

GRADE 5
CHAPTER Nine
New Life

Objectives

- To learn the meaning of Paschal mystery
- To meet real life people of faith who are willing to suffer in order to proclaim Jesus' message of life
- To realize that sickness, suffering and death are our part in the paschal mystery of Christ
- To understand that each sacrament is connected to Christ's death and resurrection
- To learn that Christ's death and resurrection saved the human race

Step One: Invite: Name your personal experience

- Read the story of Archbishop Romero on p. 110-111.
- Discuss the question on p. 110 and make a list of the ways he was a sign of hope and love for all people
- Complete the activity on p. 111

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

- Learn the Words of Faith on p. 113
- What event is the cornerstone of the paschal mystery? [p. 112]
- Which of the sacraments most firmly unite your life to the paschal mystery?
- Which day of the week does the church remember Jesus' resurrection in a special way?
- Review the activity on p. 116 and decide, as a family, how you can support those who are sick, suffering or dying. Carry out your plan.

Step Three: Celebrate: Offer prayers of praise and thanksgiving

- Use the family prayer on p. 116 for your prayer today.

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.