

GRADE 2 CHAPTER Twelve The Church Year

Objectives

- To understand that the Church has seasons just as nature does.
- To learn the seasons of the Church year and to identify some of the colors and symbols connected to each
- To realize the importance of the resurrection

Step One: Invite: Name your personal experience

- Draw a picture of your favorite season of the year and talk about why this is so.
- Name the other seasons and talk about some of the sights, smells and images that tell you about each season.

Step Two: Explore: Understand the meaning of God's Word

- Look at pages 136-139 and name the five seasons in the Church year.
- Make a poster with three columns: Column one tells the name of the church season; column two tells when we celebrate this season and column three tells the colors and some of the symbols of that season.
- Talk about your favorite Church season and tell why this is so.
- Find the answers to the following questions:
 - o What are the three holiest days of the Church year?
 - o On which day do we celebrate Jesus' gift of the Eucharist?
 - o Why is red the Church color on Good Friday?
 - o When does the Easter celebration begin?
 - o How often is the resurrection celebrated by the Church? How many days is it celebrated after Easter?
 - o What is the greatest feast of the Church year?
 - o What do we call the feast of the Holy Spirit?
- Complete the activity on p. 139

Step Three: Celebrate: Offer prayers of praise and thanksgiving

- Use your Alleluia and compose a song to sing for prayer.

Faith Activities: Tips

- Throughout each chapter, there will be sections marked "Activity."
- Feel free to choose as many activities as you wish to share with your family. At a minimum, choose one activity above and beyond what might be mentioned in Steps 1-3.
- Follow the directions for the activity, share popcorn or a treat, relax and enjoy it.
- Post any artwork until the next lesson and then use the next chapter's activity to take its place.