

Sixth Grade: Lesson 12

Jesus' Paschal Mystery: Life, Death, and Resurrection

Lesson Objective:

In light of the proclamation of the kerygma in lessons 1-3, and the study of God's revelation in the Old Testament, this lesson helps the youth better appreciate the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus. Jesus' death and resurrection changed the course of human history and made heaven possible after the Fall. God's promises are fulfilled in Jesus and the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. Youth are encouraged to reflect upon the power and mystery of these events and reflect on what difference these events make in their lives.

Learning Outcomes: Students will ...

- Celebrate Lent as a liturgical season of repentance and renewal and show how Old Testament traditions prefigured these penitential practices.
- Discuss the signs, symbols, and events of the Easter Triduum.
- Discuss how Jesus fulfills the Old Covenant and establishes the New and Eternal Covenant.
- Celebrate Easter as a liturgical season that commemorates the Resurrection of Christ from the dead and the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost.

Materials Needed:

- Prayer space items, Bible, pencils, crayons
- Copies needed: Stations of the Cross, Jelly Bean Game prepared ahead of time

As Students Enter Class:

- Consider having a prompt written on the board for students to ponder. They can write, sketch, or prepare to verbally share: What does Easter truly mean, as it relates to our Catholic Faith?

Beginning of Class:

- Invite students around your prayer space and model a prayer to the Holy Spirit, asking it to open our hearts and minds to be able to learn more about our faith, each and every class we attend. Please add more, as it relates to your students.

Lesson Order	Implementation Ideas
Lesson 12 Video	<p>This video is 1:58 in length.</p> <p>Highlights: This video has good pictures in the background. In our last session, we learned about the history of Israel and how our Catholic Christianity has a long history that has promised the Messiah. The Messianic prophecies find great meaning in two liturgical seasons: Christmas and Easter. Last week, we discussed Christmas and today we will focus on Easter.</p> <p>Jesus' death and resurrection changed the course of human history and made Heaven possible after the Fall (Adam and Eve and original sin).</p> <p>Lent is a season of preparation. It helps us focus more deeply about the Paschal Mystery. When we talk about the Paschal Mystery, we are referring to God's plan of salvation which was ultimately fulfilled through four events in Christ's life. Those four events are His Passion (his suffering and crucifixion), death, Resurrection, and Ascension.</p> <p>Lent leads to a time known as the Triduum – which is one day in the Church, but 3 days total for us: Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Vigil Mass. Also, there are signs and symbols of the Triduum that refer back to our Jewish roots. Throughout the videos today, see if you can find the symbols!</p>
Lent in 2 Minutes	<p>This video is really 2:15 in length. It has great pictures and the words appear on the screen. However, there is no narration. You will want to let students know this ahead of time.</p> <p>This video presents all the facts and information about Lent.</p>

	<p>Remind students to look for symbols of the Triduum!</p> <p>When the video is done, stop and discuss:</p> <p>Ask students to share something new they learned.</p> <p>Other possible questions:</p> <p>Why do we receive ashes on Ash Wednesday?</p> <p>What is the purpose of fasting? Praying? Almsgiving?</p> <p>Note: If students are not participating, consider playing the video again and encourage them to pay attention.</p>
Holy Week Explained	<p>This video is 2:50 in length. Like the previous video, it does not have a narrator. Pictures and words appear on the screen and students will need to read it for themselves.</p> <p>It explains the meaning of Holy Week very well and in age-appropriate terms. It also has the symbols of the Triduum that Carla mentioned in the opening video.</p> <p>Consider stopping the video as needed to either discuss, share thoughts, or stress the importance of something.</p> <p>At the end, hold a discussion for students to share their notices and wonderings. You can also ask questions, as they relate to the learning objectives for this lesson. For example:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) What are the symbols of the Triduum that you saw in the video? 2) How did Jesus fulfill the new covenant? 3) What does his death on the cross and resurrection mean?

