

Lesson 20 – The Last Things

Grade 5 – Chapter 20

KEY CONCEPT

Faith in the Resurrection is the source of hope in eternal life and happiness with God in Heaven. The Church cares for the dying through prayer and celebration of last Eucharist, known as viaticum.

QUICK SESSION

OVERVIEW

STEP 1 - WELCOME

STEP 2 - INVITE

STEP 3 - DISCOVER

STEP 4 - LIVE

STEP 5 - CLOSING

HELPFUL HINT OF THE DAY

Thank You for a Great Year!

- **Without your help, this program wouldn't be what it is. I know that each class might not have been the easiest for you, but these kids needed the example that you have set for them. They need to hear the good news of the Gospel and experience the Faith in the profound way.**
- **Thank you for all that you have done for the parish and for all that you will continue to do. We are blessed to have you as a part of this community!**
- **Please remember to fill out the Catechist Feedback Form!**

STEP 1 - WELCOME

TIP

Community Activity

TIP

STEP 2 - INVITE

Let Us Pray

- **Our Father and Hail Mary.**
- **Prayer from book (pg. 267)**

Chapter Story: All Creatures of Our God and King

- **Tell the children that it is natural to grieve over a death.**
- **Ask: In the poem, what does Saint Francis find comfort in?**
- **After connecting finding comfort with the way the Church prepares us for death, transition back to the lesson instruction.**

All Creatures

And you, most kind and gentle death,

Waiting to hush our final breath,

O praise him! Alleluia!

You lead to heaven the child of God,

Where Christ our Lord the way has trod. ...

From the poem by Saint Francis of Assisi

Read Scripture passage

Ask What do You Wonder questions.

STEP 3 – DISCOVER

TIP

Choosing Love and Life (pg. 268)

- **Ask: what does the Church teach about life after death?**
- **Write the words Heaven, Hell, and Purgatory on a white board or paper and ask the children what they know about these.**
- **Read paragraphs.**
- **Ask the children how Christians “choose” eternal life in Heaven.**

Read Scripture passage

- **Before reading the caption, ask the children to tell you what is going on in the stained-glass picture. Then read the caption to find out what it means.**

Eternal Life (pg. 269)

- **Read paragraphs**

Review the Catholic Faith words chart and review the definitions for the words.

Establishing Hope (pg. 270)

- **Ask: What happens at the end of your mortal life?**
- **Read the paragraphs**

Care for the Dying

- **Read the paragraph.**
- **Read the Commendation of the Dying on pg. 267**

The Journey Home (pg. 271)

Ask the children whether any of them have ever attended a Catholic funeral. Invite those who feel comfortable doing so to share what they remember and how they felt.

- **Read the paragraphs.**
- **Point out how the following 3 objects are used during a funeral Mass: holy water, the Paschal (Easter) candle, and the white pall that covers the casket.**

Do the Connect Your Faith section

STEP 4 – LIVE

TIP

Our Catholic Life (pg. 272)

- **Ask: How do you comfort the sorrowful?**
- **Read paragraph**

The Role of the Comforter

Read the paragraphs and discuss each bullet point.

Discuss the feast of the Pentecost. This is celebrated on May 23rd this year.

This feast is celebrated 50 days after Easter. On this day, the red vestments recall the presence of the Holy Spirit, who came to the Apostles in the upper room, where they had gathered. In the Acts of the Apostles, we read how astonished the crowds in Jerusalem were to hear the Apostles, on fire with the Holy Spirit, speak the message of Jesus in all the languages of the world. For Christians, this day marks the inauguration of the Church as the People of God.

People of Faith

- **Discuss about Saint Stephen**

Do the Live your Faith section

STEP 5 – CLOSING

TIP

Close in prayer together

- **Memorare and Glory Be**

Take Homes:

- **Family and Faith sheet**
- **Chapter Review**

Hearing The Voice of God



1 Don't make guidance complicated.

~ Submit to His Lordship

- Yield to the action control and power of what He has decided for us
- Bring thoughts captive to Christ
- Lean not on your own understanding.

~ Resist the Devil.
James 4:7-8a

~ Expect an answer.

2 Listen to God
Luke 10:38-42
Psalm 69:13

3 Check Your Heart
Psalm 66:18
Isaiah 30:21
I Kings 13:1-22
Get your own
hinders Prayers
Prov 28:9

God will use others to confirm His direction, but look for Him to speak directly.

The Day of Pentecost

All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Acts 2:4 (NIV)

Based on Acts 2:1-21



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SPEAK	LANGUAGE	PENTECOST	HEAVEN	BLOWING
SOUND	OTHER	HOLY	SPIRIT	HEAR
FILLED	WIND	FIRE	TONGUES	AMAZED