

**GRADE 3: OUR LIFE WITH JESUS**

Chapter 23: The Bread of Life Lesson 1

 PREPARATION – How to Get Ready

Teacher’s Manual: pp. 278-279

Materials: Student Book pg 111; Ingredients to make punch

 PROCLAMATION – Main Theme

God gives us the precious gift of Jesus in the Eucharist

 EXPLANATION – Content of Lesson

* Jesus comes into us through the Eucharist
* The Mass is a meal that brings us into communion with God
* We come together to offer this meal
* Old Testament covenants were sealed with a meal
* Passover
* Sacrifice and sharing a meal

 APPLICATION – Connecting it to Students

* Connect special family meals (picnics, birthday parties, Thanksgiving) with the Eucharist
* Make punch together (see *Activity*)
* Watch “The Passover Explained” <https://youtu.be/BSmTFxurhL8> to review Passover

 CELEBRATION - Conclusion

* Say a prayer of thanksgiving for the unique talents God has given to each student. Invite the students to ask Jesus how He wants them to share these talents with others.



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Chapter 23: The Bread of Life Lesson 2

 PREPARATION – How to Get Ready

Teacher’s Manual: pp. 280-281

Materials: Student book page 111; Old missalettes for each student

 PROCLAMATION – Main Theme

We are not worthy to receive Jesus in Communion; we receive Him by God’s grace.

 EXPLANATION – Content of Lesson

* Jesus is the lamb of the new covenant
* Sacrificed and eaten
* Agnus Dei prayer
* We are not worthy to receive Jesus
* Response of the Centurion
* Receive Him by grace
* Genuflection is a sign of reverence
* Right knee touching the floor
* Toward the tabernacle

 APPLICATION – Connecting it to Students

* Highlight the difference between receiving a gift (like the Eucharist) and earning a reward (such as a good grade on an assignment).
* Brainstorm ways to show gratitude for the great gift of Jesus in the Eucharist
* Complete *activity* for lesson 2
* Watch “The Faith of the Centurion” <https://youtu.be/0hbIhEysei8> a dramatic representation of Matthew 8:5-11

 CELEBRATION - Conclusion

* Make a spiritual communion



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Chapter 23: The Bread of Life Lesson 3

 PREPARATION – How to Get Ready

Teacher’s Manual: pp. 282-283

Materials: Student book pg 111-113; Bibles and copy paper

 PROCLAMATION – Main Theme

The Holy Eucharist is the greatest gift that we can receive in this life because it is Jesus Himself.

 EXPLANATION – Content of Lesson

* Mass is a sacred banquet
* Must be in a state of grace
* Receive Jesus in our souls
* Eucharist is the center of our Catholic Faith
* Jesus is the Bread of Life

 APPLICATION – Connecting it to Students

* Compere physical food which keeps our bodies alive with the Eucharist-spiritual food that keeps our souls alive
* Complete *activity* for lesson 3

 CELEBRATION - Conclusion

* Watch and pray John 6 with this video <https://youtu.be/UQ8jc2psEd4>



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Chapter 23: The Bread of Life Lesson 4

 PREPARATION – How to Get Ready

Teacher’s Manual: pp. 284-285

Materials: Student book pg 113

 PROCLAMATION – Main Theme

Jesus remains present with us in every consecrated host. We honor Him in times of adoration.

 EXPLANATION – Content of Lesson

* Jesus commanded that Mass be celebrated
* At the Last Supper
* He promised to be with us always
* Jesus remains present in tabernacles
* Signs of reverence
* Making a “visit”
* Adoration is a special way to visit Jesus who is present in the Eucharist
* Signs of reverence
* Benediction

 APPLICATION – Connecting it to Students

* Discuss what it means to visit with friends and connect this to visiting Jesus in the tabernacle
* Make a visit to church with your students using the format outlined on the *activity* page
* Watch “Last Supper, First Eucharist” <https://youtu.be/0hsSpiWReMw> about the institution of the Eucharist

 CELEBRATION - Conclusion

* End class by visiting Jesus in the Eucharist at church. If possible participate with the students in the parish perpetual adoration program.