Make-Up Packet for Day 2 of our 2023 Elementary Summer Religion Program

Our Lady of Lourdes Roman Catholic Church & Erath, Louisiana

Opening Prayer:

- Review The Sign of the Cross
 - It isn't an air prayer! We should touch our forehead, chest, left shoulder, and right shoulder with intent as we pray the words, "In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit." We put our hands together in "praying hands" posture as we say, "Amen."
- Recite Hail Mary

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with Thee.

Blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus.

Holy Mary, Mother of God,

Pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

Bible Story for Day 2: Noah and the Ark

- **Bible Point:** God desires obedience.
- Bible Verse: "Noah complied; he did just as God had commanded him." ~ Genesis 6:22
 - Your choice: Watch a 3-minute YouTube video of <u>Noah's Ark</u> and/or read a passage from Scripture, then read/discuss questions which begin at the next dark bullet.

Noah and the Ark

Genesis 6:5 - 9:17

Chapter 6:

Warning of the Flood.

⁵When the LORD saw how great the wickedness of human beings was on earth, and how every desire that their heart conceived was always nothing but evil, ⁶the LORD regretted making human beings on the earth, and his heart was grieved. ⁷So the LORD said: I will wipe out from the earth the human beings I have created, and not only the human beings, but also the animals and the crawling things and the birds of the air, for I regret that I made them.

⁸But Noah found favor with the LORD. ⁹These are the descendants of Noah. Noah was a righteous man and blameless in his generation; Noah walked with God. ¹⁰Noah begot three sons: Shem, Ham, and Japheth. ¹¹But the earth was corrupt in the view of God and full of lawlessness. ¹²When God saw how corrupt the earth had become, since all mortals had corrupted their ways on earth, ¹³God said to Noah: I see that the end of all mortals has come, for the earth is full of lawlessness because of them. So I am going to destroy them with the earth.

Preparation for the Flood.

¹⁴Make yourself an ark of gopherwood, equip the ark with various compartments, and cover it inside and out with pitch. ¹⁵This is how you shall build it: the length of the ark will be three hundred cubits, its width fifty cubits, and its height thirty cubits. ¹⁶Make an opening for daylight and finish the ark a cubit above it. Put the ark's entrance on its side; you will make it with bottom, second and third decks.

¹⁷I, on my part, am about to bring the flood waters on the earth, to destroy all creatures under the sky in which there is the breath of life; everything on earth shall perish. ¹⁸I will establish my covenant with you. You shall go into the ark, you and your sons, your wife and your sons' wives with you.

¹⁹Of all living creatures you shall bring two of every kind into the ark, one male and one female, to keep them alive along with you. ²⁰Of every kind of bird, of every kind of animal, and of every kind of thing that crawls on the ground, two of each will come to you, that you may keep them alive. ²¹Moreover, you are to provide yourself with all the food that is to be eaten, and store it away, that it may serve as provisions for you and for them.

²²Noah complied; he did just as God had commanded him.

Chapter 7:

¹Then the LORD said to Noah: Go into the ark, you and all your household, for you alone in this generation have I found to be righteous before me. ²Of every clean animal, take with you seven pairs, a male and its mate; and of the unclean animals, one pair, a male and its mate; ³likewise, of every bird of the air, seven pairs, a male and a female, to keep their progeny alive over all the earth. ⁴For seven days from now I will bring rain down on the earth for forty days and forty nights, and so I will wipe out from the face of the earth every being that I have made.

⁵Noah complied, just as the LORD had commanded.

The Great Flood.

⁶Noah was six hundred years old when the flood came upon the earth. ⁷Together with his sons, his wife, and his sons' wives, Noah went into the ark because of the waters of the flood. ⁸Of the clean animals and the unclean, of the birds, and of everything that crawls on the ground, ⁹two by two, male and female came to Noah into the ark, just as God had commanded him.

¹⁰When the seven days were over, the waters of the flood came upon the earth. ¹¹In the six hundredth year of Noah's life, in the second month, on the seventeenth day of the month: on that day, all the fountains of the great abyss burst forth, and the floodgates of the sky were opened. ¹²For forty days and forty nights heavy rain poured down on the earth.

