

## First Grade: Lesson 12

### The Catholic Church

#### Lesson Objective:

In the next two lessons, children learn about what the Church is, the importance of the Church, and what God gives us through His Church. This is how God is made present on earth.

#### Learning Outcomes:

- Describe the community of God as our families, past, present, and future, as well as those in the Church, in school and the outside community.
- Describe the Church as a praying and worshiping community.
- Give examples of appropriate behavior in community (i.e., being welcoming, etc.).
- Recognize and identify the priests at the parish.

#### Materials Needed:

- Prayer space items, Bible, pencils, crayons, glue, and scissors
- Copies needed: The Church Art Response, Serving God Activity Page,

#### As Students Enter Class:

- Students may enjoy coloring a picture of a priest and a church while they wait for class to begin.



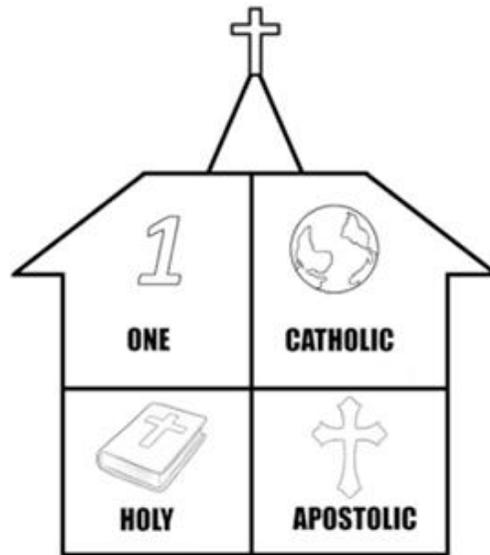
[Coloring page of priest and church](#)

#### Beginning of Class:

- Gather around your prayer space and pray the Our Father.

Lesson Order	Implementation Idea
Lesson 12 Video	<p data-bbox="699 233 1149 275">This video is 2:14 in length.</p> <p data-bbox="699 310 1403 464">Highlights: We have been learning about the Holy Trinity and how the Catholic Church began at Pentecost, when the Apostles received the gift of the Holy Spirit.</p> <p data-bbox="699 506 1382 659">The Church is made up of people of all races, nationalities, and ethnicities. We all belong to ONE church, which praises and worships as one community.</p> <p data-bbox="699 701 1419 890">Analogy – Your body has many parts, and each part is important. The Church is similar to your body in that it also has many parts, and each part is important and has a job to do.</p> <p data-bbox="699 932 1386 1121">You have special gifts and it is God’s will that you live out your life to the fullest of what God wishes for you. Then you will be doing your part in the community in the Body of Christ/the Church.</p> <p data-bbox="699 1163 1403 1241">You will also learn about the 4 Marks of the Church:</p>

## 4 MARKS OF THE CHURCH



You will also learn about the four vocations we have:



What is the Catholic Church?

This video is 1:27 in length.

It has drawings that accompany the video.

<p>Idea: To help students understand all are welcome, consider having students walk around the room in all directions, haphazardly, and then invite them to come together to make a circle, holding hands with one another. An adult can stand in the middle of the circle, with outstretched hands, to represent Jesus, the head of the Church. Remind students that all people are welcome in the Catholic Church and that Jesus loves all of us.</p>	<p>Using the 5 W's, it answers the question: What is the Catholic Church?</p> <p>Highlights: The Catholic Church is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• One</li> <li>• Holy</li> <li>• Catholic</li> <li>• Apostolic</li> </ul> <p>WHO: All people who are baptized, follow the Catechism of the Catholic Church, and recognize the Pope as the Head of the Church.</p> <p>WHAT: A collection of all Catholics who believe all the points list under Who.</p> <p>WHEN: Pentecost is seen as the birth of our Catholic Church.</p> <p>Where: Here on Earth, world-wide; however, the Church is rooted in Heaven.</p> <p>Why: Christ founded the Catholic Church to bring all people to eternal salvation.</p>
<p>Jesus Founded My Church</p>	<p>This Christine in Action Song is .53 in length.</p> <p>Words and pictures accompany this video.</p>
<p>Know, Love and Serve the Lord</p>	<p>This Christin in Action Song is .49 in length. Words and actions accompany the video.</p> <p>You may want to play this twice, so students can learn the actions.</p>
<p>What is My Vocation?</p>	<p>This video is 5:12 in length.</p> <p>It has men and women from all vocations explain what their vocation is and how it fits into God's plan.</p>

*\*\*It is a good video but above a first-grade level. Monitor student engagement and stop the video if you need to. Please make sure that students understand that when they grow up, they will need to speak and listen to God to determine what his or her vocation is. \*\**

Sister Mary:

God's plan for all of us is to be with Him in Heaven. It doesn't matter if we are married, or entered the priesthood or religious life, there is nothing better than following God's will. The sister lives a happy, fulfilling life because it is what God called her to do.

Father Jeb: He wants young people to believe in themselves and to believe that God has called them because He loves them. You don't have to first prove yourself to God. Get to know yourself and to believe in yourself and recognize that God will use you in ways you didn't think were possible.

Married Couple: We are the domestic church. Through the vocation of marriage, we love Christ through our marriage and our children. God wants you to love your vocation. He calls each of us to do what He has in His mind. Every single vocation is called to be a gift of self. We aren't truly happy until we give of ourselves fully in love.

Bishop Burbige: Reminds us that God has created all of us in His image and likeness and has a divine plan for each of us. We need to pray for the grace we need to live in a manner worthy of the call we received. We will only be able to discern our

	<p>vocational call through prayer and spending time in silence. Ask: Lord, what is it you're asking me to do in my life?</p>
<p>The Vocation of Marriage</p>	<p>This video is 1:45 in length. It is animated and students will be able to understand it.</p> <p>What is the vocation of marriage? God brings people together to do His will.</p>
<p>The Church Art Response</p>	
<p>Serving God Activity Page</p>	<p>How am I called to serve God now? How may I be called to serve God when I'm older? There is a boy figure and a girl figure.</p> <p>Provide time for students to share their thoughts and pictures.</p>
<p>Closing Prayer</p>	<p>Gather around your prayer space and pray a prayer of thanksgiving.</p>