

GRADE 6—JANUARY

Home Lesson Outline

Chapter 11: The Death of Jesus

Chapter 12: The Resurrection of Jesus

Open with prayer:

Make the Sign of the Cross, then pray: Lord Jesus, thank you for your great sacrifice so that I might live. Help me live a life of service and sacrifice that honors you. Help me love as you love. Amen. Close with the Sign of the Cross.

Consider: Have you ever heard reports of near-death experiences? What are some common aspects of these experiences? Death is one of the great mysteries we simply cannot understand. Thanks to Jesus' death on the cross, death is no longer the last word. What does Jesus' death mean for us?

Read the summaries (attached) for Chapters 11 and 12, then reflect on the following questions:

- It is likely that none of us will be asked to suffer and sacrifice for others in the way that Jesus sacrificed for us. But that doesn't mean that we aren't called to sacrifice and serve.
- Read Mark 12:14-41. Imagine you are the widow in this passage. You are not rich or powerful, yet you want to make an offering to God or to someone else.
- How do you already sacrifice your time to serve others? What are some ways that others sacrifice for you or serve you?
- When the women went to the tomb after Jesus had been crucified, they discovered it was empty. They spread the news, but not everyone believed or understood what was happening. Read these Scripture passages: Matthew 28:16-20; Mark 16:9-18; Luke 24:36-49; John 20:24-29, then answer these questions about each:
 - ♦ What did it take for the disciples to believe that Jesus had risen from the dead?
 - ♦ If you had been a disciple of Jesus during his lifetime, would this have been enough to convince you to believe?

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Chapter 11 Summary

The Death of Jesus

1. In Christ's Passion, his suffering and death on the cross, his saving work is completed. The Passion is Christ's final act of love for us.
2. In his suffering and death, Jesus gave himself freely for each of us.
3. During Holy Week and the Easter season, we hear about Jesus' final sacrifice and about the victory of his Resurrection.
4. The events of Jesus' Passion are recorded in all four Gospels. They are all recalled in the Stations of the Cross, which can be found in nearly all churches.
5. Jesus' Passion and death teach us about how much God loves us. We learn both patience and compassion.
6. The New Testament compares Christ in his suffering and death to several images that Jewish readers would recognize: the Passover Lamb, the Good Shepherd, and the Suffering Servant.
7. The mystery of how Christ's Passion, death, Resurrection, and Ascension save us from sin and death is called the Paschal Mystery.
8. Suffering itself is a mystery. The suffering of Jesus reminds us that God, who loves us, brings good out of every evil.
9. If we unite our sufferings with the sufferings of Jesus, we can help Christ's saving action in the world.
10. Jesus accepted human death for our sake, so that we might know that death is not a final ending but a new beginning through his Resurrection.



Chapter 12 Summary

The Resurrection of Jesus

1. The Resurrection of Jesus on the Sunday after Good Friday is a key fact of our faith. It is God's greatest miracle, and it enables us to understand our faith and to live it rightly.
2. The disciples of Jesus did not expect Jesus to die such a horrible death; neither did they expect Jesus to rise victoriously from the dead. Only after they had seen Jesus with their own eyes did they believe such an amazing reality.
3. In Jesus' Resurrection, his body and soul are reunited. His body is still human, showing the scars of his suffering and death. But it is now glorified with divine life.
4. We begin to share in the death and Resurrection of Jesus when we are baptized. We are united with God and become his children, the brothers and sisters of his Son, Jesus Christ. In and through Jesus, we too will be resurrected.
5. For forty days after his Resurrection, Jesus completes his teaching. He gives his Apostles and disciples instructions. Then, on the fortieth day after Easter, he returns to his Father. This return is called the Ascension into Heaven.
6. In Jesus, humanity enters Heaven. Jesus sits at God's right hand—the symbol of power—and fully shares in the power of God.
7. As followers of Jesus, we continue his mission of announcing his Kingdom of love and helping to hasten its coming upon Earth.
8. Before his return to Heaven, Jesus promised to send the Holy Spirit to us to guide and strengthen us.
9. Jesus will come again in glory at the end of time to reveal himself to the entire world. At this time, at the Last Judgment, Jesus will judge the living and the dead. Knowing each person, Jesus will judge each of us fairly.
10. Jesus will come first of all to save us, to bring us with him into God's Kingdom—as long as we do not reject him. This is a decision we make each day, as we keep trying to grow in the Spirit, in love and compassion.

