

Kindergarten: Lesson 14

The Church Building and the Mass

Lesson Objective:

This lesson helps children become familiar with the Church building as well as what happens during Mass. Catechists are encouraged to remind the children that the Church is a sacred space that requires reverent behavior.

Learning Outcomes: Students will ...

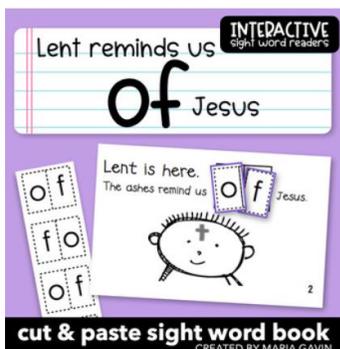
- tour the parish church
- demonstrate reverent behavior in church
- recognize that Jesus is present at Mass in a special way
- genuflect in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament
- recognize and identify the priests at the parish

Materials Needed:

- Prayer space items, Bible, pencils, crayons
- Copies: Interactive book activity if you choose to do it; liturgical objects activity (please read the suggested way to do this activity in the lesson plan, color and name the Objects

As Students Enter Class:

- Suggestion: Have this simple, interactive book activity ready for students to work on as they enter class.
- [Interactive Book Activity](#)



Beginning of Class:

- Gather around your prayer space and pray a traditional Catholic prayer you have been working on. Remember the strategy of echo praying works well for this age group.

Lesson Order	Implementation Ideas
Lesson 14 Video	<p>This video is 4:45 in length.</p> <p>Highlights: The pictures in this video will help students understand what is being said.</p> <p>When we pray as a community, we gather in a building called a church. Church is a sacred space. We show respect for God by being on our best behavior.</p> <p>Each Catholic Church has sacred items and spaces to explore. Today we are going on a Church tour to find these special places and items.</p> <p>When we are in Church, Jesus is present in a special way. How do you think we should behave in Church?</p> <p>STOP AND ALLOW STUDENTS TO SHARE THEIR THOUGHTS. Consider writing their answers on the board or on a larger sheet of paper to create an anchor chart that can be kept in the classroom.</p> <p>Back to Video: We can recognize our Priest because he is wearing a Roman collar. We treat our Priest, just like we treat all people, with respect.</p> <p>When we enter the church, right before we sit in the pew, we must kneel and make the sign of the cross. This is called genuflecting.</p> <p>If the Blessed Sacrament is not present when we enter the nave (the workshop space) then we bow to the altar to show reverence. However, if a candle is lit, then Jesus is present, and we genuflect.</p> <p>Let's stand up and practice this: Several different pictures appear on the screen and students need to determine if they will</p>

FUN ACTIVITY:



	<p>genuflect or bow. The answers are reviewed after the pictures are complete. There are 4 pictures.</p>
<p>Secret Mission: Catholic Church Tour</p>	<p>This is a great video for students to watch. It is 10:42 in length and explains nicely what is in a Catholic Church and why.</p> <p>After watching this video, if you are able, take students on a tour of your Church and review what was covered in the first two videos.</p> <p>Or, if you prefer, this can be done towards the end of class. It's up to you.</p>
<p>Explore the Articles of the Mass (listed as reflection in Lane)</p>	<p>This video is 7:21 in length.</p> <p>Highlights: Carla is in a classroom and shares the items that are found in the Church. She connects some of the items with things students are familiar with from home.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Altar: The place where the Holy Eucharist is prepared • Altar Cloth: Special table cloth • Paten: Small plate that holds the Eucharist. • Chalice: A cup that holds wine • Crucifix: Represents Jesus who died on the Cross for our sins • Candles: Two are used – one on each side • Cruets: Hold the water and wine • Lavabo: The priest washes his hands using this bowl and dries them with a special towel • Lectionary: The book used for readings • Ambo: Holds the lectionary and is the place where the reader and priest will read from • Purificator: Cleanses the chalice • Corporal: Sits on top of the chalice

	<p>Carla reviews the items once more, using framed pictures.</p>
<p>Activities – Liturgical objects of the Mass, Part 1 and 2</p>	<p>There are two pages that have colorful pictures of liturgical objects found in a Catholic Church.</p> <p>This age group will have a difficult time writing the names of all these objects.</p> <p>One suggestion: Choose the objects you want to use. Cut them out so they can be passed out to your students.</p> <p>On a poster or large paper make a T Chart so that the left side will contain the name of the object and the right side will have the pictures that students can tape or glue on.</p>
<p>Color and Name the Objects</p>	<p>Students can color the objects that are seen in the Catholic Church. If numbering them is too difficult then feel free to skip it.</p>
<p>Closing Prayer</p>	<p>Continue your echo prayer of the traditional Catholic prayer you are learning.</p>