

Make-Up Packet for Day 3

(Wednesday, June 6, 2018)

2018 Elementary Summer Religion Program

Our Lady of Lourdes Roman Catholic Church ☩ Erath, Louisiana



Morning Assembly:

- Review *Glory Be*
 - Reminder: Please begin and end your Opening prayer with the **Sign of the Cross!**
 - Text of the prayer: "Glory Be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen"
- **Bible Story:** God spares the Israelites during Passover and allows them to cross the Red Sea. (Exodus 11:1 – 15:21)

Even after the darkness for three days, Pharaoh had not yet decided to let God's people go! (*Silly Pharaoh!*) Then God told Moses that, in the 10th plague, the oldest child and animal in every Egyptian family would die. (*Wasn't that similar to what Pharaoh had done to all of the baby Hebrew boys when Moses was born? The difference was that God had given Pharaoh nine other chances to follow God's Will and free God's people from slavery, but Pharaoh wanted to make his own decisions and be "in control." When Moses was a baby, Pharaoh didn't give the Hebrew families any chance to save their children.*) God knew that this plague would convince Pharaoh to free His Chosen People.

According to God's plan, the Hebrew slaves (*God's Chosen People*) would prepare a special meal to prepare for their freedom. God told them what kind of food to cook and how to cook it for this special **Passover** meal. God told Moses that the Hebrew families must **sacrifice** (*willingly give up and kill*) one **unblemished** lamb. (*The lambs could not have any spots or blemishes on their bodies.*) Two small families could share one lamb so no food would go to waste. God instructed them to "paint" the blood of those sacrificial lambs on the doorposts of their homes. The bloody marks would help God's angel know which houses were Hebrew houses so that, once again, all of the Hebrew slaves and animals would be safe from any harm caused by the 10th plague.

Although the Hebrews were probably a bit nervous and worried about this Passover event, they prayed, obediently prepared and ate their meal following God's instructions, marked their door posts with the blood of the lambs, and probably tried to sleep.

In the middle of the night, they heard a rush of wind as well as screaming and crying coming from the Egyptian houses on the other side of Pharaoh's land. Pharaoh soon realized that many Egyptians had died, **including his oldest son!** His heart was broken! In his grief, Pharaoh sent the message that the Hebrews **had** to leave Egypt immediately. *Finally! After being slaves for more than 400 years, the Hebrew slaves were now a free people! We'll refer to them as the **Israelites** from this point on!*

The Israelites knew they had to hurry because Pharaoh could change his mind at any time, and they wanted to leave! While the women and girls prepared food for the journey, the men and boys packed their animals and the few belongings they had in their homes. They formed a long caravan (*line*) and followed Moses who led them away from Pharaoh's land on foot.

As he had done in the past with a couple of the other plagues, Pharaoh became angry and soon changed his mind. He sent the Egyptian army to follow and capture the Israelites (again) to bring them back as slaves.

When the caravan of Israelites approached the Red Sea (*a large body of water that connects the Mediterranean Sea to the Indian Ocean*), the Egyptian army started closing in. They were trapped between the Red Sea and the Egyptian army! They were frightened and didn't want to become slaves again! They prayed. God told Moses to hold his staff in his hand and stretch his arm into the air. He did—and the water in the Red Sea began to part! There was a dry path all the way across the huge lake! Moses, Aaron, and all of the Israelites walked across the dry path!

When the Egyptian army arrived at the shore line, they followed the Israelites onto the dry path. As soon as all of the Israelites were safely on the other side of the Red Sea, God told Moses to stretch out his hand again. He did. The two walls of water that formed the sides of that dry path crashed down on top of the Egyptian soldiers, their chariots, and their horses! All of them drowned and the Israelites were safe (again)!

The Israelites were grateful that God had protected them through all of the plagues and while crossing the Red Sea. Even those who had doubts began to believe all of God's promises! They believed everything that God wanted Moses to tell them!

- **Bible Point:** God loves us.
- **Think: (1)** God wanted the Israelites, His Chosen People, to be free! Even when things looked hopeless for them, God's love helped them! Nothing is hopeless when God is involved! **(2)** The unblemished lambs that were sacrificed for the first Passover meal remind us of Jesus, the "unblemished" (sinless) Son of God. The Passover lambs were sacrificed so that their blood could be used to mark the houses of God's people, keeping them safe. Jesus' blood was shed on the cross so that the eternal souls of God's people will have a chance to enter Heaven after our earthly bodies die. Reminder: We must make every effort to follow God's Ten Commandments (and make the best use of the Sacrament of Confession) in order to keep our souls clean enough to enter the gates of Heaven!

Today's Catechism Lessons: Students in Grade 1 may borrow a book from our church office. (They will receive their blue/white F.C. book when they officially begin classes for Sacramental Prep in Grade 2.) Students also receive a copy of the red/white textbook at one of the Sunday Sessions in Grade 3. If you need to borrow a book, we do have a few extra copies.

Grade	Textbook	Please read and discuss these lessons:
1	Blue/white F.C. textbook	Lesson 3 (The Blessed Trinity)
2	Blue/white F.C. textbook	Lesson 4 (The First Sins; Bad Angels and Adam/Eve's Original Sin)
3	Red/white B.C. textbook	Lesson 5 (The Creation and the Fall of Man; Original Sin)
4	Red/white B.C. textbook	Lesson 15: The Two Great Commandments
5	Red/white B.C. textbook	Lesson 25 (Confirmation)

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Thank you for taking time to work through this packet with your child!

Please **sign** the **next** page of this packet as proof that Day 3's work has been made up

and **mail or deliver** it to Mrs. Frances at our church office.

She will make the necessary notes on your child's attendance record and will file the signature sheet in your family's registration folder.

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Please complete this page and return it to our Church Parish Office as soon as possible so Mrs. Frances can update our attendance records to indicate that you have helped your child make up the work that was missed on Day 3 (Wednesday, June 6) of our 2018 Summer Religion Program.

My child, _____, in last year's (2017-18) grade level _____, and I have read and discussed the enclosed Bible stories and catechism lesson(s) for **Day 3** (Wednesday, June 6) of our 2018 Elementary Summer Religion Program.

Parent/Guardian's Printed Name

Parent/Guardian's Signature

Date