

**CCD GRADE 4: JESUS OUR GUIDE**

Chapter 30: We Reach Our Goal

 PREPARATION – How to Get Ready

Teacher’s Manual: pp. 368-375

Materials: large paper, pencils, crayons, markers, Bibles

 PROCLAMATION – Main Theme

The Four Last Things are Death, Judgment, Heaven and Hell

 EXPLANATION – Content of Lesson

* At the end of our lives, we will be judged by Jesus. This is the Particular Judgment.
* Introduce the lesson with the video on the Four Last Things by Fr. Dan O’Reilly
* Define/discuss death
* Lk 12:2-discuss all being revealed—how should that change the way we live?
* Define particular judgment; discuss who determines our eternal state
* Persons who die in a state of perfection go to Heaven.
* Define Heaven and discuss who dwells there
* Discuss what they think Heaven will be like; 1 Cor 2:9
* Persons who die in friendship with Jesus, but still need purification, go to Purgatory.
* Analogy of wanting to be clean before going in to meet the Pope; connect to needing to be purified before going to Heaven.
* Define purgatory—temporary separation
* Persons who die without God’s life in them and refuse God’s mercy go to hell.
* Define hell; remind them that people choose hell through their own free will; they want to be separated from God; God doesn’t want to be separated from them.
* The General Judgment is the event in which Jesus will judge the living and the dead at the end of the world.
  + Acts 1:9-11; discuss Jesus’ return
  + Define General Judgment; compare Particular/General Judgment; discuss Michelangelo’s Last Judgment
  + Read and discuss Matthew 25:31-46
* The resurrection of the body is the reunion of our body with our soul at the end of time
* Read John 19:30-20:18, John 19-31 and Luke 24:13-48; discuss Jesus’ resurrected body.
* Discuss what our resurrected bodies will be like.

 APPLICATION – Connecting it to Students

* Do you know anyone who has died? How did you feel when they died? Why? How does all of our actions being made known affect how we live now?
* Narrow road/wide path activity
* <http://safeshare.tv/w/XIxIcCoxjC> Father Dan O’Reilly talking about the four last things

 CELEBRATION - Conclusion

* Pray for the Poor Souls in Purgatory, thinking in particular of those who have no one to pray for them and any family members or friends who have died.