

Grade 7 - Lesson 5

St. Michael the Archangel Parish

Proclamation:

God always provides for his people. He protects them and gives them leaders and laws for their own benefit.



Catechetical Points

- Moses and the Ten Commandments
- We remember the souls of those who have eternal life in heaven on All Saints Day, which is a Holy Day of Obligation (November 1)
- The Church is made up of the Church Militant (earth), the Church Suffering (purgatory), and the Church Triumphant (heaven). We should pray for souls in purgatory.

Materials

- Blank paper
- YouTube (Please bring your own laptop or tablet)
 - Wi-Fi: StMichaelGuest
 - Password: 6084375348
 - **Why Do Catholics Pray to Saints** by TheoMatters
 - <https://youtu.be/3hd-PEh589c>
 - **I Ain't Afraid of No Ghosts** by Fr. Mike Schmitz
 - <https://youtu.be/RgyX-aLMrGc>
 - **Do Catholics Worship Saints?** By Fr. Mike Schmitz
 - <https://youtu.be/3K9yGNPalcA>

Before class starts:

- Students who arrive early can play Train Wreck with students from the other grades.

[1 min] **Opening Prayer**

- Ask the students if there is anything they would like to pray for.
- Pray the **Memorare** on page 179 of the student text (p. 318 in the teacher's manual).

[5 min] **Icebreaker Question**

- **Who do you look up to? Why?**

[25 min] **Moses**

- Draw a timeline of the people that we've covered so far in the story of salvation history (see notes on page 50 of the teacher's manual).
- Divide the class into pairs or a group of three students.
- Assign each group one of the sections on the life of Moses on pages 36-38 in the student text.
 - Moses Returns to the Land of Egypt
 - The Passover of the Lord
 - The Exodus from Egypt
 - God Gives Moses the Ten Commandments
- Each group should read their paragraph, then explain that part of the story to the whole class. If you have time, you can also have them draw a simple scene on blank paper to illustrate their story.

[10 min] **God renews the Covenant with His People**

- Read **God renews the Covenant with His People** and **God Commands Sacrifices** on page 38 of the student text (page 57 in the teacher's manual).
- Draw God's covenant with Moses.

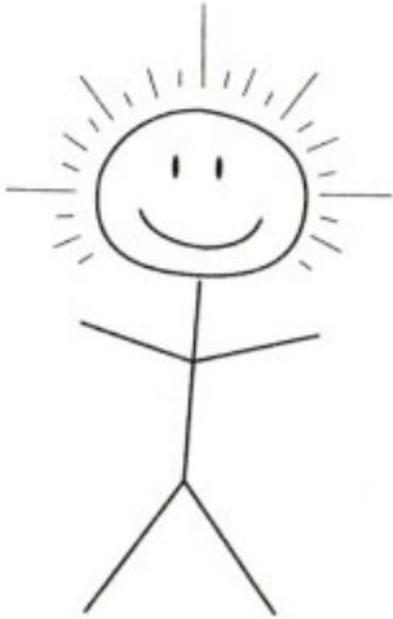


Moses goes up Mount Sinai. There is an earthquake, fire, darkness, a cloud, smoke, and lightning surrounding the mountain. At the top of the mountain, God gives Moses the Ten Commandments, written on tablets of stone. As a result of being in God's presence, Moses' face began to glow.

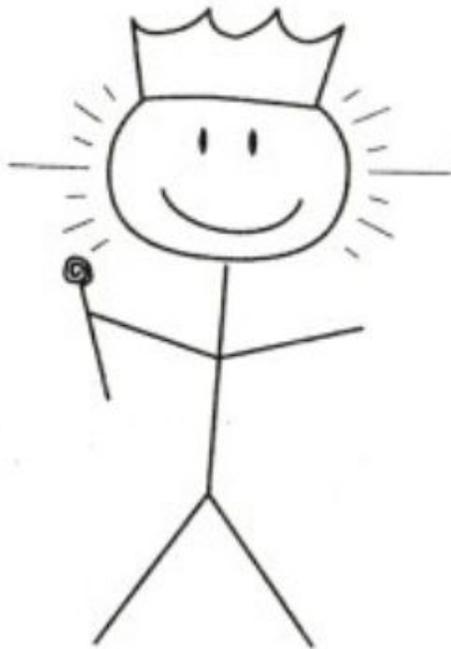
[15 min] **David**

- After Moses, Joshua became the ruler of the Israelites, and after him, there were military heroes called judges who were the rulers. After the judges, a new form of leadership arose: the kings.
- Read **The Rule of Kings** on page 39 of the student text.
- Just like we discussed in our first lesson about Adam and Jesus, David was also a priest, prophet, and king.
- Draw David:

