

Lesson 8 – The Paschal Mystery

Grade 3 – Chapter 8

KEY CONCEPT

Jesus died and rose to new life to save all people from the power of sin. The Church celebrates the Paschal Mystery in all of the Seven Sacraments.

QUICK SESSION OVERVIEW

STEP 1 - WELCOME

STEP 2 - INVITE

STEP 3 - DISCOVER

STEP 4 - LIVE

STEP 5 - CLOSING

Be Prepared

-Review the materials before class, mark the Scripture passages in your Bible, watch the videos, and ask the Holy Spirit to guide you

-Being prepared send so many messages to these young people:

“You matter”

“This is important”

“I want to make this a great experience for you”

STEP 1 - WELCOME

TIP

Community Activity

STEP 2 - INVITE

TIP

Let us Pray

- **Pray the Memorare**
- **Chapter Story: Changes**
- Use this poem after the opening prayer, before discussing the night before Jesus died.
 - Read aloud the poem. Ask the children to listen for where the poem's tone shifts from selfish to self-giving.
 - After connecting self-giving with Jesus' sacrifice, transition back to the lesson instruction.

Selfish

stingy, greedy

grab, take, want

thoughtless, uncaring, loving, kind

share, help, give

generous, endless

unselfish

- **Read God's word**
- **Talk about What do you wonder questions.**

STEP 3 – DISCOVER

TIP

Being True to Our Promises

- **Read paragraphs**
- **Read about Lindsey's Promise and discuss with class if they would be able to do what Lindsey did.**

Sacrifices Show Love

- **Read paragraphs.**

Activity – Word Search

Jesus' Resurrection

- **Read paragraph**
- **Can explain more of the Paschal mystery with the information on attached sheet.**

Christ's Saving Work

- **Read paragraphs**

Activity – Have the children color the picture of the graphic organizer. Review what each part means.

STEP 4 – LIVE

TIP

Our Catholic Life

- **Read paragraphs and talk about gifts of sacrifice**

Read about St. Mary Magdalene

Do the Live Your Faith section

Take Homes

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

STEP 5 – CLOSING

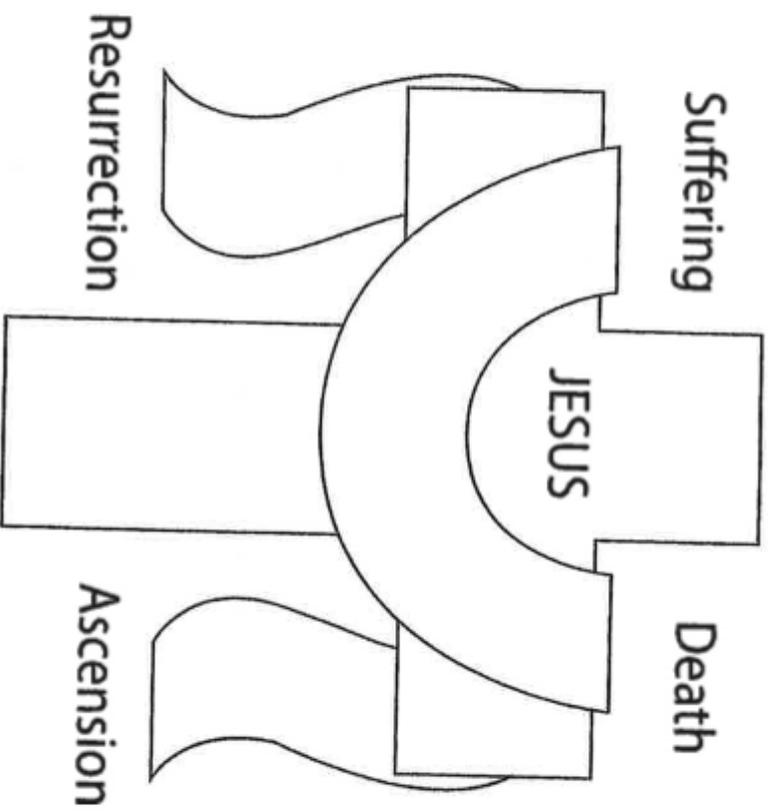
TIP

Closing Prayer

- **Say prayer on pg. 138**
- **Say the Hail Mary**

Graphic Organizer

Paschal Mystery



Word Search

In the puzzle below, find and circle the words from the Word Bank. The words may appear vertically or horizontally. All of the words are related to Jesus' sacrifice.

Word Bank				
Ascension	Courage	Cross	Giving	Heaven
Loving	Mystery	Paschal	Passover	Praise
Promise	Risen	Suffering	Unselfish	

F	J	G	H	E	S	I	A	R	P
N	O	I	S	N	E	C	S	A	A
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R	I	R	N	H	Y	G	I	O	R
P	R	C	U	R	M	N	N	C	S
L	A	H	C	S	A	P	G	V	R

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Paschal Mystery

This is the suffering, death, Resurrection and Ascension of Christ. These four events together comprise the mystery of our faith and give us hope that we, too, will rise from death to life. In the Death and Resurrection of Jesus, God has transformed defeat and death into victory and life. As a seed that has been buried grows roots, a stem, a flower, and, ultimately, fruit, so the miracle of life is born of death and burial in the Paschal Mystery.