

First Grade: Lesson 13

Baptism

Lesson Objective:

This lesson builds upon the previous lesson to help children understand the importance of Baptism. Children should be reminded that their life in Christ began at Baptism. This makes them very close to God and gives them the ability to learn about the things of God and to grow in faith.

Learning Outcomes: Students will ...

- Identify that Jesus gives us the sacraments as a way to celebrate and remember God's love for us (CCC. 1114 12-1118).
- Recognize that God takes away sin in Baptism and identify the signs and symbols of Baptism.
- State that God takes away sin in Baptism (CCC 977, 1213, 1226).

Materials Needed:

- Prayer space items, Bible, pencils, crayons, sea shell and bowl of water, small doll
- Copies: Baptism coloring sheet, Baptism memory game, 7 Sacraments matching activity

As Students Enter Class:

- You can have students color the Baptism page from the activity section in this lesson now, or later in the class.

Beginning of Class:

- Invite students to your prayer space and pray a traditional Catholic Prayer.
- If you have not started this routine, you may consider having the titles of traditional Catholic Prayers written on index cards or craft sticks and have a student pick one and that is the prayer you recite.

Lesson Order	Implementation Idea
Lesson 13 Video	<p data-bbox="654 233 1101 275">This video is 4:02 in length.</p> <p data-bbox="654 310 1406 579">Highlights: You are a member of the Catholic Church because you were Baptized. Baptism is a Sacrament of Initiation and is the first Sacrament all Catholics receive. It is an opportunity to meet Jesus and grow in relationship with Him. In Baptism you become a child of God.</p> <p data-bbox="654 621 1398 695">The video reviews the steps and items used in Baptism.</p> <p data-bbox="654 737 1398 852">Water is a sign of God's life and you are baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.</p> <p data-bbox="654 894 1393 999">The baptismal candle reminds us that Jesus is the light of the world, and lights our path to Heaven.</p> <p data-bbox="654 1041 1398 1115">Where else have you heard those words? (The Sign of the Cross and the Holy Trinity).</p> <p data-bbox="654 1157 1357 1272">The light of Christ also comes to us through Sacred Scripture. Verses from the Bible are read during our Baptism.</p> <p data-bbox="654 1314 1414 1503">When you are Baptized, everyone in the Church hears the name your parents gave you. This is how you were called to be in the light of Christ. In the Bible, Jesus said: I know you, I love you, I call you by name.</p> <p data-bbox="654 1545 1365 1619">In Baptism, two oils are used: The Oil of the Catechumen and the Sacred Chrism Oil.</p> <p data-bbox="654 1661 1414 1734">Oil of the Catechumen is a sign of strength and healing.</p> <p data-bbox="654 1776 1414 1892">Sacred Chrism Oil has a sweet fragrance and is known as the fragrance of Christ and is a symbol of joy.</p>

<p>STOP AND DISCUSS</p>	<p>Then a candle is light to represent how you carry the light of Christ into the world.</p> <p>Once we are Baptized, how do we keep the fire of Christ alive in us? (Prayer, attending Mass, following the 10 Commandments, etc...).</p> <p>The Catholic Church has seven sacraments that show us how much God loves us and gives us His free grace.</p> <p>REFLECTION: Offer a few moments for students to share their thoughts about what they heard.</p>
<p>What is Baptism?</p>	<p>This video is 2:19 in length. It is suggested you stop the video at 1:30 (see explanation below).</p> <p>Highlights: The Sacrament of Baptism is the first sacrament we receive and it allows us to enter God’s Church and then receive the other sacraments. There are 7 sacraments in all.</p> <p>Each sacrament has 3 elements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Matter • Form • Minister <p>In Baptism: Water is the matter – the physical sign used to cleanse our souls in God’s mercy.</p> <p>The form are the words used:</p> <div data-bbox="651 1623 1419 1892" style="background-color: #fff9c4; padding: 10px;">  <p style="margin-left: 20px;">I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.</p> </div>

