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Catechist Tips: Jerusalem

When Joshua led the Israelites to Canaan, Jerusalem became part of the territory assigned to the tribe of Benjamin. In fact, Jerusalem remained a Canaanite city for two more centuries, until King David's soldiers captured it. David made the town his capital because it was a neutral site—not settled by any one Israelite tribe. He had the ark of the covenant brought to Jerusalem to give the new capital religious prestige.

Catechist Tips: Choosing Readings

Give this help in choosing readings:

- Make available the lectionary readings for the current year or season.
- Show the children how to use a concordance to locate readings by theme.
- Make available copies of the sacramental rites.

Catechist Tips: Prayer

When you pray, you raise your heart and your mind to God.

- You adore God as your Creator and Savior, lay your fears and anxieties before him, thank him for his goodness, implore his mercy, and ask him to help you discern what he wills for you.
- God is always there, waiting to listen to your prayer.

Glossary Activity: Reverence

Invite the children to suggest and model other “body prayers.”

- Possibilities include making the Sign of the Cross, exchanging the greeting of peace, walking in procession, receiving blessed ashes, and kissing the crucifix on Good Friday.

Additional Activity: The Ark of the Covenant - Exodus 25:10-22

Organize the children in groups.

- Have them read aloud the Scripture passage.
- Tell each group to create a drawing of the ark.
- Allow groups to compare results.

Additional Activity: Gratitude Mural

Distribute art materials. Have the children create a gratitude mural.

- Ask them to brainstorm people, places, things, ideas, and emotions for which they are grateful.
- Have the children record in words and symbols the gifts of God that they identify.

Additional Activity: Cross-Curricular - Dance

Using a favorite or familiar piece of music, encourage the children to dance or create a movement of their own to joyfully celebrate the arrival of the Ark in Jerusalem.

- Ask a volunteer to take the part of David.
- Other children may want to be a part of the army and carry an “ark.”
- Still others may want to be a part of the crowd following the ark through the street.
- Lead the children out of and back into the room as if they are entering Jerusalem.