

Session 3: The Word Made Flesh

October 16-20, 2023

Queen of Apostles Confirmation Preparation 2023-2024

This session's objectives:

- To make Candidates aware that **reading Scripture is an important part of being a Catholic Christian**: “Ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ” – St. Jerome
- To build greater **skills and confidence** with reading, proclaiming & looking up **Scripture passages**
- To inspire candidates with the **person and ministry of Jesus** as seen in the Gospels

This session's program:

| | Time | Start |
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| 1. Name-tag & Bible label pick-up; <u>turn in late commitment/retreat forms</u> | 10 min | 6:45 |
| <i>- as enter, candidates are invited to <u>bless selves with holy water</u> (as when entering church) and <u>leave late commitment forms & retreat permission forms in basket on prayer table by holy water</u></i> | | |
| <i>- chat with catechists at tables or as a class, share journal p. 24</i> | | |
| 2. Opening Prayer (Mt 4:18-22 & “Lord, When You Came / Pescador” v. 1&3) | 10 min | 6:55 |
| 3. Reading Scripture (and the Lector Ministry) (Rachel/Keenan) | 10 min | 7:05 |
| <i>- review Bible basics (divisions, history, inspired Word, truth vs. fact, genres); how to locate passages</i> | | |
| <i>- Jesus as the Word incarnate (w/ St. Jerome quote) - “proclaim” vs. “read”</i> | | |
| <i>- mini-witness about serving as a Lector - share experiences of proclaiming readings at Mass</i> | | |
| 4. “Go Jesus Fish” Matching Game (At Tables/In Groups) | 5-10 min | 7:15 |
| <i>Tables/groups test their ability to work together and recall other information about Jesus by using the toss-and-tell balls and/or playing the matching Q&A card game - <u>lay out questions as trivia game</u>:</i> | | |
| <i>- each table/group gets 2 decks (1 blue, 1 brown) - each blue card has a match in the brown deck</i> | | |
| <i>- match 12 blue cards with 12 brown cards by determining which questions go with which answers</i> | | |
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| 5. Breakout Session: Who is Jesus? (At Tables/In Groups) | 30-35 min | 7:25 |
| <i>- <u>recommend Track B work in pairs or triads</u> on all 8 sets of passages</i> | | |
| <i>- important to get 360° view of Jesus by thinking about his different actions</i> | | |
| <i>- <u>see next page for “cheat sheet” of themes among passages for quick reference</u></i> | | |
| <i>- each table/group receives a set of 3 passages relating to a theme of Jesus’ life</i> | | |
| <i>- reflection questions accompany the passages. Select a scribe to <u>take notes</u> about their answers and a <u>speaker</u> to report on what passages tell us about who Jesus is (<u>final Question</u>)</i> | | |
| 6. Reporting on Breakout Session (Large group) | 5-10 min | 8:00 |
| <i>Speaker from each table/group shares response to final question from sheet</i> | | |
| 7. The Call to Discipleship (Rachel/Keenan) | 10 min | 8:10 |
| <i>Based on textbook pages 14-15 and definition of discipleship (see <u>slideshow</u>)</i> | | |
| <i>“A disciple... ..hears and studies the ways of the master (Jesus) ...participates in a community of disciples (the Church) ...lives out these ways for the good of the world (life of service).”</i> | | |
| <i>Scripture as a source of invitation, where we hear and where we can study “the ways of the master”</i> | | |
| <i>Choice to follow – Parable of the Two Sons (Mt 21:28-32) - no/yes w/ mouth & yes/no w/ heart</i> | | |
| <i>Coming to faith in God through Jesus our brother & Lord – to learn, participate, serve</i> | | |
| 8. Closing Discipleship Prayer with Blessing of the Senses (Rachel/Keenan) | 5 min | 8:20 |
| 9. Homework & “Rise Up” Reminders (Rachel/Keenan) | 5 min | 8:15 |
| <i>Showing of <u>Bonus Video</u></i> | | |

Homework & Reminders for Candidates:

- be sure your Sponsor will come 11/13
- next class session (homework due) for all on Monday 10/23
 - read/do **pages 13-18 in your textbook** for next class
- **Retreat I (Rise Up) at the end of next week!**
 - wear comfy, church-appropriate clothes/shoes
 - bring refillable water bottle
 - pizza lunch to ne provided

Who Is Jesus?: Scripture Themes by Table

Brown: Jesus, the fisher of men / One who calls sinners

- Call of the first disciples (Matthew 4:18-22)
- Call of Levi [Matthew] the tax collector (Mark 2:13-17)
- Call of Zacchaeus the tax collector (Luke 19:1-10)

Red: parables told by Jesus to teach

- The Sower (Luke 8:4-8)
- The Lamp Under a Basket (Mark 4:21-25)
- The Unforgiving Servant (Matthew 18:21-35)

Blue: Jesus works miracles of healing

- Raising of the Widow's Son (Luke 7:11-17)
- Healing of the Paralytic (Mark 2:1-12)
- The Blind Man of Bethsaida (Mark 8:22-26)

Green: Jesus works miracles with food and drink to nourish

- Wedding at Cana [miracle of water to wine] (John 2:1-11)
- Feeding of the Five Thousand [multiplication of loaves & fishes] (Mark 6:34-43)
- Institution of the Eucharist [the Last Supper] (Mark 14:22-26)

Yellow: human vulnerability & humility of Jesus

- The Nativity (Luke 2:1-7)
- Jesus is Rejected at Nazareth (Matthew 13:54-58)
- The Washing of the Feet (John 13:4-17)

Purple: Jesus shows his divine nature

- The Transfiguration of Jesus (Matthew 17:1-9)
- Cleansing of Demonic Spirits (Luke 4:31-37)
- Many Dwelling Places (John 14:1-4)

Pink: parables teaching about the Kingdom of God

- The Mustard Seed (Mark 4:30-32)
- The Workers in the Vineyard (Matthew 20:1-16)
- The Treasure, the Pearl and the Catch (Matthew 13:44-50)

Orange: what is important to Jesus / Jesus with his friends

- Mary & Martha (Luke 10:38-42)
- The Good Shepherd (John 10:7-15)
- Bickering of the Apostles (Luke 22:24-30)

Black: Jesus and his parents (Mary and Joseph / God the Father)

- The Boy Jesus in the Temple (Luke 2:41-51)
- The Baptism of Jesus (Mark 1:9-11)
- Jesus Speaks to Mary and John from the Cross (John 19:25-27)