

## Session 2: Jesus, the Body and the Word

October 3-7, 2022

Queen of Apostles Parish Confirmation Preparation 2022-2023

start times shown for Track A, purple Track B notations (leadership & recommended adaptations)

**This session's objectives** (normally taught over 2 sessions but condensed a bit this year):

- To encourage candidates to trust in God and recognize large and small challenges to their faith
- To introduce the practice of Eucharistic Adoration in preparation for "Holy Fire"
- To make candidates aware that **reading Scripture is an important part of being a Catholic Christian**: "Ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ" – St. Jerome (feast day Sept. 30)
- To build greater **skills and confidence** with reading, proclaiming & looking up **Scripture passages**
- To inspire candidates with the **person & ministry of Jesus** as seen in the Gospels & personal prayer

**This session's program:**

**Time A Start**

1. **Name-tag & Bible label pick-up; establish arrival ritual** As students enter **0-5 min 6:45**  
- as enter both days, candidates invited to bless selves w/ holy water (as when entering church)  
- catechists determine when enough are present/settled at table to continue w/ icebreaker
2. **Icebreaker** (Track A intros selves w/ name, schl, At Tables/Groups **5 min 6:50**  
detail drawn from cup (skipped @ last class) – or share journal pp. vii-viii (Track B!))
3. **Opening Prayer** (Act of Faith, top of p. 108 in textbook) Monica/Keenan **5 min 6:55**
4. **Belief, Trust and Faith** using PowerPoint slides & video Monica/Keenan **10 min 7:00**  
Group reflection from slides & Trust in God illustration video (Trust Fall w/ "Jesus" & "Laura")
5. **Table/Pair Discussion on Trust** (4 Qs from slide deck) At Tables/Groups **5 min 7:10**
6. **Prayer Meditation: Our Eyes Fixed on Jesus** led by Monica/Keenan **5-10 min 7:15**  
- recall image from Trust Fall video: being face-to-face, keeping eyes on Jesus; trusting that he has your back even when human logic tells us this must be absurd (Track B should do part of song)  
- prayer with "Turn Your Eyes" (Lauren Daigle) and diverse pictures of the face of Jesus  
- can be prayed anytime with a smart phone & Google Image Search – choose your own face of Jesus
7. **Meeting Jesus in the Eucharist: Seen and Unseen** Monica/Keenan **5 min 7:25**  
- going to experience Eucharistic Adoration at Holy Fire -- quiet time to speak to Jesus face-to-face, in the form of the Bl. Sacrament, the same Body of Christ we receive at Mass, on display!
8. **Two Adoration Videos: Atmosphere & Personal Witnesses** Monica/Keenan **10 min 7:30**
9. **Reading Scripture & Using the Bible** Monica/Keenan **0-5 min 7:40**  
- review Bible basics (divisions, history, inspired Word, truth vs. fact); how to locate passages  
- Jesus as Word incarnate (& St. Jerome quote) - "proclaim" vs. "read" - *Track B already know all?*
10. **Jesus Trivia: Toss-n-Tell Balls / "Go Jesus Fish!"** At Tables/Groups **5 min 7:45**  
Tables/groups test their ability to work together and recall other information about Jesus by using the toss-and-tell balls and/or playing the matching Q&A card game - lay out questions as a trivia game  
- each table/group gets 2 decks (1 blue, 1 brown) - each blue card has a match in the brown deck  
- match 12 blue cards with 12 brown cards by determining which questions go with which answers
11. **Breakout Session: Who is Jesus?** At Tables/Groups **20-25 min 7:50**  
- recommend Track B work in pairs or triads on maybe 5-6 sets of passages (Pink & Red sets harder)  
- important to get 360° view of Jesus by thinking about his different actions  
- see attached page for "cheat sheet" of themes among passages for quick reference  
- each table/group receives a set of 3 passages relating to a theme of Jesus' life  
- reflection questions accompany the passages. Select a scribe to take notes about their answers and a speaker to report on what passages tell us about who Jesus is (final Question)
12. **Reporting on Breakout Session** Reporting, facilitated by Monica/Keenan **5 min 8:15**  
Speaker from each table/group shares response to final question from sheet
13. **Homework & "Holy Fire" Reminders** Monica/Keenan (other side of this page) **5 min 8:20**
14. **Closing Prayer Ritual with Blessing of the Senses** Monica/Keenan **5 min 8:25**  
- Jesse Manibusan, "Open My Eyes, Lord"; see leader script; explain card image & turn in beige Commitment form & white HF permission form; during song, bless your OWN eyes, ears and heart; one from group brings turned-in forms up to basket on prayer table **SEE NEXT 2 PAGES →**

