

Grade K Liturgical Pacing Sequence



Teacher'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 lessons should reinforce what the students are experiencing in the liturgy at school and 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.

Lessons for Ordinary Time

| Timing | Unit and Lesson | Liturgical Connection |
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| August or September | Unit 4 Lesson 17: Jesus Told Parables | Lost Sheep, Parable of the Yeast. |
| September or October | Unit 4 Lesson 16: Jesus Performed Miracles | Miracle at the Wedding at Cana |
| September or October | Unit 2 Lesson 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 Lesson 10: Jesus Has Many Friends | Jesus Visits Zacchaeus, Jesus Visits Martha and Mary |
| November | Unit 4 Lesson 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 lessons 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.

Lessons for Advent

| Timing | Unit and Lesson | Liturgical Connection |
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| November or December | Unit 3 Lesson 11: Jesus Was Announced by the Angel Gabriel | Annunciation |
| December | Unit 1 Lesson 3: Jesus is Mary's Son | Visitation |
| December (<i>may be used after Christmas as well</i>) | Unit 3 Lesson 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

Lessons for Christmas

| Timing | Unit and Lesson | Liturgical Connection |
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| January (<i>if not used during Advent</i>) | Unit 3 Lesson 12: Jesus Was Born in Bethlehem | Nativity of Our Lord |
| January | Unit 3 Lesson 13: Jesus Was Presented in the Temple | Presentation in the Temple |
| January | Unit 4 Lesson 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 lessons 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 lessons for the Triduum which highlight the Paschal Mystery

| Lessons for Lent | | |
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| Timing | Unit and Lesson | Liturgical Connection |
| February or March | Unit 4 Lesson 19: Jesus Made Friends | Mary, Martha, Lazarus and St. John |
| February or March | Unit 1 Lesson 4: Jesus is Our Savior | The Lost Sheep, the Promised Savior |
| March or April | Unit 1 Lesson 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.

| Lessons for Triduum & Easter | | |
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| Timing | Unit and Lesson | Liturgical Connection |
| March or April (Before Easter) | Unit 5 Lesson 20: Jesus Went to Jerusalem | Entry into Jerusalem, Palm Sunday |
| March or April (Before Easter) | Unit 5 Lesson 21: Jesus Invited His Friends to the Last Supper | Last Supper, Holy Thursday |
| March or April (Before Easter) | Unit 5 Lesson 23: Jesus Suffered for Us | Good Friday |
| March or April | Unit 5 Lesson 24: Jesus Rose from the Dead | Easter Sunday |
| April or May | Unit 5 Lesson 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, lessons after Pentecost and moving into the summer months of Ordinary Time can focus on the life of the Trinity within the Church.

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