

**GRADE 3: OUR LIFE WITH JESUS**

Chapter 30: The Communion of Saints Lesson 1

 PREPARATION – How to Get Ready

Teacher’s Manual: pp. 364-365

Materials: Student Book pg 145; Short Saint biographies for *activity*

 PROCLAMATION – Main Theme

 Saints are people who live with God forever in heaven.

 EXPLANATION – Content of Lesson

* Death is the beginning of eternal life
	+ End of life on earth
	+ Beginning of life with God
	+ Feast dates are normally death dates
* Jesus won eternal life through His death and resurrection
* Saints are people who live with God in heaven
	+ Saints can intercede for us
	+ Good to pray to Saints
	+ Everyone is called to be a Saint

 APPLICATION – Connecting it to Students

* Discuss what Heaven is like, emphasize that being with God is the greatest joy of heaven
* Connect asking a friend or parent to pray for you with asking a Saint to pray for you
* Complete Lesson 1 *Activity*

 CELEBRATION - Conclusion

* Pray Litany of the Saints found here: <https://youtu.be/iREM-5qcCjo>

 

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Chapter 30: The Communion of Saints Lesson 2

 PREPARATION – How to Get Ready

Teacher’s Manual: pp. 366-367

Materials: Student book page 145; Scenarios for *activity*

 PROCLAMATION – Main Theme

 Saints love God with all their hearts and live according to His laws.

 EXPLANATION – Content of Lesson

* Saints love God with all their hearts
	+ They live according to the virtues
	+ Virtues are habits of doing good
	+ The theological virtues are faith, hope, and love
* Saints live according to God’s laws
	+ Some Saints performed heroic acts of service
	+ Red-Martyr; /White-life of service
* We can live like the Saints by loving God and serving Him
	+ Being peacemakers at home and in school (kindness, thoughtfulness, helpfulness)
	+ God forgives us when we don’t love and serve Him
	+ Some great Saints were first great sinners

 APPLICATION – Connecting it to Students

* Brainstorm examples of how to practice virtues in school or at home
* Talk about good and bad habits. Connect virtues to other good habits (like neat penmanship or throwing a football) Explain that both throwing a football and penmanship need practice. The same is true for loving God and following His laws, like the Saints.
* Complete activity under Lesson 2 of the *activity* page
* Watch The Armor of God <https://youtu.be/81iFo2G2K7U>

 CELEBRATION - Conclusion

* Pray a Litany of Saints

 

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Chapter 30: The Communion of Saints Lesson 3

 PREPARATION – How to Get Ready

Teacher’s Manual: pp. 368-369

Materials: Student book pg 145-146; blindfolds for *activity*

 PROCLAMATION – Main Theme

 The Communion of Saints are the Saints in Heaven, souls in purgatory and people on Earth.

 EXPLANATION – Content of Lesson

* People who die in God’s friendship, free from sin go to heaven
* They pray for and help the people on earth
* People who die in God’s friendship but aren’t ready for heaven go to purgatory
	+ Purified so they can go to heaven
	+ They can pray for and help the people on earth
	+ The people on earth can pray for the souls in purgatory
* Communion of Saints
	+ From baptism to eternity every Catholic is a family. The souls in purgatory, heaven, and earth help each other

 APPLICATION – Connecting it to Students

* Share examples of times when the good example of one student lead others to do the right thing
* Talk about needing to make up for sin (like fixing or paying for something that you broke, even though you were forgiven) Explain that the sin we don’t make up for on earth needs to be made up for in purgatory
* Complete *activity* for Lesson 3
* Watch “St. Therese of Calcutta” <https://youtu.be/n5-n6QbN_KQ> which shows a Saint helping those still on earth

 CELEBRATION - Conclusion

* Pray for the Souls in Purgatory

 

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Chapter 30: The Communion of Saints Lesson 4

 PREPARATION – How to Get Ready

Teacher’s Manual: pp. 370-371

Materials: Student book pg 146; Image of the school or parish patron Saint for *activity*

 PROCLAMATION – Main Theme

 Saints are crowned with glory for the virtue they lived on earth.

 EXPLANATION – Content of Lesson

* God will judge all people at the end of the world
	+ How well you followed His laws
	+ How much you loved Him and kept trying when you messed up
* Every Saint will be crowned with glory for the virtue they lived on earth
* Teach about the patron Saint of the school or parish

 APPLICATION – Connecting it to Students

* Talk about what makes someone “good” in God’s eyes. Help the students to see that this is what matters, not what may make them “good” to their peers or according to Netflix
* Complete Lesson 4 *activity*
* Watch “Saint You” <https://youtu.be/jLJyEMPZkuI> with tips on how to live a holy life

 CELEBRATION - Conclusion

* Pray a litany of Saints