15. Possible showing of **Bonus Video?** parody of LMFAO, “Jesus and I Know It” *see concordance*  
(by a JP II Youth Group, formerly posted to YouTube but now taken down)  
On USB drive, optional – see if students recognize representation of things Jesus said/did

**Homework & Reminders for Candidates:**

- **Read/do pages 22-25 in your journal** AND **pages 13-18 in your textbook** (2 weeks to finish both!)
- Track A has no class on Mon. 10/9 (*Indigenous Peoples Day/Columbus Day*), *or Track B that week*
- **Next event is Retreat I (HF) at the end of next week!** must have permission form by retreat!
  - wear comfy, church-appropriate clothes/shoes, bring lunch, 2 snacks, refillable water bottle
  - you won't need your regular class materials for Holy Fire, so leave them at home
  - in Q of A parking lot: - gather **7:30 am Fri.** / 8 a.m. Sat; pick up **3:15 p.m. Fri** / 3:30 p.m. Sat.
- if not turned in already: sign and have parent(s) sign the **Confirmation Commitment** (beige paper) & **Holy Fire permission form** (white paper, very important!) **TO PARISH OFFICE THIS WEEK!**
- **NEXT CLASS: journal/book homework, blue Sponsor Form, & other materials (folder & Bible)**
  - Monday 10/17 (*Track A*) and during 8<sup>th</sup> Gr. Rel. that week, *days may be rearranged (Track B)*
- be sure your Sponsor will come Mon. 11/7 - be thinking about your service! **Check the website!**  
**Track B-only opportunity** @ Children's Resale Shop on Saturday 10/15, especially for any fluent Spanish-speaking students who can help w/ translation (*Tr A students will be at Holy Fire that day*)

## **Who Is Jesus?: Scripture Themes by Table**

### **Black: Jesus and his parents/family (Mary and Joseph / God the Father)**

The Boy Jesus in the Temple (Luke 2:41-51)

The Baptism of Jesus (Mark 1:9-11)

Jesus Speaks to Mary and John from the Cross (John 19:25-27)

### **Blue: Jesus works miracles of healing in response to illness**

Raising of the Widow's Son (Luke 7:11-17)

Healing of the Paralytic (Mark 2:1-12)

The Blind Man of Bethsaida (Mark 8:22-26)

### **Green: Jesus works miracles with food and drink to nourish**

Wedding at Cana [miracle of water to wine] (John 2:1-11)

Feeding of the Five Thousand [multiplication of loaves & fishes] (Mark 6:34-43)

Institution of the Eucharist [the Last Supper] (Mark 14:22-26)

### **Orange: what is important to Jesus / Jesus with his friends**

Mary & Martha (Luke 10:38-42)

The Good Shepherd (John 10:7-15)

Bickering of the Apostles (Luke 22:24-30)

### **Pink: Jesus, the fisher of men / One who calls sinners & responds to sin**

Call of the first disciples (Matthew 4:18-22)

Call of Levi [Matthew] the tax collector (Mark 2:13-17)

Call of Zacchaeus the tax collector (Luke 19:1-10)

### **Purple: Jesus shows his divine nature & power**

The Transfiguration of Jesus (Matthew 17:1-9)

Cleansing of Demonic Spirits (Luke 4:31-37)

Many Dwelling Places (John 14:1-4)

### **Red: storytelling of parables (stories told by Jesus to teach)**

The Sower (Luke 8:4-8)

The Lamp Under a Basket (Mark 4:21-25)

The Unforgiving Servant (Matthew 18:21-35)

### **Yellow: humanity (vulnerability) & humility of Jesus**

The Nativity (Luke 2:1-7)

Jesus is Rejected at Nazareth (Matthew 13:54-58)

The Washing of the Feet (John 13:4-17)

### **NOT USED THIS YEAR: parables teaching about the Kingdom of God (heaven)**

The Mustard Seed (Mark 4:30-32)

The Workers in the Vineyard (Matthew 20:1-16)

The Treasure, the Pearl and the Catch (Matthew 13:44-50)