

Lesson 9 – Honoring God

Grade 4 - Chapter 9 and Advent

KEY CONCEPT

The first three Commandments teach you to honor God above all else, respect his name, and worship him on Sunday. These Commandments tell you to believe in, trust, and love God.

QUICK SESSION OVERVIEW

STEP 1 - WELCOME

STEP 2 - INVITE

STEP 3 - DISCOVER

STEP 4 - LIVE

STEP 5 - CLOSING

HELPFUL HINT OF THE DAY

Be Flexible

- Kids are going to be kids and we need to meet them where they are at
- We have lesson plans but when you get into a certain topic that you're getting good engagement from your kids on, you should continue to push that
- Understand your class and know what gets them going, then use this as your planning your lesson

STEP 1 - WELCOME

TIP

Community Activity

STEP 2 – INVITE

TIP

Let us Pray

Memorare

Chapter Story: “A Place of Honor”

- **Use this story after the opening prayer, before explaining that we give honor and praise to God.**

A Place of Honor

“What are you building?” Jeremy asked. “A spice rack?”

“No,” said Vernique. “It’s something for the whole family. It’s a place of honor.”

Jeremy was doubtful. “What does that mean? It just looks like a shelf.”

“It’s a place to put things that make us proud of our family,” Vernique replied.

“It’s for Dad’s bowling trophy and my science fair certificate—and Mom’s picture from when she shook hands with the mayor.”

“Can I put the pottery bowl I made there, too?”

“Sure,” said Vernique.

- **Ask two children to read aloud the part of Vernique and Jeremy**
- **Ask the children why the trophy, certificate, the picture and the bowl are going to be displayed in a place of honor.**
- **Ask: What would you put in a place of honor for your family?**

STEP 3 – DISCOVER

TIP

Putting God First

- **Read and discuss the section and Scripture with the prompts given**
- **Read the First Commandment section**
- **Ask: What are some things that people sometimes place ahead of God?**
- **Use the “Catechist Background” at the bottom of your catechist guide to discuss about “idolatry” and being clear about not worshipping Mary, or the Saints, but that we honor them for directing us towards God**
- **Use the “Share Your Faith” section to allow for discussion**

Respecting God

- **Read and discuss the section**
- **Use “The Name of God” section about the Sign of the Cross**

Activity Master 9: Names of God

Keeping the Lord’s Day

Advent Intro

TIP

Change our Hearts (pg 16)

Talk about the color purple and how it is the color for Advent.

Ask: What do Catholics prepare for during Advent?

The Path of Love

Help the children understand what is meant by “small acts of sacrifice and penance.”

Ask: What changes can you make to straighten your path and bring you closer to Jesus?

Activity - Do the Prepare the Way activity on pg. 17

STEP 4 – LIVE

TIP

Our Catholic Life

- **Go through the “Commandments of Respect” and discuss**
- **Ask: What things in the Church should you especially treat with respect?**

People of Faith

- **Discuss about Saint Mary Ann of Quito**

Live Your Faith

- **Go through the activity to help them to focus on how to love God better the next week**

STEP 5 – CLOSING

TIP

Pray:

- **Act of Contrition**
- **Memorare**

Take Homes:

- **Family and Faith**
- **Chapter 9 Review and Unit review**

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Names of God

Read the names of God listed in the box. Then find and circle each name in the word search. The names run from left to right and from top to bottom.

CREATOR	FATHER	JESUS CHRIST	SON
LORD	SAVIOR	HOLY SPIRIT	

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

Write one way in which you will use God's name with respect this week.

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The Tradition of **Advent**

Advent is the period of four Sundays and weeks before Christmas (or sometimes from the 1st December to Christmas Day!). Advent means 'Coming' in Latin. This is the coming of Jesus into the world.

Many Advent wreaths also have a white candle in the center to symbolize the arrival of Christmastide, sometimes known as the "Christ candle." It is lit on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day. ... One interpretation holds that purple means hope and waiting, which aligns with the seasonal meaning of Advent.

The first candle of the Advent Wreath, the **Prophecy Candle or Candle of Hope, is purple**. The second, called the **Bethlehem Candle or the Candle of Preparation, is also purple in color**. Likewise, the **fourth Advent Candle color is purple**. It's called the **Angel Candle or the Candle of Love**.

One of the candles surrounding the Christ Candle in the Advent wreath is rose colored, for **Gaudete Sunday or Joy Sunday, the beginning of the third week in Advent**.

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