



The Fifth Sunday in Lent (Passion Sunday) Children's Ministry Resources

Note: *Below are the resources and materials for use with your children during the Fifth Sunday in Lent. Please also see the "Resources and Prayers for Children and Families" booklet for additional materials.*

Godly Play

Video lesson for "The Lenten Puzzle": the title is "Godly Play Lent 5"

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC7AoOVYcstevxlu7WyraBsw>

Questions

Ask these questions after the video lesson to further explore the lesson of "The Great Banquet." These questions can be revisited throughout the week with your children. (See image below on the next page.)

1. I wonder why the bag is purple?
2. I wonder, what can these six pieces can tell us about Lent?
3. I wonder, why do these pieces form a cross?
4. I wonder, why do we need Lent before Easter?

Liturgy of the Word

For your Liturgy of the Word aged children, I recommend that you tune into the livestream service as a family and participate together. If you are unable to tune in at the exact time of the livestream, the video will be made available on the [Youtube Channel](#) to watch at your family's convenience. Booklets for this week's service will be sent out so that you and your children can follow along with this week's specific liturgy.

<https://youtu.be/mkpHoSLzrAU>

During the time when we would normally receive the Eucharist, pray the prayer for Making a Spiritual Communion together:

Note: The following is a brief order of prayer that can be prayed when one is absent from Mass due to sickness or travel. Making a spiritual communion is understood in the Tradition to be "extraordinary," which just means out of the ordinary, and is not a replacement for going to Church when one is able to be there, which is the "ordinary" way we participate. These prayers are intended to direct our hearts toward the Liturgy of the Church even when not physically present. Geographical distance does not separate us from Christ and His Church. In this way, we receive the grace of the Eucharist, of which we can still vicariously partake when we earnestly will to be present, but are prevented. For our use, we recommend that a person watch the service online and say the following prayers when Communion is being administered.

Making a Spiritual Communion

(from the Traditional St. Augustine's Prayer Book, pp 122-123)

In the +Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

Lord, I cannot seek thee On thine altar throne, Yet I may receive thee, Weary and alone; When, before thine altar, Crowds adoring kneel, There in very essence, Thou dost come to heal. Far from Priest and altar, Christ, to thee I cry, Come to me in spirit, Let me feel thee nigh, In my silent worship, Let me share the feast, Be thy love the altar, Be thyself the Priest. *Amen.*

O Most blessed Saviour, in union with the faithful at every altar of thy Church where thy blessed Body and Blood are being offered to the Father, I desire to offer thee praise and thanksgiving, I present to thee my soul and body with the earnest wish that I may always be united to thee. And since I cannot now receive thee sacramentally, I beseech thee to come spiritually into my heart; I unite myself to thee and embrace thee with all the affections of my soul. *Amen.*

+Come, Lord Jesus, and dwell in my heart.

The Collect

WE beseech thee, Almighty God, mercifully to look upon thy people; that by thy great goodness they may be governed and preserved evermore, both in body and soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Lenten Seasonal Collect

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who hatest nothing that thou hast made, and dost forgive the sins of all those who are penitent; Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of thee, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Epistle

Hebrews ix. 11.

CHRIST being come an high priest of good things to come, by a greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this building; neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us. For if the blood of bulls and of goats, and the ashes of an heifer sprinkling the unclean, sanctifieth to the purifying of the flesh: how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God? And for this cause he is the mediator of the new testament, that by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions that were under the first testament, they which are called might receive the promise of eternal inheritance.

The Gospel

St. John viii. 46.

JESUS said, Which of you convinceth me of sin? And if I say the truth, why do ye not believe me? He that is of God heareth God's words: ye therefore hear them not, because ye are not of God. Then answered the Jews, and said unto him, Say we not well that thou art a Samaritan, and hast a devil? Jesus answered, I have not a devil; but I honour my Father, and ye do dishonour me. And I seek not mine own glory: there is one that seeketh and judgeth. Verily, verily, I say unto you, If a man keep my saying, he shall never see death. Then said the Jews unto him, Now we know that thou hast a devil. Abraham is dead, and the prophets; and thou sayest, If a man keep my saying, he shall never taste of death. Art thou greater than our father Abraham, which is dead? and the prophets are dead: whom makest thou thyself? Jesus answered, If I honour myself, my honour is nothing: it is my Father that honoureth me; of whom ye say, that he is your God: yet ye have not known him; but I know him: and if I should say, I know him not, I shall be a liar like unto you; but I know him, and keep his saying. Your father Abraham rejoiced to see my day: and he

saw it, and was glad. Then said the Jews unto him, Thou art not yet fifty years old, and hast thou seen Abraham? Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Before Abraham was, I am. Then took they up stones to cast at him: but Jesus hid himself, and went out of the temple.

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Bible Lesson for the Week

Note: Click on the hyperlinks to access the PDF versions of this week's Bible lesson. Each of these lesson resources walk you through exactly what to say to teach the lesson, and offer beautiful visual images to spark your child's understanding and imagination of the lesson about Jesus.

You can find this and more lessons on the following website:

<http://www.saintmatthewsanglicanchurch.ca/sunday-school-curriculum/>

Lesson 19 -- Jesus and Lazarus

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