Word part of mass? Priest gives blessings, do the readings
11. How many readings are there? 3
12. Are all the readings from the same part of the Bible? No. The 1st reading is from the Old Testament and the 2nd reading and gospel are from the New Testament.
13. What is the name of the lesson or talk the priest gives us during mass called? Homily
14. What does saying "Amen" mean? Yes, or I agree
15. Is the Liturgy of the Eucharist the 2nd part of the mass? Yes
16. Are the readings said in Mass the same all over the world? Yes
17. When we receive Holy communion who are we receiving? Jesus
18. What is it called when we turn and greet our neighbors or family at mass? Sign of Peace

19. How often are we required to go to Mass? Every Sunday and Holy Day

20. What happens to the wine once the priest blesses it during the mass? Becomes the Blood of Christ
21. What does the host become once it is blessed by the priest? Body of Christ
22. How long do we need to fast before receiving communion? 1 hour
23. What does the word holiday sound like when you think of the Church? Holy Day
24. Name 3 helpers of the priest during the mass. Altar servers, deacons, lectors, Extraordinary ministers of holy communion
25. What do the color of the robes that the priest wears mean or relate to? Different seasons of the Church
26. What are 2 times in the Church year when we don't sing the Gloria? Lent and Advent
27. How many different gospels are there in the Bible? 4
28. Name one of the 4 authors of the gospels. Matthew, Mark, Luke and John
29. Name the gifts that are brought up during Mass. Bread, Wine and collection money
30. Why does the priest clean the vessels after communion? To make sure there are no crumbs of body or blood of Christ are left over.
31. Who first said: "Lord I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof but only say the word and my soul shall be healed? Roman centurion to Jesus
32. Why do we say the Creed during Mass? It is a pledge to God

What's Inside the Church?

Draw a line from the item name to the item that you'll find inside of the church.



Processional Cross

Altar Servers

Paten

Aspergillum

Cruet

Thurible

Crucifix

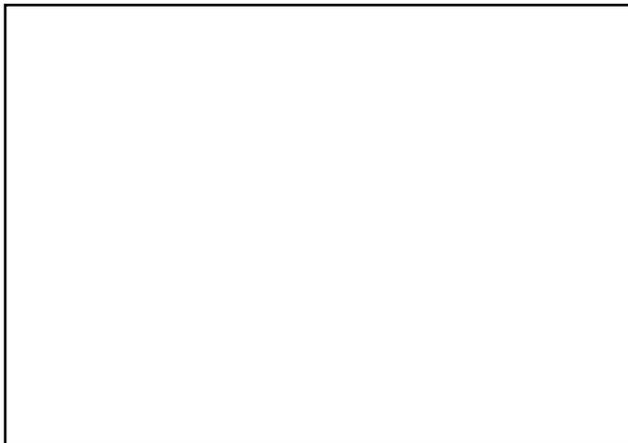
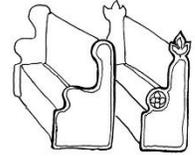
Priest

Ambo

Bells

Pews

Roman Missal



Draw another item that you'd find in church and write what it does.
