

Elementary: The Greatest Gift

(Week of Mar. 28)

“He saw and believed.” JN 20:1-9

Holy Week. The sacramental oils will be blessed for healing, baptism and confirming. We will remember what happened at the Last Supper, in the garden of Gethsemane and on Calvary. We will celebrate the Resurrection and Greatest Gifts of the Eucharist, the sacraments and our salvation.

Gather: [Holy Week Activity Sheet](#). Color the pictures, and then cut and put them in the order in which they take place.

Connect: This week is one of the most important weeks in our Catholic Faith. We are going to take some time to explore what it means to be a Catholic Kid we are also going to take some time to remember the Greatest Gift we ever received, Jesus’ sacrifice for each and every one of us.



Explore Grade Level Activities:

YEAR 1 (CH 16) The Holy Spirit Helps Us Pray. After going through the lesson, print and color this special Jelly Bean Prayer that helps us remember and honor Jesus’ Greatest Gift of Himself for us.

YEAR 2 Lessons can be found [HERE](#).

3rd Grade (CH 16): We Pray for Faith. Using the activity found on p183, for each of the answers that are not true, discuss with your child how to change them to make them true. *1: We will see Jesus again in Heaven. 2: God is never too busy for us—all we have to do is pray and He is always listening. 3: We remember what the Apostles taught every time we say the Apostles Creed during Mass. 4: We should always help others!* Use p186 to breakdown the Apostles Creed and talk about what it means to us today as Catholics.

4th Grade (CH 16): Respecting Others. Jesus liked to teach us lessons by using parables. A parable is a story that teaches a moral or religious lesson. With your child, discuss how the parables in this lesson, and the last four commandments help us know how we should treat one another.

5th Grade (CH 17) Jesus Establishes His Church. After exploring the lesson, ask your child if they know who the current Pope is. Answer: Pope Francis. *(Pope Francis’ birth name was Jorge Mario Bergoglio. He is from Argentina. Pope Francis chose his papal title after St. Francis of Assisi. He has been pope since 2013.)* Ask you’re your child if they know who the current Bishop of Charlotte is. Answer: Bishop Jugis. *(Full name is Peter Joseph Jugis. He has been Bishop of Charlotte since 2003).* Read about two great Popes on p198.

Reflect: Read the Gospels from The Mass of Holy Thursday **Jesus’ Gift** (JN 13:1-15) and Easter Sunday **He is Risen!** (JN 20:1-9). You can also view them on our special Holy Thursday and Easter Sunday [CATHOLIC KIDS CONNECTION](#)

Live It: This week, each family is encouraged to participate in person or virtually at one or more of the Holy Week services. We wish everyone a blessed and happy Easter!