



Overview of Catechetical Ministry Part II: **Lesson Plan Collection**

Lesson Plan Format

1. Engage:

- * “Hook ‘Em” Activity
- * Introduce the Main Idea

2. Explore:

- * Scripture Passage
- * “Textbook Lesson”
- * Activity

3. Reflect:

- * Guided Reflection

4. Respond:

- * Assessment
- * Homework Assignment
- * Closing Prayer

Lesson Topic:

Pentecost

1. Engage:

* **Hook:** Play audio of wind, fire, world languages, etc., and see if students can identify the sounds.

* **Main Idea:** Wisdom as a gift of the Holy Spirit

2. Explore:

* **Scripture Passage:** Acts 1, 2:1-13

* **Activity:** What is the difference between intellect and wisdom? Use a Venn diagram, or similar visual, to explore the differences/similarities. Use examples.

3. Reflect:

* **Group Guided Discussion:** How are intellect and/or wisdom gifts from the Holy Spirit?

4. Respond:

* **Assessment:** Exit Ticket—How is wisdom a gift of the Holy Spirit?

* **Homework:** Interview someone about how they use wisdom as a gift.

OR

Find wisdom in a song or other media, and explain how wisdom is a gift.

OR

What is a question you still have? What answer did you find on your own?

* **Closing Prayer**

Lesson Topic:

Easter (Grade Level: K-2)

1. Engage:

- * **Hook:** "Resurrection Eggs" - Symbols Inside
- * **Main Idea:** Jesus rose from the dead.

2. Explore:

- * **Scripture Passages:** Luke 24:6; Matthew 28:7
- * **Activity:** Listen to song "Jesus Is Alive" then act out resurrection. Do a craft.

3. Reflect:

- * **Guided Reflection:** Ask students to close eyes and think about their answers while teacher asks, "How do you think Jesus felt? How did his friends and family feel?"

4. Respond:

- * **Assessment:** Illustrate what they learned today about Jesus rising from the dead.
- * **Homework:** Take illustration home and teach someone they know about what they created.
- * **Closing Prayer:** Sing and dance along to "Jesus Is Alive."

Lesson Topic:

Easter

1. Engage:

- * **Hook:** Alleluia in a box activity
- * **Main Idea:** Easter is a celebration of Jesus' resurrection.

2. Explore:

- * **Scripture Passages:** Matthew 28: 5-6
- * **Activity:** Alleluia banners

3. Reflect:

- * **Guided Reflection:** Jesus loves me! Reflect on how you can live like Jesus, and live forever, as Jesus does.

4. Respond:

- * **Assessment:** Verbally explain: What does resurrection mean? Why do we celebrate Easter?
- * **Homework:** Go home and discuss this lesson with their parent(s) and family.
- * **Closing Prayer:** "He is not here; he has risen, just as he said." Matthew 28:6

Lesson Topic:

All Saint's Day

1. Engage:

* **Hook:** Slideshow including all saints to grab student's attention. Play song "Holy, Holy, Holy" as students watch slideshow.

2. Explore:

* **Scripture Passages:** Luke 5:1-11—The call of Simon the fisherman

* **Activity:** Research a saint of choice, then prepare a digital presentation to teach the class about their chosen saint. (Wax Museum) After presentations, play Guess Who with the saint's pictures, and asking for/giving clues about the saints.

3. Reflect:

* **Guided Reflection:** How do you connect to your chosen saint?

4. Respond:

* **Assessment:** Whole class discussion

* **Closing Prayer:** Each student helps create the closing prayer by saying, "[Chosen Saint], pray for us."

Lesson Topic:

Advent

1. Engage:

- * **Hook:** What are you looking forward to? Today? Next week? Next month? Next year? Connect their responses to the main idea.
- * **Main Idea:** Anticipating Jesus

2. Explore:

- * **Scripture Passages:** Luke 1:26-38
- * **Activity:** Use textbook to further explore scripture passage, then participate in Choice Board activities.

3. Reflect:

- * **Guided Reflection:** Use song, video, and/or other media to facilitate reflection on responsibility.

4. Respond:

- * **Assessment:** 3,2,1 Exit Slip
- * **Homework**
- * **Closing Prayer**

Lesson Topic:

Advent

1. Engage:

- * **Hook:** Sing together “Mary, Did You Know?”
- * **Main Idea:** Preparing ourselves for Christ’s arrival

2. Explore:

- * **Scripture Passages:** Luke 1:28-38
- * **Activity:** Debate: Divide students in half. One half says yes to the angel, the other half says no. Each group should explain why.

3. Reflect:

- * **Guided Reflection:** Canticle of Mary

4. Respond:

- * **Assessment:** How do we say thanks to Mary for her commitment, faith, and sacrifice?
- * **Homework:** Find examples for the above reflection question from their daily lives. Get an outside voice.
- * **Closing Prayer:** Group prayerful thanks

Lesson Topic:

Advent

1. Engage:

- * **Hook:** Create an advent wreath.
- * **Main Idea:** Advent is a season of joy and preparation.

2. Explore:

- * **Scripture Passages:** Luke 1:26-38 (The Annunciation)
- * **Activity:** Explore the meanings/days of each candle with a graphic organizer. Use scripture to reference.

3. Reflect:

- * **Guided Reflection:** Play Advent instrumental music. Students will choose one candle to reflect on. How will you use/live the message of each week/candle?

4. Respond:

- * **Assessment:** Exit Ticket
- * **Closing Prayer:** Pray the 1st Joyful Mystery, either alone or with a partner.

Lesson Topic:

The Nativity

1. Engage:

- * **Hook:** Jot Thoughts (brainstorm/organization)
- * **Main Idea:** I can create a nativity scene based on scriptural evidence.

2. Explore:

- * **Scripture Passages:** Luke 2
- * **Activity:** In small groups, students will read Luke 2, discuss, then create a nativity scene from provided craft materials that depicts the scriptural image of Jesus' birth.

3. Reflect:

- * **Guided Reflection:** Gallery walk of completed nativity scenes with accompanying songs.

4. Respond:

- * **Assessment:** Compare the Biblical scene with secular depictions of the nativity.
- * **Homework**
- * **Closing Prayer**

Lesson Topic:

Our Lady of Guadalupe

1. Engage:

- * **Hook:** What do you think Mary was like as Jesus' mom?
- * **Main Idea:** Mary intercedes for the little people.

2. Explore:

- * **Scripture Passages:** The Magnificat
- * **Lesson:** Explain the symbolism of the image of Our Lady of Guadalupe.
- * **Activity:** Students will act out the miracle of the appearance of the image of Our Lady of Guadalupe on Juan Diego's cloak.

3. Reflect:

- * **Guided Reflection:** Listen to a hymn to Our Lady as a group.

4. Respond:

- * **Assessment:** Report on your homework next class.
- * **Homework:** Teach your family the story of Juan Diego and Our Lady of Guadalupe.
- * **Closing Prayer:** Pray the Hail Mary as a group.