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Catechist Edition Instruction

Discover (1)

Objectives

- Define Heaven as the state of eternal happiness with God
- Recognize that the Holy Spirit helps us respond to God's grace and grow in friendship with him so that we may spend eternity with him

Being with God

Ask: How do the Gifts of the Holy Spirit help you live in friendship with God?

- Write the children's responses on the board or on chart paper.

Compare the children's ideas of Heaven with the idea of sharing life with God and all holy people forever. Then read aloud the text.

- Point out that there is much about Heaven that people will need to wait to understand. Whatever it is like, Heaven will be an experience of love and peace.
- *Ask:* What do you think will be the best thing about Heaven?
- Point out that Baptism and Confirmation, which help people grow in friendship with God, are Sacraments of the Spirit.

Work with Words

Invite a volunteer to read aloud the definition of *Heaven*.

- Have the children make vocabulary cards for *Heaven*.

The Gifts of the Holy Spirit

Direct the children's attention to the chart.

- Tell the children that this chart tells how the Gifts of the Holy Spirit help you grow in friendship with God.
- Work through the chart with the children, reading each bar as a sentence: "The gift of ... helps you"
- Stop after each sentence and ask the children how that gift might be used by someone their age.
- Remind the children that using these gifts will help them prepare for the joy of being with God in Heaven.

Have the children refer to page 309 in the Our Catholic Tradition reference section of the Student Book for more about the Gifts of the Holy Spirit and the Fruits of the Holy Spirit.

Activity

Read aloud the directions for the Share Your Faith activity.

- Give the children time to complete the activity individually.
- Ask volunteers to share a time when they used a gift of the Holy Spirit.

Quick Review

Heaven is not a place; it is eternal life and happiness with God. The Gifts of the Holy Spirit help people make good choices.

Discover (2)

Objectives

- Recognize that at the time of their death they will be judged by God, called the Particular Judgment
- Discuss Jesus' coming in glory at the end of time to judge all the living and the dead and the coming of God's Kingdom in fullness, called the Last Judgment

The Last Judgment

Ask: How does a person prepare for the Last Judgment?

- Write the children's responses on the board or on chart paper.

Tell the children that everyone has the choice to accept or reject God's grace and the Gifts of the Holy Spirit.

- Read aloud the first paragraph.
- Point out that God welcomes all who love him above all things and love their neighbor as themselves.
- Read aloud the second paragraph.
- Tell the children that those who choose to reject God are separated from him forever. Tell the children that permanent separation from God is called Hell.

★ Have the children highlight the words *forever* and *everlasting* in the text and talk about their meanings today!

Work with Words

Review the definition of each Catholic Faith Word.

- Have the children make vocabulary cards for each term.

The Last Judgment, *continued*

Read aloud the first paragraph.

- Tell the children to listen to find out what will happen to all people at the end of time.
- Review the definition of *Last Judgment* and have the children make vocabulary cards.

Scripture

Explain that Jesus described the Last Judgment for his followers.

- Proclaim “The Judgment of Nations.”
- Ask: Who is the king in this story?
- Ask: Who are the righteous?
- ▶ Music Option: Have the children sing “They’ll Know We Are Christians,” downloaded from aliveinchrist.osv.com.

Activity

Point out the Connect Your Faith activity and read aloud the directions.

- Have the children work with a partner to design a car magnet.
- Invite volunteers to share their designs.

Quick Review

People are judged on how well they have allowed God's grace to transform their lives. Particular Judgment occurs after a person dies. The Last Judgment happens at the end of time, when Jesus comes in glory.

Catechist Tips: Compare the Gifts of the Spirit

Isaiah 11:1-3 names the gifts of the Spirit.

- You may wish to have the children compare the gifts of the Spirit that appear in *Isaiah* with those listed on pages 278-279 and discuss any differences.
- *Isaiah* does not mention piety, and he refers to strength rather than to fortitude or courage.

Catechist Tips: Visualize the Gifts of the Spirit

Visual learners will benefit from seeing the gifts of the Holy Spirit listed and displayed. Write each gift and a brief definition on chart paper, and post it where the children can refer to it throughout the lesson.

