

Elementary: The Greatest Story

(Week of Mar. 21)

“Truly this man was the Son of God!” MK 15:1-39

It is through the Sacred Scriptures and the Liturgy of the Word that we learn our story.

This coming week we celebrate the Annunciation and then Palm Sunday – the two events begin the Christmas story and the Easter story and the Greatest Story of our salvation.

GATHER: Salvation History Concentration. Print out two copies of the [Salvation History Pictures](#) and tape them to regular playing cards to play a game of concentration!

CONNECT: What do all the pictures have in common? They are part of [The Greatest Story](#) ever! The best part is this is OUR story, and today we will look more closely at how the story is continuing.

EXPLORE: Grade Level Activities

YEAR 1 (CH 15) The Holy Spirit is Our Helper!

YEAR 2 (CH 3, Blessed Communion Book) Find our Year 2 Lessons [HERE](#).

Grade 3 (CH 14 and 15) Commitment; We Use Our Talents. If you tell someone you will help them, it is important you complete that task. It is just like saying “I promise”. A promise is very special and if you make a promise you should always keep it. There are two Sacraments that we can receive where we promise to build up the Church by serving as Jesus did: Marriage & Holy Orders. The next chapter reminds us that God gave us talents or vocations to help, serve, love and care for others.

Grade 4 (CH 13) Sacraments in the Church. The Body of Christ is the many people who believe in God and make up the Catholic Church all around the world. Every person is an important part of the Church, doing God’s work. Jesus gave us seven Sacraments to fill us with grace and strengthen us in fulfilling His mission (being kind to one another).

Grade 5 (CH 15 and 16) Living God’s Commandments; God is Merciful. Have your child imagine they are driving in their dream car. Can they get in their car and drive wherever and however they want to? Hopefully they say NO! They are too young to know all the driving rules—but they have ridden in cars enough that they should have observed some by now (speed limits, stop lights, etc). What would happen if we didn’t pay attention to these rules or laws? We could hurt ourselves or someone else. God gave us the Ten Commandments as our rules to follow what is right and what is wrong. For a good comparison of the Ten Commandments vs living them, see p172. When we do not follow the commandments, God wants us to ask for forgiveness. He will always extend His mercy on us, His children.

Reflect: Read the Sunday Gospel **Jesus’ Sacrifice** (Mar. 28, MK 15:1-39). You can also pray the Gospel by listening to the Stations of the Cross for [Families](#) or [Children](#), or view it on our [CATHOLIC KIDS CONNECTION!](#)

Live It: This week, we will celebrate the Feast of the Annunciation on Thursday – this is the day that we remember Angel Gabriel coming to Mary, it begins the Christmas story. Then on Sunday, we will celebrate Palm Sunday – this is the day we remember Jesus coming into Jerusalem, it begins Holy Week and the Easter Story. Two really big events in the Greatest Story that show us how much God loves us. He came down to earth to be one of us, and then suffered and died for us. Your challenge for this week is to remember how much God loves you, and to show Him how much you love Him. Each day, find a way to do something kind and special for someone in your family (clean up after dinner, play a game with a sibling...). When we show others kindness and love, we show God how much we love Him.