Triduum in 1 Minute	<p>Yes, this video is 1:00 in length 😊</p> <p>Highlights: Once again, it is not narrated. Students will need to read the words on the screen. We have actual pictures of Cardinals, Bishops, and Priests performing the traditions and rituals of the Triduum.</p> <p>The liturgical services held during the Triduum:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Mass of the Lord's Supper (Holy Thursday) 2) The Lord's Passion (Good Friday) 3) Mass of the Resurrection of our Lord (Easter Vigil) <p>Triduum Traditions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Washing of the feet (Holy Thursday) • Veneration of the Cross (Good Friday) • Blessing of Easter fire and the Pascal Candle (Easter Vigil) • Celebrate the Sacraments of Initiation for people entering the Church (Easter Vigil) <p>Once again: Stop and discuss what students learned; what stuck with them, etc....</p>
What Happens at Easter Vigil Mass?	<p>This video is 5:41 in length.</p> <p>Before playing, stop and ask if anyone has attended an Easter Vigil Mass before? If so, ask them to share what they experienced.</p> <p>If not, you may like to mention that the Easter Vigil Mass is the longest Mass of the year. Ask students why they think it's the longest?</p> <p>It typically begins at midnight, although some parishes begin earlier, such as 11:00 pm.</p> <p>This video has music playing the background and once again, the words are not narrated. Students need to read along.</p>

Since this video is longer than the previous non-narrated ones, I will include screen snips to help you facilitate learning and discussions.

Easter Vigil - the celebration of the new creation in Christ (CCC 281)

It is the night we await the resurrection of Christ.

The Service of Light:

*The holy water fonts are drained,
all the lights are out,
&
the tabernacle is empty.*

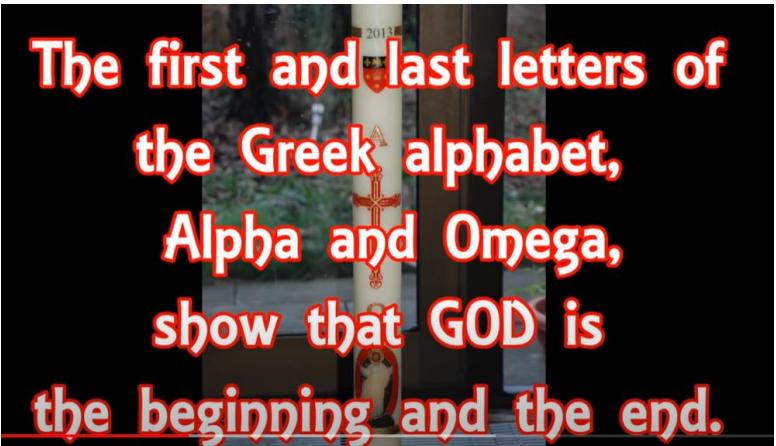
The celebration of Mass begins outside, often with a fire:

The fire represents the purging, zeal, and power & awe that we have for our God

The Paschal Candle is lit from the fire.

These rituals are performed to show that Jesus' Death and Resurrection destroy the darkness and bring light into the world.

The Paschal Candle is the symbol of Christ risen from the dead and shining as our true light for all the world.



The video details the Sacraments that our newly elect members receive.

If your students are getting restless, you could stop the video at this point.

Catholic Easter Traditions

A friar narrates this 2:08 video.

Preparing for Easter means turning inward and reflecting about the love I experience with God.

It is a time to connect as a family, reflecting on our faith. It means being together to experience the love God gave to us through Jesus Christ.

The friar encourages us to make our own Easter tradition and shares a few examples.

**COME, HOLY SPIRIT,
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OF YOUR FAITHFUL
AND ENKINDLE IN US
THE FIRE OF YOUR LOVE**

Stations of the Cross	<p>Pass this out to your students. They don't have to color if they don't want to.</p> <p>Review how the Stations of the Cross depict the events that led up to Jesus' Death. Give students a few minutes to look this over.</p> <p>Consider collecting this back and bring it out the week of Ash Wednesday or the last class before Holy Week. Visit your Church with the students and show them where the stations of the cross are and pray them together.</p>
Jelly Bean Game	Prepare ahead of class time and have fun playing this game!
Prayers of the Church And Closing Prayer	This has been passed out in a previous class. However, if you kept the copies, pass them out and select a closing prayer from this sheet.