¹³On the very same day, Noah and his sons Shem, Ham, and Japheth, and Noah's wife, and the three wives of Noah's sons had entered the ark, ¹⁴together with every kind of wild animal, every kind of tame animal, every kind of crawling thing that crawls on the earth, and every kind of bird. ¹⁵Pairs of all creatures in which there was the breath of life came to Noah into the ark. ¹⁶Those that entered were male and female; of all creatures they came, as God had commanded Noah. Then the LORD shut him in.

¹⁷The flood continued upon the earth for forty days. As the waters increased, they lifted the ark, so that it rose above the earth. ¹⁸The waters swelled and increased greatly on the earth, but the ark floated on the surface of the waters. ¹⁹Higher and higher on the earth the waters swelled, until all the highest mountains under the heavens were submerged. ²⁰The waters swelled fifteen cubits higher than the submerged mountains.

²¹All creatures that moved on earth perished: birds, tame animals, wild animals, and all that teemed on the earth, as well as all humankind. ²²Everything on dry land with the breath of life in its nostrils died. ²³The LORD wiped out every being on earth: human beings and animals, the crawling things and the birds of the air; all were wiped out from the earth. Only

Noah and those with him in the ark were left. ²⁴And when the waters had swelled on the earth for one hundred and fifty days,

Chapter 8:

¹God remembered Noah and all the animals, wild and tame, that were with him in the ark. So God made a wind sweep over the earth, and the waters began to subside. ²The fountains of the abyss and the floodgates of the sky were closed, and the downpour from the sky was held back. ³Gradually the waters receded from the earth. At the end of one hundred and fifty days, the waters had so diminished ⁴that, in the seventh month, on the seventeenth day of the month, the ark came to rest on the mountains of Ararat. ⁵The waters continued to diminish until the tenth month, and on the first day of the tenth month the tops of the mountains appeared.

⁶At the end of forty days Noah opened the hatch of the ark that he had made, ⁷and he released a raven. It flew back and forth until the waters dried off from the earth. ⁸Then he released a dove, to see if the waters had lessened on the earth. ⁹But the dove could find no place to perch, and it returned to him in the ark, for there was water over all the earth. Putting out his hand, he caught the dove and drew it back to him inside the ark.

¹⁰He waited yet seven days more and again released the dove from the ark. ¹¹In the evening the dove came back to him, and there in its bill was a plucked-off olive leaf! So Noah knew that the waters had diminished on the earth.

¹²He waited yet another seven days and then released the dove; but this time it did not come back. ¹³In the six hundred and first year, in the first month, on the first day of the month, the water began to dry up on the earth. Noah then removed the covering of the ark and saw that the surface of the ground had dried. ¹⁴In the second month, on the twenty-seventh day of the month, the earth was dry.

¹⁵Then God said to Noah: ¹⁶Go out of the ark, together with your wife and your sons and your sons' wives. ¹⁷Bring out with you every living thing that is with you—all creatures, be they birds or animals or crawling things that crawl on the earth—and let them abound on the earth, and be fertile and multiply on it.

¹⁸So Noah came out, together with his sons and his wife and his sons' wives; ¹⁹and all the animals, all the birds, and all the crawling creatures that crawl on the earth went out of the ark by families. ²⁰Then Noah built an altar to the LORD, and choosing from every clean animal and every clean bird, he offered burnt offerings on the altar.

²¹When the LORD smelled the sweet odor, the LORD said to himself: Never again will I curse the ground because of human beings, since the desires of the human heart are evil from youth; nor will I ever again strike down every living being, as I have done. ²²All the days of the earth, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease.

Chapter 9:

Covenent with Noah

¹God blessed Noah and his sons and said to them: Be fertile and multiply and fill the earth. ²Fear and dread of you shall come upon all the animals of the earth and all the birds of the air, upon all the creatures that move about on the ground and all the fishes of the sea; into your power they are delivered.

