

6th Grade: Lesson 8

How Jesus Fulfills the Old Testament

Learning Objective:

Through a careful study of the Scriptures, this lesson continues to explore the historical continuity of the Old and New Covenants by focusing on how Christ's death on the cross is a fulfillment of the Passover sacrifice and the Levitical Priesthood. Just as the blood of the lamb saved the Israelites from death, so the blood of Christ (the Lamb of God) saves us from eternal death. While the Levitical priests offered animal sacrifices for the sins of the people, Jesus, the eternal high priest offered His life once and for all to take away our sins.

Learning Outcomes: Students Will ...

- Explore the Jewish roots of our Christian faith: Sacrifice (CCC 2099-2100).
- Explore the Jewish roots of our Christian faith: Twelve Tribes of Israel and Levitical Priesthood (Exod 1: 1-14, 28, 29, 40).
- Explore the Jewish roots of our Christian faith: Passover (Exod 12).
- Explore the Jewish roots of our Christian faith: Suffering Servant (Isa 52:13-53:12).
- Explore the Jewish roots of our Christian faith: Lamb of God (John 1:29).

Materials Needed:

- Prayer space items, Bible, pencils, crayons or colored pencils, large sheet of paper to make a T-Chart to compare Old and New Testament (or you can write it on the board).
- Copies Needed: Sacred scripture study sheet, Many names of Jesus Art activity

As Students Enter Class:

- While waiting for everyone to arrive, provide a blank piece of paper and ask students to fold it in half. Write Old Testament on one side and New Testament on the other. Ask students to draw and label how they see the OT and NT. What people do they see? What obstacles? What happens?

Beginning of Class:

- Invite students to gather around the prayer space and pray a traditional Catholic prayer of your choice.
- Provide sharing time for anyone who would like to share their drawing from the above activity.

Lesson Order	Implementation Ideas
Lesson 8 Video	<p>This video is 1:04 in length.</p> <p>Highlights:</p> <p>Knowing the roots of our faith is important for understanding why Jesus had to come to Earth to be our Savior. When we have a better understanding of our faith's Jewish roots, we develop an appreciation for the depth of the faith of the Church.</p> <p>Today we continue to focus on the historical continuity of the Old and New Testaments and how Christ's death on the cross is a fulfillment of the Passover sacrifice. Jesus is also a fulfillment of Levitical Priesthood. Old Testament priests all came from one tribe: the Levites.</p> <p>Jesus also fills the role of Melchizedek.</p>
Who is Melchizedek?	<p>This video is 3:07 in Length.</p> <p>Highlights:</p> <p>Melchizedek is a character in Genesis. After the fall of Adam, every main character has a small genealogy. Example, Noah.</p> <p>But the author of Hebrews talks about Melchizedek and states this person has no record of birth or death. However, Melchizedek is not the author of Hebrews, as some have asserted. Melchizedek is a real king who lived in real time. His name means King of Righteousness whose kingdom is a kingdom of peace.</p> <p>Jesus Christ is a priest but NOT from the Levitical order. He does not do his work inside earthly tabernacles, but in heavenly realities. He has an eternal order, no beginning or end. Jesus conquers sin and death itself through his death on the cross. He is also the great high priest, sitting at the right hand of God.</p> <p>Melchizedek is a type of Christ and Christ is the fulfillment of Melchizedek.</p>

<p>Lesson 8, Part 2</p>	<p>This video is .31 in length.</p> <p>In the next modules you will learn that Jesus is the:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ultimate sacrifice • Paschal Lamb of God • Fulfillment of the Passover <p>You will also learn the many names of Jesus.</p>				
<p>Comparing the OT and NT</p> <p>Suggestion:</p> <p>Make a T chart and have a student(s) write out the differences on the board or a large sheet of paper.</p>	<p>This video is 3:33 in length and is well done.</p> <p>It compares the differences between the OT and NT.</p> <div> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th><i>Old Testament</i></th> <th><i>New Testament</i></th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td> <p>FOUNDATIONAL PRINCIPLES PROPHECIES PEOPLE WRATH <i>(Grace)</i></p> </td> <td> <p>REVELATION TRUTHS FULFILLED PERSON GRACE <i>(Wrath)</i></p> </td> </tr> </tbody> </table> </div> <p>OT: Predicts a Messiah in Isaiah 53 and NT tells us who the Messiah is in John 4:25-26</p> <p>OT: Giving of God’s Laws and NT: How Jesus fulfills those laws.</p> <p>OT: God’s dealings are mainly with his chosen people, the Jews. NT: God’s dealings are with the whole Church.</p>	<i>Old Testament</i>	<i>New Testament</i>	<p>FOUNDATIONAL PRINCIPLES PROPHECIES PEOPLE WRATH <i>(Grace)</i></p>	<p>REVELATION TRUTHS FULFILLED PERSON GRACE <i>(Wrath)</i></p>
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Physical blessings



Deuteronomy 29:9

The physical blessings from the old covenant are given away to spiritual blessings under the new covenant.

Spiritual blessings



Forgiveness



Faith



Holy Spirit

Ephesians 1:3

*Because God's revelation
in **SCRIPTURE** is progressive,
the **NEW TESTAMENT** brings into
sharper focus principles
that were introduced
in the **OLD TESTAMENT**.*

The video continues with great examples and explanations that connect the OT and NT.

<p>The Names of Christ</p>	<p>This video is narrated by someone with a monotone voice so students may find it less interesting. He explains the many names that refer to Jesus in the Old Testament.</p> <div> </div> <p>In the New Testament:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Logos • Son of Man • 2nd Adam • Teacher, prophet, rabbi, • Great I AM
<p>Jesus is the Passover Lamb</p>	<p>This video is 10:54 in Length.</p> <p>It explains the meaning of Passover and relates it to how Jesus is the Passover Lamb.</p> <p>The pictures are good and help students understand what they are hearing.</p> <p>This video does a good job explaining this important part of the OT and how it relates to Jesus's life in the NT.</p>
<p>Sacred Scripture Activity</p>	<p>Consider partnering students and assigning one or two to each group. Then they can come back together and share or "teach" the class what they learned. This strategy is known as a Jigsaw strategy.</p>

The Many Names of Jesus Art Activity	This can be hung on the walls of your classroom once students have shaded it in.
Closing Prayer	Model a prayer of Thanksgiving to God for giving us the Old and New Testaments. Thank God for giving us Jesus as our new covenant. Ask God to help each one of us to follow Jesus' teachings and to love one another.