

February LIFT 2018-19 Level 6-8 Home Assignment

Directions: Work with your child through the take home assignment. It isn't a writing assignment but an opportunity to experience together what we discussed at LIFT. Jot down notes about the things you talk about and email me a summary to dremaley@holyeucharist.org.

Theme: Jesus Christ: The Passion, Death, Resurrection and Ascension of our Savior

- Objectives:**
1. Become familiar with the Apostle's Creed as we say it at every LIFT session
 2. Know where we are in the Liturgical Calendar and how we can know it
 3. Be able to retell what we have covered so far this year
 4. Be able to retell the story of the Passion, Death, Resurrection and Ascension of Jesus.
 5. Be able to define the terms: Passion, Death, Resurrection, Ascension, Paschal Mystery, Judgement Day, Last Judgement.
 6. Understand that hope is not wishful thinking but hope is placed on Christ's promises.

Activities

Liturgical Calendar Connection

Questions to consider:

- What color did we see in church today and on the vestments (clothes) of the priest and deacon? (dark green)
- What is the liturgical time of year we are in? (Ordinary Time) What does "ordinary" in Ordinary Time mean? (Ordinary usually means "regular" or "plain" but the way that we are using it here means "order" as in the order of counted weeks. During Ordinary Time, we follow Jesus as He teaches and heals the people.)
- What season is coming next? (Lent)
- What color is associated with Lent? (purple)

Apostle's Creed Introduction

Last month we discussed that we are going to learn about a prayer that we say in church called the Apostle's Creed. It is what we believe as Catholic Christians.

I believe in God,
the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended into hell;
on the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty;
from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting. Amen.

Review of what we have covered so far

During the **September LIFT**, we concentrated on the first line “I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.” We read a story about how God created everything...the earth the sky, all of the birds and animals and people too.

In **October**, we discussed on who we are as human beings created in God’s image. To do this, we looked at a line from St. Augustine:

You have created us for Yourself O Lord – we are created in God’s likeness and image with the ability to reason, free will to make choices and the capacity to love. He created us to use these gifts and be in relationship with Him.

However...**Our hearts are restless** because we sin and we turn away from God.

Until they rest in you – God is love and when we love Him and one another, we are at peace inside. He is our eternal and ultimate rest.

In **November**, looked at the whole swath of Salvation History where God revealed Himself little by little to the Chosen People (the Israelites) through a series of covenants.

Remember a covenant is a solemn promise that creates a family bond. A covenant is unbreakable and there are consequences if you don’t live up to your end of the covenant.

We talked about the five major covenants and watched a video about them. And this is where we ended at the **December LIFT**, we looked at the lines “Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary;” we celebrated the the birth of Jesus. We experienced a taste of what it might have been like if we were in Nazareth on the evening that Jesus was born with our play called the Nazareth Evening News.

Last month in the **January LIFT**, we followed Jesus through his ministry and looked at the miracles that he performed – miracles of supply, healing, nature, and casting out demons. Jesus was not just a good person or even a great teacher. He is God. We know Jesus is God because:

- At the Baptism of Jesus, God reveals this truth “this is my beloved Son with whom I am well pleased” with the Holy Spirit in the form of a dove. (Father, Son and the Holy Spirit present at the Baptism)
- Miracles-like the ones that we read last month
- Forgives sins

Terms to Know Before We Move Forward

Passion-Christ's suffering

Descent into Hell – After He died on the cross, Jesus' soul went to the realm of the dead. There he preached the Gospel to the just who had died before Him.

Resurrection – Jesus came back to life, body and soul. This is the truth on which our faith hangs together.

Ascension – Jesus went up to Heaven 40 after His Resurrection. This was witnessed by his disciples

Paschal Mystery – The Passion, Death, Resurrection, and Ascension of Jesus. Paschal comes from the Greek Pascha for Passover; and Jesus became the Paschal Lamb. We call the Paschal Mystery a mystery because in Jesus Christ, new life can come from death

The Paschal Mystery

Ask the kids what details they remember about the Passion and Death of Jesus. Create a detailed picture about what happened to Him using what they remember. Once that is established...

Explain that when Jesus descended into Hell and preached the Gospel, Jesus' lifeless body remained in the tomb on Holy Saturday. And then, on the third day, Jesus rose from the dead. Jesus' Resurrection is the fulfillment of our redemption. He came to free mankind from the bonds of sin and death. Through His Resurrection, we have the proof that He truly is the Son of God. The Resurrection is the "crowning truth" of our Faith and the fulfillment of all the covenants of salvation history.

Last month, we saw that the miracles that Jesus performed to prove to us the truth that He is the Son of God. The Resurrection was the greatest miracle of all that Jesus performed. Even some of his disciples struggled to believe that Christ had risen from the dead.

Use a Bible or www.biblehub.com to look at the story of St. Thomas. Sometime we call him "doubting Thomas."

John 20:24-29

- Why didn't Thomas believe?
- What proof did he require?
- What was Thomas' response when he puts his finger in his side and sees his hands?
- What is Jesus' response?
- What does his response mean for those of us who have not seen?
- Why is it sometimes difficult to believe? What can we do when we doubt?

After the Resurrection, Jesus' body looked like a normal human body, but he had none of the physical weaknesses and limitations of human bodies. If we believe in Him and die in a state of grace, then we too, shall be raised at the end of time. The truth of Jesus' Resurrection is the promise of our resurrection. Now read the following Resurrection stories: Luke 24: 1-12 and Luke 24:36-43

Ascension of Jesus

After His Resurrection, Jesus spent 40 days with His disciples so that they might come to believe fully in all that He came to accomplish. During this time Christ's glorified body was veiled "under the appearance of ordinary humanity" (CCC 659). The disciples don't always recognize him right away (Mary Magdalene thought that He was a gardener, the disciples on the Road to Emmaus don't recognize Him until they break bread with Him). After 40 days, Christ ascended into Heaven, and His humanity entered irreversibly into divine glory. Jesus; Ascension into eternal glory is our hope and our promise that we, too, can someday go where He has gone. Christ is an intercessor through the Paschal Mystery by redeeming humanity on the Cross, He made it possible for mankind to return to our Father in Heaven. As he stood in for us or took our place on the Cross, He now stands for us in Heaven.

Read Acts 1: 6-11

- How do you think the disciples felt as they say Jesus ascending into Heaven?
- What mission did Christ give the disciples? To us?

"Last Days. Last Judgement"

Here is a great video by Father Mike Schmitz "The Lesser Known Last Judgement"
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7FMgVbcLagM>

Ask them what they understand from the video.

- What is the particular judgement?
- What will happen at the Final/Last Judgement?
- What do you think about the idea of fully knowing yourself? Your story?

Mercy Me

"I Can Only Imagine" https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N_lrrq_opng

How does this song relate to the video that you just watched?

Closing Prayer

"Our Father"