³Any living creature that moves about shall be yours to eat; I give them all to you as I did the green plants. ⁴Only meat with its lifeblood still in it you shall not eat.

⁵Indeed for your own lifeblood I will demand an accounting: from every animal I will demand it, and from a human being, each one for the blood of another, I will demand an accounting for human life. ⁶Anyone who sheds the blood of a human being, by a human being shall that one's blood be shed; For in the image of God have human beings been made.

⁷Be fertile, then, and multiply; abound on earth and subdue it. ⁸God said to Noah and to his sons with him: ⁹See, I am now establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you ¹⁰and with every living creature that was with you: the birds, the tame animals, and all the wild animals that were with you—all that came out of the ark.

¹¹I will establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all creatures be destroyed by the waters of a flood; there shall not be another flood to devastate the earth.

¹²God said: This is the sign of the covenant that I am making between me and you and every living creature with you for all ages to come: ¹³I set my bow in the clouds to serve as a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. ¹⁴When I bring clouds over the earth, and the bow appears in the clouds, ¹⁵I will remember my covenant between me and you and every living creature—every mortal being—so that the waters will never again become a flood to destroy every mortal being. ¹⁶When the bow appears in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature—every mortal being that is on earth. ¹⁷God told Noah: This is the sign of the covenant I have established between me and every mortal being that is on earth.

Today's Discussion in Bible Theater:

- How many campers agree that God is responsible for creating the universe? (Everyone should raise their hands!)
- Because we believe He is our Creator, how many campers think He has a right to be disappointed (or perhaps upset) when He sees that so many people <u>choose</u> to ignore Him, misuse His Creation, and ignore His Commandments? (Everyone should raise their hands! But we are reminded that, although He may be disappointed, He still loves us unconditionally! Example: When we <u>sincerely</u> apologize for doing something wrong, our parents will forgive us and continue to love us regardless of the mistake or poor decision we made.)
- If Noah and his family were the <u>only</u> people who "found favor with God," imagine how many people were disappointing Him!
- Isn't it remarkable that, when God told Noah to build a huge ark, he obeyed God's instructions? (*He was actually building a large boat in a hot, dry, desert. People probably thought Noah was losing his mind!*) How often do we fail to obey instructions that we're given? <u>All</u> of us need to work on our obedience skills!
- Our campers then watched a **skit** performed by the assistant leaders in the Bible Theater.
- God provided a **rainbow** as a reminder of His promise that He "would never again destroy all creatures (on the earth) by the waters of a flood." (Genesis 9:11)

Today's Catechism Lessons: Students in Grades 2-5 should have <u>already received</u> these textbooks. If necessary, they may borrow a textbook from our office. If a Grade 1 student doesn't have access to a blue/white textbook yet (possibly from an older sibling or friend), he/she may borrow one from our office. (Students typically receive/use their blue/white First Communion textbooks in Sacramental Prep classes in Grade 2 and bring them home just before receiving the Sacrament of Eucharist (Holy Communion). The red/white textbook is usually distributed to students in Grade 3 Sunday Sessions.)

Grade	Textbook	Please read and discuss these lessons:
1	Blue/white F.C. textbook	Lesson 2 (God is Great)

2	Blue/white F.C. textbook	Lesson 2 (God is Great) and Lesson 3 (The Blessed Trinity)
3	Red/white B.C. textbook	Lesson 3 (The Unity and Trinity of God) and Lesson 4 (Creation and the
		Angels)
4	Red/white B.C. textbook	Lesson 16 (The First Great Commandment of God)
5	Red/white B.C. textbook	Lesson 24 (Baptism) and Lesson 25 (Confirmation)

Dear Parents/Guardians:

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

Please **sign** the **next** page of this packet
to indicate that Day 2'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.

Date

Please complete this page and return it to our Church Parish Office as soon as possible so Mrs. Frances can update our records to indicate that you have helped your child read/discuss the Bible stories and Catechism lessons that would

have been introduced and discussed on Day 2 of our 2023 Summer Religion Program.