

## January 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](mailto:dremaley@holyeucharist.org).

**Theme:** Jesus Christ: The Way, The Truth and The Life

- 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. Know that Jesus is God, Second Person of the Trinity
  5. God sent his Son because He loves us
  6. Know that there are four different types of miracles that all show that Jesus is God.
  7. Discuss Baptism and how we are changed in the waters.
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### Activities

#### Liturgical Calendar Connection

Questions to consider:

- We are concluding the liturgical season of Christmas. What color is associated with the season of Christmas in the church? (white)
- What season is coming next? (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 color is associated with Ordinary Time? (green-because we are in Ordinary Time after Christmas, here at Holy Eucharist it will be dark green)

#### 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;

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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. TAnd this is where we ended last month at the **December LIFT**, with 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.

### **Who is Jesus?**

Read the essay together.

Ask them what they understand from the reading. Make sure to discuss the following points:

- Jesus is our Savior “the Way the Truth and the Life”
  - Jesus is a model for how we are to live
  - Jesus is God-Second Person of the Trinity. We know this because of revelation in Scripture, the miracles Jesus performed, and His power to forgive sins
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## Jesus' Miracles

Have your child look up the following verses in a Bible. You can use one from home or even look up the verses in an online Bible. I like [www.biblehub.com](http://www.biblehub.com).

- Matthew 8:1-4
- Luke 9:10-17
- John 6:16-21
- Luke 4:31-37

Have them read the story of Jesus' miracles and summarize it in a few words. Then have them identify which type of miracle it is: supply, healing, nature or casting out demons [miracles of supply (loaves/fish, wine at Cana), miracles of healing (blind, lame, deaf), miracles of nature (calming of the wind, walks on water), casting out of demons]. When they are finished, call on the different groups and discuss each one of the nine miracles briefly.

Explain that Jesus performed miracles so that we might believe in Him, that He is the Messiah and the Son of God and that through this belief we might have eternal life through Him. He performed miracles because he loves us.

[Some other ways to talk about this...

CCC 547 Jesus accompanies his words with many mighty works and wonders and signs, which manifest that the kingdom is present in him and attest that he was the promised Messiah.

CCC 548 The signs worked by Jesus attest that the Father has sent Him. They invite belief in Him. To those who turn to Him in faith, He grants what they ask. So miracles strengthen faith in the One who does His Father's works; they bear witness that He is the Son of God...]

## Our Baptism

Read the essay on Baptism. Because we are baptized, we become part of God's family...His adopted sons and daughters. By virtue of our baptism, we have been given a mission to follow Jesus and share in his mission to tell others about God, help those in need and care for those who are sick.

[You can read together or just discuss some of the points in the "Baptism: The First Step on the Way" essay. The front is especially good and connects to the gospel of the Baptism of the Lord.]

What are some ways that we can live out our baptismal call to mission?

## Closing Prayer

"Our Father"