

Kindergarten: Lesson 11

The Church: The Body of Christ

Lesson Objective:

This lesson helps the children understand what the Church is and what the Church does. Catechists should remind them that they are members of this community.

Learning Outcomes: Students will ...

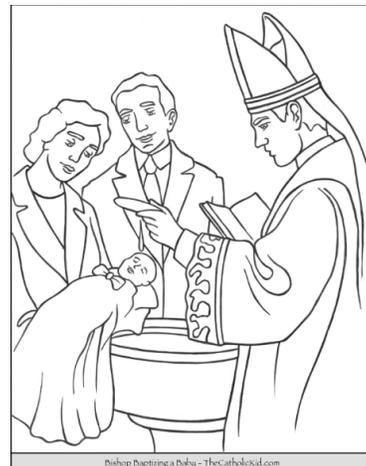
- describe the Church as a praying and worshiping community
- recognize that they become a member of the Christian community through the liturgical celebration of Baptism (CCC 1267-1270)

Materials Needed:

- Prayer space items, Bible, pencils, crayons, Baptism craft supplies
- Copies needed: People at Mass Matching Activity; Select one of the Baptism crafts, using the link in LANE Kids, Coloring sheet for beginning of class.

As Students Enter Class:

- Consider having a coloring page or other activity for students to work on, as they wait for class to begin.
- This picture is of a Deacon greeting a family from CatholicKid.com. [Coloring Sheet](#) Or, the same website has pictures for Baptism, which is also discussed in this lesson.



Beginning of Class:

- Invite students to the prayer space. Pray a traditional Catholic prayer.

- Ask students if they have any intentions for prayers. You will probably need to model what this looks like.

Lesson Order	Implementation Ideas
Lesson 11 Video	<p data-bbox="634 233 1432 310">This video is 3:38 in length. Good images accompany this video.</p> <p data-bbox="634 352 1432 464">Highlights: Last week we learned that God is a Trinity: 3 persons in 1 being. God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.</p> <p data-bbox="634 506 1432 617">Just as the Trinity is one, so is the Church one praying body. The Catholic Church was established by Jesus and his Disciples. It is led by the Pope and Bishops.</p> <p data-bbox="634 659 1432 995">The Catholic Church teaches us that Jesus is the Son of God. He died on the cross for our sins. God loves you so much. When you love God in return, then you want to live as His disciples and share the good news of Jesus. The good news is that Jesus lived on this Earth, died on the cross for our sins, which opened the gates of Heaven and allows believers to live eternally with God in Heaven. Through Jesus, our sins are forgiven.</p> <p data-bbox="634 1037 1432 1108">We become a member of the Catholic Church through Baptism.</p> <p data-bbox="634 1150 1432 1222">Many Catholic Christians work at church and volunteer at Church, in order for the Parish to work properly.</p> <p data-bbox="634 1264 1432 1335">Greeters: Welcome us to God's House when we come for Mass.</p> <p data-bbox="634 1377 1432 1449">Music: The music and musicians help lead us into prayer. There is a choir and a cantor.</p> <p data-bbox="634 1491 1432 1562">Lecturer: This person reads from the Bible for all to hear.</p> <p data-bbox="634 1604 1432 1715">Priest: Of course, the priest has many jobs to do in order to serve God. Saying Mass is just one job the priest does.</p> <p data-bbox="634 1757 1432 1869">At Mass, the priest says the words of Christ and transforms the host and wine into the body and blood of Christ, through the power of the Holy Spirit.</p>

	<p>Eucharistic Ministers: Are volunteers who serve Holy Communion to the people at Mass.</p> <p>Children: You participate at Mass too! You sing, say the prayers, pay attention and participate in the Mass. Kids can become Alter Servers too.</p>
The Catholic Church Song	This Christine in Action video is .54 in length. She sings how Jesus founded the Catholic Church.
What is the Catholic Church	<p>This video is 2:54 in length. It is animated.</p> <p>Highlights: Did you know that people make up the Church, not the building? It is all the people that believe Jesus Christ is their Savior.</p> <p>The book of Acts tells us the following:</p> <div data-bbox="651 789 1419 1108" style="background-color: #f0f0f0; padding: 10px;"> <p style="text-align: center;">Acts 2:42-47</p> <p>42 All the believers devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, and to fellowship, and to sharing in meals (including the Lord's Supper), and to prayer. 43 A deep sense of awe came over them all, and the apostles performed many miraculous signs and wonders. 44 And all the believers met together in one place and shared everything they had. (NCV)</p> </div> <div data-bbox="651 1119 1419 1520" style="background-color: #f0f0f0; padding: 10px;"> <p style="text-align: center;">Acts 2:42-47</p> <p>45 They sold their property and possessions and shared the money with those in need. 46 They worshiped together at the Temple each day, met in homes for the Lord's Supper, and shared their meals with great joy and generosity 47 all the while praising God and enjoying the goodwill of all the people. And each day the Lord added to their fellowship those who were being saved. (NCV)</p> </div>

	<p style="text-align: center;">We do that...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > They gathered regularly to hear people teach about Jesus <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > They spent time together as friends > They shared meals and prayed together > They helped each other and were generous <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > They worshiped God together > God continued to save people who put their faith in Jesus  <p>We don't have to go to Church, we get to go to Church!</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Talk about it</p> <p>What are some of the things that you like best about going to church? Who are some of your favorite people at church? Do you learn about Jesus at church? Why do you think it's important to go to church?</p>
<p>Reflection and Intro to the Activities</p>	<p>This video is 2:01 in length.</p> <p>Carla explains that today's crafts relate to Baptism. There is a shell activity that reflects how Jesus was baptized in the Jordan River. John the Baptist, may have used a shell to pour the water.</p> <p>Carla reads from Matthew 3:13-17: The Baptism of Jesus. Beautiful pictures accompany this reading and will help students understand what they are hearing.</p> <p>The second craft contains pictures of doves to remind us of the Holy Spirit.</p>
<p>Baptism Art Projects</p>	<p>There are several available on the website linked in the lesson. Here are pictures of the two mentioned in the reflection video:</p>



JOHN THE BAPTIST SEASHELL ORNAMENT:



<p>People at Mass Matching Activity</p>	<p>Pass out one to each student and work together to complete the activity.</p>
<p>Closing Prayer</p>	<p>Model a prayer of Thanksgiving for our Church, the Pope, our priests, etc...</p>