

Elementary: The Greatest Event on Earth

(Week of Mar. 14)

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son.” JN 3:14-21

“And when I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to myself.” JN 12:20-33

The Gospels of Mar. 14 and Mar. 21 prepare our hearts, just as Jesus prepared His early disciples for His sacrifice, death and Resurrection – truly the Greatest Event on Earth.

GATHER: [Hidden Pictures](#)! Can you find all the pictures hidden in this ‘Feeding Time’ picture??

CONNECT: Sometimes the things we should be most thankful for are hidden right in front of us! Lent is a time for us to reflect on whether we are doing everything we can to be the best version of ourselves – are we remembering to pray, have we made a Lenten promise and are we sticking to it, and most importantly, are we helping others in need? Today we will remember to give thanks for our blessings – the ones we see and the ones that are hidden, and that we are called to love and help one another.

EXPLORE: Grade Level Activities

YEAR 2 (CH 2, Blessed Communion Book)

The ultimate form of prayer is our Sunday Mass. This chapter explores why Mass is so important to us by looking at it from different perspectives – prayer, listening to God, the Third Commandment, Scripture and wonder.

[BLESSED VIDEOS, LESSON 2](#)

Lesson Outline:

- **Pages 56-59; Video 2 and 3**
 - What is one reason why it is important to go to Mass each Sunday (e.g. thank God for his many blessings)
- **Pages 60-65; Video 3 and 4**
 - Discuss the many ways God speaks to us and the importance of listening to what God is saying to us at Mass.
 - Go through the questions on p61.
- **Pages 66-69; Video 5**
 - Share the Gospel story Road to Emmaus and reflect on how Jesus is always by our side.
- **Pages 70-71, Video 6**
 - “What is the greatest event on earth?”

Journal with Jesus: Have your child spend a few minutes talking about and writing the answer to the question on page 75. “I am excited to receive you in the Eucharist for the first time because...”

End your lesson by praying the Prayer of St. Columba on p76.

The main lessons from Session 2:

- *The Mass is the most amazing event on earth.*
- *Every Sunday, God has a special message for us.*
- *Jesus is present in a special way at Mass on Sunday.*
- *When we spend time with God, He fills us with His grace so that we can live holy lives.*
- *Learning to listen to God’s voice is one of the most important lessons we can learn in life.*

Reflect: Read the Sunday Gospels **Jesus Brings Light** (Mar. 14, JN 3:14-21) and **Jesus, The Grain of Wheat** (JN 12:20-33) or view it on our [CATHOLIC KIDS CONNECTION!](#)

Live It: Jesus is preparing His friends for what is going to happen to Him – His sacrifice on the cross. Jesus died on the cross to save us – this event changed everything. His sacrifice gives us forgiveness for our sins and opened up heaven so we could have life forever. Lent reminds us that we are sometimes called to make sacrifices for others out of love. This week, as a family, let’s remember those who do not have full pantries of food or money to go to the grocery store. **When you come to session next week, or church this weekend, we invite you to bring donations of food to create [Easter Baskets of Meals](#) for families in need. The list of items needed is provided.**

