

# Chapter 11 – The Early Church

Grade 6 - Chapter 11 and Unit 1 of Mass

## KEY CONCEPT

Jesus laid the foundation for the Church through his life and teachings. He sent the Holy Spirit to help the Church fulfill her mission. The Holy Spirit continues to animate the Church today.

## QUICK SESSION OVERVIEW

*STEP 1 - WELCOME*

*STEP 2 - INVITE*

*STEP 3 - DISCOVER*

*STEP 4 - LIVE*

*STEP 5 - CLOSING*

## HELPFUL HINT OF THE DAY

### It's what THEY say that matters most

- Each person has ideas to share – allow for freedom of expression
- Take turns and allow the voices to be heard
- Ask a question, then Stop, Look and Listen
- Although you might have a student that may frustrate you at times, we need to meet them where they are at and hear what they have to share in order to understand

## **STEP 1 - WELCOME**

### **TIP**

**Community Activity**

## **STEP 2 - INVITE**

### **TIP**

**Let Us Pray**

**Read prayer**

**Read through the Scripture passage**

**What Do You Wonder?**

- **Discuss these questions and share answers**

**Chapter Story: Without a Leader**

- **Use this story after the opening prayer, before talking about the mission Jesus gave the disciples**

**Without a Leader**

**It was the day of the big game. The Wolverines had practiced hard and played well all season. Their coach had united the team and guided them through some pretty rough times. She had been tough but fair, and the whole team had come to trust her leadership.**

**On the day of the game, everyone was jazzed up and ready to play. Then came the bad news. Coach Mendez had been called out of town for a family emergency. The team would have to play without their leader! Could they do it?**

- **Invite the children to discuss characteristics of a good leader.**
- **Ask: Why is leadership important to a team?**
- **After connecting the role of leaders to the leaders of the Church, transition back to the lesson instruction.**

## **STEP 3 – DISCOVER**

### **TIP**

#### **The Risen Jesus and the Holy Spirit**

- **Read and discuss the section**
  - **What do you think the Apostles felt after Jesus' death?**
  - **What gave them hope?**
- **Scripture passage**
  - **Highlight the effect the Holy Spirit had on the Apostles**
- **Share Your Faith**

#### **The Church's Work**

- **Read and discuss the passages**
- **Connect Your Faith**
  - **Use for further discussion**

#### **Activity Master 11: Decipher the Clues**

**Watch: "Bishop Barron on A Persecuted Church and Its Heroes" from Bishop Barron (7:22 min)**

- [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ICiW\\_frCCZA](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ICiW_frCCZA)
- **Discuss about how the early church had its challenges and what challenges we face today as a church**

## **Unit 1 of the Mass**

### **Watch: Formed – Presence series, Episode 1**

In order to watch the video at home, please follow these instructions:

1. Go to [formed.org/signup](https://formed.org/signup)
2. Select your parish
3. Register (it's free!) with your name and email address (if you have not done so already)
4. Check that email account for a link to begin using FORMED
5. You will then be able to search for the video title using the "Search" button at the top of the screen
6. Search for "Presence" and select the first video of the series

### **Discuss the video and further questions about the Mass**

- **Questions to use:**
  - **What stuck out to you about the video?**
  - **Do you recognize the Eucharist as Jesus at each Mass?**
  - **If more of us recognized the Eucharist as Jesus, would it change how we approached the Mass?**

### **[OPTIONAL] Parts of the Mass Sequencing activities**

- **Have the children print off the cards and do the activity with their family.**
- **Give each group a set of cards.**
- **Have the children place the cards in the correct order.**
- **Parents discuss the order with the children when they are completed.**

## ***STEP 4 – LIVE***

### **TIP**

#### **Our Catholic Life**

- **Read and discuss the section**
- **Use the “Be A Good Witness” to further discussion**

#### **People of Faith**

- **Discuss about Saint Timothy**

#### **Live Your Faith**

**Use Catholic Social Teaching pages 294-295**

## ***STEP 5 – CLOSING***

### **TIP**

#### **Close in prayer together**

- **Memorare and Glory Be**

#### **Take Homes:**

- **Family and Faith sheet**
- **Chapter review**

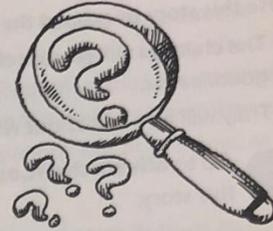
## Chapter 11 Activity Master

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

### Decipher the Clues

Below is a list of questions. With the help of the clue given beneath each question, and what you have learned from the chapter, fill in the correct answer on the line provided.



Who am I?

I doubted that Jesus was raised from the dead because I had not seen him.

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Who am I?

I was elected to replace Judas.

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Who am I?

I told the Apostles that I would send for the Holy Spirit.

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Who am I?

I came to the Apostles on the day of Pentecost.

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Who am I?

Jesus gave me special authority in the Church.

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Who am I?

I met the Risen Christ on the road to Damascus.

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Who are we?

We were martyred for our beliefs.

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