

Grade K Liturgical Pacing Sequence



Catechist's Note

If you would like to sequence the year liturgically please refer to the plan below. The overall goal of teaching liturgically is to connect the students with the universal Church. The Church as the Bride of Christ participates in a cycle of feasts to live in step with Jesus the Bridegroom. Every year we attempt to meditate and respond to Jesus by recalling and commemorating the events of His earthly life, and His work for our salvation. All liturgical action within the Church flows from the Liturgy at Mass, and likewise, your liturgical sessions should reinforce what the students are experiencing in the liturgy at their parish.

Ordinary Time (*August–November*)

This season emphasizes the public ministry of Jesus and reveals the mission that He accomplished during the pinnacle of the Liturgical Year, the Triduum. If you would like to introduce the Liturgical Year in general, see the last pages of this Appendix for an introductory activity.

Sessions for Ordinary Time

Timing	Unit and Session	Liturgical Connection
August or September	Unit 4 Session 17: Jesus Told Parables	Lost Sheep, Parable of the Yeast.
September or October	Unit 4 Session 16: Jesus Performed Miracles	Miracle at the Wedding at Cana
September or October	Unit 2 Session 9: Jesus Loves and Heals the Sick	Healing of the Blind Beggar, A Man with a Withered Hand, Healing of the Paralytic, Jesus Raised the Little Girl from the Dead
October or November	Unit 2 Session 10: Jesus Has Many Friends	Jesus Visits Zacchaeus, Jesus Visits Martha and Mary
November	Unit 4 Session 18: Jesus Taught Us How to Pray	Sermon on the Mount, Jesus Teaches Us How to Pray (Our Father)

Advent (November–December)

Advent is the liturgical season before Christmas that prepares our hearts for the mystery of the Incarnation. Early in the Advent season is the feast of the Immaculate Conception. The Immaculate Conception is the teaching that Mary was preserved from Original Sin through the merits of Her Son Jesus Christ in order to be prepared to receive the gift of Her son Jesus. Jesus assumed His human nature because of Mary's Fiat. His human body and blood came from His mother, and because of Mary's Immaculate Conception, Jesus did not receive the inheritance of Original Sin. The season of Advent is particularly Marian as we walk with Mary through the weeks before the birth of her son. The sessions below contain elements of learning, contemplating, and valuing the Person of Jesus who is born at Christmas. If at all possible leave Christmas celebrations until the last day before break or ideally until January.

Sessions for Advent		
Timing	Unit and Session	Liturgical Connection
November or December	Unit 3 Session 11: Jesus Was Announced by the Angel Gabriel	Annunciation
December	Unit 1 Session 3: Jesus is Mary's Son	Visitation
December (<i>may be used after Christmas as well</i>)	Unit 3 Session 12: Jesus Was Born in Bethlehem	Nativity of Our Lord

Christmas (December–January)

In the Church, Christmas is a short but beautiful season. It is the celebration of the Revelation of the invisible God in the visible Person of Jesus. The word “Epiphany” is the central word for this season. The Church opens the season with the revelation of the Messiah to the Shepherds, then the Magi from the East, and culminates in the Baptism of the Lord when God the Father announces, “This is My Beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.” The secular world starts early and ends Christmas early, but Christmas celebrations in the Church begin at Midnight Mass on Christmas Eve and continue well into January

Sessions for Christmas		
Timing	Unit and Session	Liturgical Connection
January (<i>if not used during Advent</i>)	Unit 3 Session 12: Jesus Was Born in Bethlehem	Nativity of Our Lord
January	Unit 3 Session 13: Jesus Was Presented in the Temple	Presentation in the Temple
January	Unit 4 Session 15: Jesus Was Baptized in the Jordan	Baptism in the Jordan

Lent (*February–April*)

The season of Lent is another season of preparation for the Triduum and the Easter season. This season is marked by increased prayer, fasting, and almsgiving so that we can prepare our hearts for the commemoration of the Paschal mystery. It is a season for training the soul. The following sessions focus on topics of salvation from sin, and the importance of responding to the call of Jesus to walk with Him on the road to Calvary. Towards the end of Lent, you may wish to skip ahead to the sessions for the Triduum which highlight the Paschal Mystery

Sessions for Lent		
Timing	Unit and Session	Liturgical Connection
February or March	Unit 4 Session 19: Jesus Made Friends	Mary, Martha, Lazarus and St. John
February or March	Unit 1 Session 4: Jesus is Our Savior	The Lost Sheep, the Promised Savior
March or April	Unit 1 Session 2: Jesus has a Heavenly Father	Jesus Taught His Disciples to Pray the Our Father, Transfiguration

Triduum & Easter (*April–May*)

This is the pinnacle of the Liturgical Year. All previous seasons point to and culminate in the celebration of the Paschal Mystery.

Sessions for Triduum & Easter		
Timing	Unit and Session	Liturgical Connection
March or April (Before Easter)	Unit 5 Session 20: Jesus Went to Jerusalem	Entry into Jerusalem, Palm Sunday
March or April (Before Easter)	Unit 5 Session 21: Jesus Invited His Friends to the Last Supper	Last Supper, Holy Thursday
March or April (Before Easter)	Unit 5 Session 23: Jesus Suffered for Us	Good Friday
March or April	Unit 5 Session 24: Jesus Rose from the Dead	Easter Sunday
April or May	Unit 5 Session 25: Jesus Ascended into Heaven	Ascension

Pentecost (*May–June*)

This season, which begins 50 days after Easter and usually falls in May or June, is an opportunity to help students grow in their knowledge about the Holy Spirit. The life and holiness of the Church depend on the actions of the Holy Spirit. For that reason, sessions after Pentecost and moving into the summer months of Ordinary Time can focus on the life of the Trinity within the Church.

Sessions for Pentecost		
Timing	Unit and Session	Liturgical Connection
May or June	Unit 5 Session 26: Jesus Sent the Holy Spirit	Pentecost
May or June	Unit 5 Session 27: Jesus Founded the Church	Pentecost
May or June	Unit 6 Session 30: Jesus Is with Us in His Church	Holy Spirit and the Mystical Body of Christ
May or June	Unit 6 Session 32: Jesus Is with Us in the Saints	Holiness from the Holy Spirit