David embodies the people of Israel, so he is like a new Adam. Draw his face shining to show that he is a child of God:



David was appointed King of Israel. Draw a crown and scepter:



David was also a priest (in the order of Melchizedek). Draw a stole to show his priesthood:

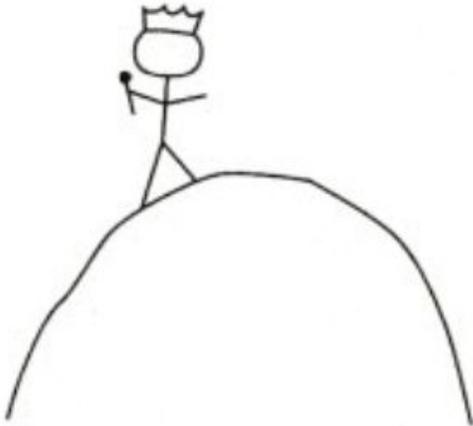


David also had the gift of prophecy. Open David's mouth to show him proclaiming God's Word:

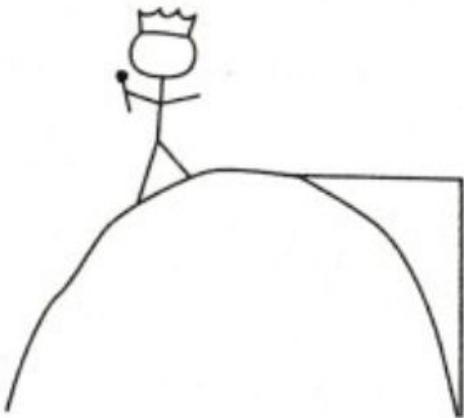


- David made Jerusalem the capital of the Jewish nation and the center of their worship.
- Draw God's covenant with David:

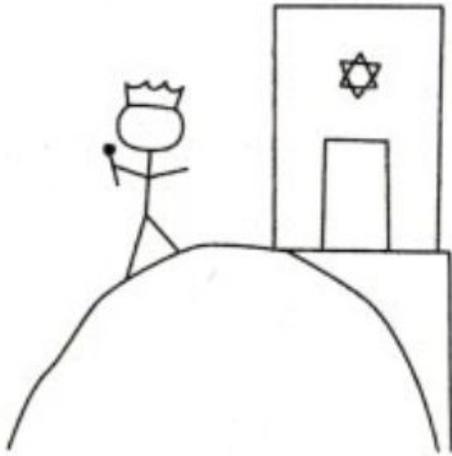
God established his covenant with David on Mount Zion:



When David made Jerusalem the center of worship, the temple became the most important building in the city. This is where the ark of the covenant was kept. Draw a terrace to make a foundation for the temple:



Next, draw the temple with the Star of David on the front.



[15 min] **The Communion of Saints**

- On November 1 we celebrate All Saints Day, in which we celebrate the holy souls who have eternal life in heaven.
- **Why do we pray to saints?**
- Watch **Why Do Catholics Pray to Saints** by TheoMatters
 - <https://youtu.be/3hd-PEh589c>
- **What patron saints do you pray to?**
- **Who is your patron saint?**
- Souls in Heaven are called the **Church Triumphant** because they have won the victory over sin. Souls in Purgatory are called the **Church Suffering** because their souls are experiencing purification. Souls on Earth are called the **Church Militant** because we struggle against sin and the temptations of the devil.
- Heaven is the communion of life and love with the Trinity, with the Virgin Mary, the angels, and all the saints. Heaven is the fulfillment of the deepest human longings, and the state of supreme happiness. The souls in heaven pray for us on earth, and they join their prayers to ours at Mass.
- Hell is eternal separation from God because of a deliberate choice to commit a serious sin and reject God's mercy.

- Purgatory is a place of purification from the effects of sin on the soul. Souls in Purgatory experience a cleansing fire to purify their attachment to sin, while souls in hell experience eternal fire as punishment for their sins. We should pray for souls in Purgatory so that they can enter Heaven more quickly.
- On November 2 we celebrate All Souls Day, in which we remember loved ones who have passed away. Unless someone has been canonized a saint by the Church, we should assume that their soul is in Purgatory and that their soul is in need of our prayers.
- **Why do souls go to Purgatory?**
- **How do we know about the afterlife?** Because God revealed these truths through Divine Revelation, which was then written down in the Bible. Some saints were given visions from God, which showed what hell, Purgatory, and Heaven are like. Even today, many people have near death experiences and describe these places after being revived.
- **Choose one video to watch:**
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[5 min] Closing Prayer

- Pray the Our Father, Hail Mary, and Glory Be.

[1 min] Announcements

- November 1 is a Holy Day of Obligation (All Saints Day), and Mass will be at 6:00PM.