<p>Activity Suggestion:</p>	<p>The minister is the person who performs the sacrament and is usually a Deacon, Priest, or Bishop. However, in cases of emergency, anyone can perform a Baptism.</p> <p>Baptism is absolutely necessary to enter into eternal life. It allows us entrance into the Catholic Church by washing away original sin.</p> <p>I suggest you stop the video here at 1:30 since, the final topic is above grade level: God is not bound by the sacraments and can save through other means.</p> <p>Using a seashell, bowl of water, and a small doll, you can demonstrate the wording in a Baptism. Students can also take a turn if you have the space and time.</p>
<p>Baptism Song</p>	<p>This video is 1:30 in length.</p> <p>John 3:5 is repeated in this video.</p> <p>Jesus answered, "Amen, amen, I say to you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit.</p>
<p>The 7 Sacraments</p>	<p>This video is 2:19 in length. It explains the Sacraments very well. The illustrations also help students understand the concepts.</p> <p>Highlights: A sacrament is an efficacious sign instituted by Christ to gain grace. Efficacious means that the Sacrament symbol actually happens.</p> <p>Example: Baptism: Water is the symbol but it actually cleanses us from original sin.</p> <p>Every Sacrament was instituted by Jesus Christ and can be found in Scripture.</p>

	<p>Example: The Eucharist was instituted at the Last Supper and Holy Orders was instituted at Jesus’s Ascension into Heaven.</p> <p>The term Apostolic Succession means that all priests can be traced back to the Apostles and all Popes can be traced back to St. Peter.</p> <p>Every Sacrament has 3 things:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Matter 2) Form 3) Minister <p>Matter: The physical object used. Ex: Water for Baptism.</p> <p>Form: The words spoken. Ex: I Baptize you in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.</p> <p>Minister: The person administering the Sacrament, such as a Priest, Bishop, or Deacon.</p> <p>The 7 Sacraments of the Catholic Church are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Baptism 2) First Eucharist 3) Reconciliation 4) Confirmation 5) Holy Matrimony 6) Holy Orders 7) Anointing of the Sick
Learn the 7 Sacraments Song	This video is 1:48 and is sung by kids. It is very cute.
The 7 Sacraments Explained (In Depth)	This video is 10:22 in Length. A young girl narrates the video and animated illustrations accompany the video.

	<p>This is a lengthy video. Depending on how attentive the class is, you may want to watch enough of the video that covers the first 3 or 4 sacraments. You will notice this video goes into more detail than the previous one above.</p> <p>Highlights:</p> <p>Sacraments are visible signs instituted by Jesus Christ Himself, entrusted to the Church, by which we meet Christ and receive God's invisible grace.</p> <p>A sacrament is a sign. A sacrament also has matter or substance (which means the materials or things that are used to administer the sacrament). The form of a sacrament are the words said. The minister is the person who performs the sacrament. The effect means what does the sacrament do for the person who receives it. The duties are the things we need to do before and after receiving a sacrament.</p> <p>The video then goes on to discuss each sacrament and covers the five things each sacrament has: matter, form, minister, effect, and duties.</p>
<p>The 7 Sacraments Matching Game</p> <p>Cut out and prepare ahead of time.</p>	<p>This could be done as a whole group activity, where you make a poster that matches the symbols to the sacrament.</p> <p>You may want to white out the name of the sacrament that is on each picture 😊</p>
<p>Symbols of Baptism Memory Game</p>	<p>How to Play</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide one set of match cards per 2 to 3 students

<p>Cut out and prepare ahead of time.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ask groups to find an open spot on the table or the floor <p>Step 1: Shuffle cards and lay them out face down</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4) Shuffle cards 5) Each team lays the cards face-down on the table or floor, one at a time. Be sure that no cards overlap. Lay the cards out in any pattern you like. <p>Step 2: Find the Matches</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 6) Play starts with the youngest player. 7) The player turns over two cards, one at a time. Keep the cards in their same position. 8) If the cards match, the player takes the cards and turns over two more cards. 9) If the cards do not match, the player turns the cards face-down. Play passes to the next player to the left. 10) Play continues until all the cards have been picked up. <p>Step 3: To Score</p> <p>The player with the most cards wins the game. If you want, use a score sheet to keep track of the number of games each player wins or to keep a running total of each player's score.</p>
<p>Baptism Coloring Page</p>	<p>If you didn't do this at the beginning of class, or if it's not complete, students can color it now.</p>
<p>Closing Prayer</p>	<p>Model a prayer of Thanksgiving, thanking God for the graces we receive from the Sacraments.</p>