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## First Grade: Lesson 7 – Jesus' Life Story

### Lesson Objective:

This lesson helps children to know why God sent Jesus into the world. Jesus gave His whole life to save us; He takes the punishment for our sins. Catechists have an opportunity to revisit the kerygma that was proclaimed in lesson 2.

### Learning Outcomes: Students will ...

- Retell Bible narratives about Death of Jesus (Matt 27:45-56; Mark 15:33-41, Luke 23:44-49; John 19:23-30).
- Retell Bible narratives about Resurrection and Ascension of Jesus and Pentecost (Matt 28:1-20; Mark 16:1-20; Luke 24:1-53; John 20:1-31; Acts 1:1-12; Acts 2:1-13).

### Materials Needed:

- Prayer space items, pencils, crayons, scissors, glue
- Copies Needed: Paper plate, copies of the Gifts of the Holy Spirit Craft

### As Students Enter Class:

- Have a coloring sheet ready (this is one for Jesus' Ascension, which is discussed in this lesson, see image of attached for an example). Or, you can have one for Advent, such as an Advent Wreath.



### Beginning of Class:

- Invite students to the prayer table and do an echo prayer of the Our Father.
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- If you have a coloring sheet of an Advent Wreath, consider giving this small mini-lesson on the colors of Advent.
- Advent week 1 – Hope: Prophecy Candle (purple)
- Advent week 2 – Peace: Bethlehem Candle (purple)
- Advent week 3 – Joy: Shepherd's Candle (pink)
- Advent week 4 – Love: Angel's Candle (purple)

Lesson Order	Implementation Ideas
Lesson 7 Video	<p>This video is .52 in length.</p> <p>Highlights: Last week we learned about Jesus' Birth, which is known as The Nativity Story. We also learned that when Adam and Eve sinned, they broke the relationship all people had with God for all time. That is why we needed a Savior, Jesus. Jesus takes the punishment for our sins. Remember that sin separates us from God and one another. When we sin, we say no to God.</p> <p>But the Good News is that Jesus gave His life for our sins, so we can live forever and ever with Him in Heaven.</p> <p>Kerygma – in lesson 2, students were introduced to this word, which means Good News. The Good News or Kerygma is that Jesus died on the cross to atone for our sins, so that we may live forever in Heaven with God.</p>
The Resurrection Story	<p>This video is 3:04 in length.</p> <p>It is animated and tells the story in an age-appropriate manner.</p> <p>On Easter Sunday, we celebrate because Jesus is risen from the dead. People had sinned so much and chosen to be so far away from God, He needed to send His son Jesus to save us. When He died on the cross, Jesus paid with His own life to get rid of all sin that separated us from God.</p> <p>Jesus was buried in a tomb and on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day after his death, the tomb was empty. Jesus was resurrected.</p>

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	<p>Resurrected means that someone or something that was dead, comes back to life.          God brought Jesus back from the dead as a real person with a real body.          What does this all mean? The Resurrection story teaches us that nothing is bigger or more powerful than God's love. He loves us to death!</p>
<p>Part 2 Video:</p> <p>* Elijah was the great ninth-century B.C. prophet during the reigns of King Ahab and Queen Jezebel, and King Ahaziah of Israel. His story is found in the Old Testament books of I and II Kings. Elijah proclaimed that Yahweh was the one true God, and he called the people to repent of their worship of false gods, their abandonment of the covenant and their sinning against the commandments.          *</p>	<p>This video is 11:23 in length.</p> <p>In this video, Carla reads from the Bible. First, is Mark 15:33-41 (page 1565). The Death of Jesus:</p> <p>Highlights: At noon, the whole country was covered in darkness. At 3:00 Jesus cried out, "My God, my God, why have you abandoned me? Someone said, "Look, he's calling for Elijah." Then someone soaked a sponge with vinegar and put it to Jesus' lips. Another person said, "Wait, let's see if Elijah will bring Him down from the cross."          Then Jesus died. A curtain hanging in the temple was torn in two pieces.</p> <p>The next Bible story is the Resurrection from Acts 1:1-12, page 1709.</p> <p>After Jesus' death, the Apostles met with Him. "Lord, will you give the kingdom back to Israel?" Jesus responded, the times and occasions are set by my Father's authority and you are not to know when. Jesus then told them that the Holy Spirit will come upon them and they will be filled with power and be witnesses for Jesus.          Then Jesus was taken up to Heaven and they watched Him.          10 days later, the Holy Spirit came and this day is called Pentecost. It is like the birthday of the church – it is when the Catholic Church officially began.</p> <p>Read from Acts 2:1-4 on page 1712. The Coming of the Holy Spirit. All believers were gathered together in one place. The sound of strong winds was heard and they</p>

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	<p>saw tongues of fire that touched each person there. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit. After that, they could speak in different languages.</p> <p>The 7 Gifts of the Holy Spirit: This part of the video is nicely done. Carla lights a candle and briefly explains each gift. It begins at 6:25 minutes into the video (should you want to read the Bible stories yourself you could always skip to this section).</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Wisdom</li> <li>2. Understanding</li> <li>3. Counsel</li> <li>4. Fortitude</li> <li>5. Knowledge</li> <li>6. Piety</li> <li>7. Fear of the Lord</li> </ol> <p>Discussion Question: Why are the gifts of the Holy Spirit important to us? How do they help us?</p>
Activities	<p>The link takes you to 3 different activities that you can choose from.</p> <p>I suggest completing the Gifts of the Holy Spirit paper plate craft, since it is practical to do during class time.</p>
Closing Prayer	<p>Model a spontaneous prayer of thanksgiving, thanking Jesus for dying on the cross for our sins and thanking God for the gifts of the Holy Spirit.</p>

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