Catechist Tips: Jesus as King

This Scripture passage is one of the few that presents Jesus as a King. It fulfills the predictions made at Jesus' birth.

- *Matthew 2:1-2* has the Magi asking where they can find “the King of the Jews.”
- In *Luke 1:32-33*, the angel tells Mary that her son will sit on “the throne of David” and “rule over the house of Jacob.”

Catechist Tips: We Can Do It

Proclaim The Judgment of Nations on Page 281. Give out papers and ask the children to list where people could carry out the actions Jesus is preaching; for example: soup kitchen, clothing bank, hospital, or sick parishioner or neighbor, prisoner, welcome the stranger in our parish or neighborhood. Together brainstorm ways they themselves can carry out these actions, including praying for the people in need. Suggest that each take his or her list home and put it on the refrigerator or family bulletin board.

Glossary Activity: Gifts of the Holy Spirit

Give the children the following directions.

- Draw a symbol for the Holy Spirit on construction paper. Roll the paper into a cylinder and tape the sides together.
- Write one gift of the Spirit on each of seven strips of colored paper. Tape them to the windsock.

Additional Activity: Collage

Distribute magazines and newspapers.

- Ask the children to find pictures that show the good actions described in *Matthew 25:34-40*.
- Have the children glue their pictures on poster board.
- Tell them to use words from the Scripture to make a border for the collage.

Additional Activity: Write a Prayer

Point out that prayers can help the children share their feelings with God. Have the children write:

- a prayer asking for help during a troubled time
- a prayer thanking God for a special favor
- a prayer dedicating each day to God

Additional Activity: Vocabulary Games

The children have been using the Catholic Faith Words to make vocabulary cards.

- Create games to review words as the year ends.
- The children could play a memory game by matching words and definitions, or you could construct a quiz game.

Additional Activity: Teen Witness

In advance of the lesson, speak with your pastor or DRE for the name of one or two teens who can share with your group how the Holy Spirit has worked in their lives. Contact them in advance of this lesson.

Assist the teen(s) by giving each a copy of these points:

1. How has one or more of the Gifts of the Holy Spirit worked in your life?
2. Give a couple examples of what the Holy Spirit does for you.
3. How are you an example to others that the Holy Spirit guides your actions?
4. As you look to the years to come, how do you see yourself serving God?

Seeing themselves as adults guided by the Holy Spirit is difficult for the children. They look to teens as role models. This activity will give your group a chance to hear from teens from your own parish.

Introduce the guest teen(s) to the group. Give the teen(s) time to talk about how the Gifts of the Holy Spirit have affected their lives. Ask the teen(s) additional questions if necessary. Give the children a chance to ask any questions they may have. Remember to thank your guests!

Additional Activity: R.S.V.P. God

Supplies:

- large sheets of paper (one per learner)
- construction paper (variety of colors)
- markers
- glue
- safety scissors

In advance of the lesson, write the "Invitation to Pray" (below) on a large piece of paper, and post it in your meeting space.

Introduce the activity by saying: **God asks us to pray. When you are invited by someone to a party or for a visit, you let him or her know if you will attend. That is called an R.S.V.P. Let's not pass up the invitation from GOD! Let's R.S.V.P to God's invitation of prayer.**

Give each child a large sheet of paper. Invite the children to copy the "Invitation to Pray" (as seen below), and fill in the blanks.

You Are Invited to Pray!

Who:

What:

When:

Where:

R.S.V.P. God!

Distribute construction paper, markers, glue, and scissors. Tell the children, **On the paper, write your own prayer and decorate it.** Encourage creativity and the use of many illustrations so it can be kept and used often. Stress that God wants us to pray anytime and anywhere about anything!

Parish Video Connection: Last Judgment

Show this video to the children after completing the Catechist Edition instruction on page 281.

Ask: What are some other parables that teach us spiritual lessons about how to prepare for the Last Judgment? (Any parable is correct.) What are some ways that a person your age might use their time, talent, and treasure to show love to others, especially to those in need?

YouTube Link: <http://youtu.be/PHmKOpbgWiE>

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