

## Fifth Grade: Lesson 13

### Anointing the Sick

#### Lesson Objective:

This lesson is an in-depth study of the sacrament of Anointing of the Sick. Catechists should help children understand that human frailty is part of life and that our loving God is with us through this sacrament when our bodies and minds grow weak. Catechists should give concrete examples of when it is appropriate to receive this sacrament.

#### Learning Outcomes: Students will ...

- Explain anointing of the sick as a celebration of Christ's healing presence in our lives (CCC 1499, 1503).
- List and explain the signs and symbols of Anointing of the Sick (CCC 1513, 1518-1519, 1531).
- Relate some of the healing stories from the Bible to the Anointing of the Sick.
- Share some of the ways in today's world that Jesus continues to heal through the Anointing of the Sick.

#### Materials Needed:

- Prayer space items, Bible, pencils, crayons or colored pencils
- Copies: Signs, Symbols, Key Points handout, Anointing of the Sick response, Healing Stories from the Bible

#### As Students Enter Class:

- Have a copy of Signs, Symbols, and Key Points from this lesson for each student to review as they wait for class to begin.

#### Beginning of Class:

- Gather around your prayer space and recite a traditional Catholic prayer.
- Ask students to share their thoughts about the handout they were reading over as they waited for class to begin. Make sure they understand that Anointing of the Sick is another Sacrament, given to us by Jesus, in which we share this free grace.

Lesson Order	Implementation Ideas
Lesson 13 Video	<p data-bbox="654 237 1105 275">This video is 2:24 in length.</p> <p data-bbox="654 315 1409 579">Highlights: This is the second part in our study of the Sacraments of Healing. Last week we explored the Sacrament of Reconciliation and today, we spend our time learning about the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick. This is a celebration of Christ's healing presence in our lives.</p> <p data-bbox="654 623 1395 810">The Bible shares many examples of Jesus providing healing. Jesus wants to share His healing powers with us today. This sacrament will restore God's strength and grace to all who receive it.</p> <p data-bbox="654 854 1005 890">Read: James 5:13-15</p> <p data-bbox="654 894 1409 1005">Is anyone among you suffering? He should pray. Is anyone in good spirits? He should sing praise.</p> <p data-bbox="654 1010 1360 1161">14: Is anyone among you sick? * He should summon the presbyters of the church, and they should pray over him and anoint [him] with oil in the name of the Lord,</p> <p data-bbox="654 1165 1398 1276">15 and the prayer of faith will save the sick person, and the Lord will raise him up. If he has committed any sins, he will be forgiven. *</p> <p data-bbox="654 1320 1419 1549">The Church has been performing Anointing of the Sick since the beginning. The priest uses a special oil called the Oil of the Sick. Sometimes receiving this sacrament helps heal the illness. If not, it helps prepare the person for their journey to the Lord in Heaven.</p> <p data-bbox="654 1593 1414 1780">DISCUSSION: Provide some scenarios of when someone would receive this sacrament and when they wouldn't. Encourage students to give a thumbs up for yes and thumbs down for no.</p> <p data-bbox="654 1824 821 1860">Examples:</p>

	<p>You are sick with a cold. Would you call a priest to receive this sacrament? (No)</p> <p>Your grandmother is going to the hospital for heart surgery. Would you call a priest to receive this sacrament? (Yes).</p> <p>Your grandfather fell and hurt his ankle. Would you call a priest to receive this sacrament? (No).</p> <p>You have a cousin who has cancer. They are in the hospital because he/she is weak and struggling. Would you call a priest to receive this sacrament? (Yes).</p>
Sacraments of Healing Song	This Christine in Action video is .56 in length.
Anointing of the Sick: Who It's For	<p>This Busted Halo video is 6:29 in length and is very well done.</p> <p>Highlights: Remember, sacraments are only celebrated by living people, not people who have already passed away. We receive God's grace through the sacraments through our living, human senses.</p> <p>3 Sacraments that can be Repeated:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Holy Eucharist</li> <li>• Reconciliation</li> <li>• Anointing of the Sick</li> </ul>

**The proper time for receiving this holy anointing has arrived when the believer begins to be in danger of death because of illness or old age...**

*- Catechism of the Catholic Church*  
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**Each time a Christian falls seriously ill, they may receive the Anointing of the Sick, and after they have received it, if the illness worsens.**

When to receive Anointing of the Sick:

- 1) Before surgery or a serious procedure
- 2) During a long-term or terminal illness
- 3) Experiencing health issues related to old age.

**Pain and suffering have come into your life, but remember pain, sorrow, suffering are but the kiss of Jesus — a sign that you have come so close to Him that He can kiss you.**

*- Mother Teresa of Calcutta*

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Experiencing Anointing of the Sick has these Effects:

100 Anointing of the Sick (Who It's for)



**#1**

uniting the sick person with the suffering of Jesus

**#2**

giving the person

STRENGTH

PEACE

COURAGE

to endure the

sufferings of old age.

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#3 imparting the  
forgiveness  
of SINS

#4  
providing  
for the  
restoration  
of health



#5 helping the  
sick person  
in preparation  
for passing into  
eternal life

VIDEOS

	<div data-bbox="656 193 1393 951"> <div data-bbox="1209 193 1393 214"> <a href="#">Watch later</a> <a href="#">Share</a> </div> <p data-bbox="732 226 1317 541"><b>Through this holy anointing may the Lord in His love and mercy help you with the grace of the Holy Spirit.</b></p> <p data-bbox="732 594 1308 842"><b>May the Lord who frees you from sin save you and raise you up.</b></p> <p data-bbox="959 909 1386 951"><i>- Prayer of Anointing</i></p> </div> <p data-bbox="656 993 1380 1182">Remember, God assures us that we do not have to be afraid of illness or death. Even though this subject is difficult to talk or even think about, it is a beautiful and important Sacrament.</p>
Anointing of the Sick	<p data-bbox="656 1230 1308 1297">This video is 1:34. It quickly reviews the information presented above.</p> <p data-bbox="656 1304 1393 1413">If student have a lot of questions, or you feel they need a little more on the subject matter, then play this video.</p>
Signs, Symbols, and Key Points	<p data-bbox="656 1465 1414 1686">This is a handout you may have used at the beginning of class. If not, use it now and give students a few minutes to look over the information presented. Hold a discussion to answer any questions or observations students have made.</p>
Anointing of the Sick Response	<p data-bbox="656 1738 1406 1875">Encourage students to reflect on their learning and to draw and write their responses in their neatest work. If applicable, please post on a bulletin board.</p>

Healing Stories from the Bible and Today	Depending on your time, you can pair students up and assign one passage to each pair. Then come back as a class and each pair of students shares their responses.
Closing Prayer	Consider modeling a prayer of Thanksgiving to God for all the beautiful Sacraments we have been blessed to receive.