

Grade 5 - Chapter 9

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Catechist Tips: Reaching All Learners - Vision-Impaired Students

Give the children with impaired vision these options for exploring “images” of the Paschal Mystery.

- Invite the children to suggest auditory expressions, such as the traditional Easter greeting “Christ is Risen!” or the sung Alleluia.
- Allow the children to use clay or straw to create their own tactile symbols.

Catechist Tips: Interviews

Arrange for an adult(s) within your parish community to be interviewed by your group. The purpose of the interview is to find out how God has influenced the direction of his or her life after an ending such as: death, loss of job, divorce, or accident. If possible, try to get more than one adult so that the learners can work in small groups. Ask a parish staff member to suggest possible guests.

Before the guest(s) arrive, brief the children on the object of this visit. Help them determine what questions they can ask. If you have more than one guest, form into small groups.

Allow five to ten minutes for the interview. Encourage the children to take notes. Take pictures of each group with their interviewee. Provide time for each group to discuss and summarize their interview together. Invite each group to share about their interview.

Glossary Activity: Paschal Mystery

Have the children research symbolic images of the Paschal Mystery.

- Have them conduct their research with art books or on the Internet.
- Ask the children to put together an art exhibit of images they find. Have them write explanatory captions for the exhibit images.

Additional Activity: Redeemer

Remind the children that to redeem means to “buy back.” Jesus bought back all humans for God by ransoming them from the power of sin. The price he paid was his death.

Additional Activity: Actions of Hope

Recall a television news story in which someone has died unexpectedly, or look in a local newspaper for a similar story.

- Write a message of hope on a card for the family of this person, and decorate it with symbols of hope.
- Consider sending it to the family.

Parish Video Connection: Blessed Mother Teresa

Before the children begin the Share Your Faith activity on page 143, play this video on Mother Teresa.

Say: You heard that the signs in Mother Teresa's ambulances in Calcutta are meant to remind people of Jesus' saying that whatever we do to the least of our brothers, we do to him. Why is it important for us to remember this message today? How was Mother Teresa an example of how we should treat others?

YouTube Link: <https://youtu.be/2A96cT-1pHM>