

GRADE 3
CHAPTER Eight
Jesus' Sacrifice

Objectives

- To learn the meaning of sacrifice
- To understand the importance of Jesus' sacrifice
- To learn the term paschal mystery and why it is so important in our lives

Step One: Invite: Name your personal experience

- Draw a picture of one sacrifice you have made for your family that was difficult to do
- Read p. 103, answer the questions and then share your drawing telling how it made you feel to make this sacrifice.

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

- Using old wood, tree branches, large nails, paint/paper, clay or some other material, make a crucifix.
- Keep the crucifix before you as you read p. 105. Why is Jesus' sacrifice of his life so important to you? How can you celebrate this paschal mystery in your own life?
- Complete the activity on p. 107

Step Three: Celebrate: Offer prayers of praise and thanksgiving

- Gather your family in a circle and use the prayer on p. 101 as an opening. Then let every person take turns thanking each member of the family for a sacrifice that he or she has made for the family.
- Close with the family prayer on p. 108

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.