

## Overview

In Chapter 2 the children learned about the Kingdom of God and the gift of faith. In this chapter the children will learn about the Last Judgment and that Jesus taught us to love others.

### Doctrinal Content

For Adult Reading and Reflection  
*Catechism of the Catholic Church*

The children will learn:

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|                                                                    | Paragraph |
| • Jesus has power over life and death. . . . .                     | 547–549   |
| • Jesus will come again. . . . .                                   | 671       |
| • When Jesus Christ comes again, he will judge all people. . . . . | 678       |
| • Jesus teaches us to love others. . . . .                         | 1970      |

**Key Words**

**second coming**  
**Heaven**  
**Last Judgment**

## Catechist Background

**W**hen you hear the words “Christ will come again,” what images come to mind?

In the poetic prologue to Saint John’s Gospel, we read that those who believed in Jesus saw his glory. That glory was revealed to them even before the Resurrection. They had seen the Son of God perform mighty works and messianic signs. He had healed the sick, cleansed the lepers, given sight to the blind. More than that, he had raised the dead. Jesus made it clear that when it came to his own Death, he would lay down his life of his own accord. “I have power to lay it down, and power to take it up again. This command I have received from my Father” (John 10:18).

At the Last Supper Jesus promised his friends that he would come again and take them to himself. (See John 14:3.) This second coming will follow a period of terrible trial in which many believers’ faith will be tested.

In his parable of the sheep and the goats, Jesus prepares us for the Last Judgment. Those who will

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- Six Tasks of Catechesis
- Catholic Social Teaching
- *Catechetical Formation in Chaste Living.*

inherit the Kingdom are the believers who followed his example of mercy. “For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me.” (Matthew 25:35) The Works of Mercy are the criteria upon which we will be judged. Heaven or eternal life with God belongs to the merciful.

The followers of Jesus in every age will always be distinguished by their love for others. Jesus’ words echo in their hearts: “I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another. This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another” (John 13:34–35).

**H**ow does the second coming of Christ give you hope?

# Lesson Planning Guide

## Lesson Steps

## Presentation

## Materials

### 1 WE GATHER

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- Listen to Scripture.
- Respond in song.
- Discuss the question about people with special power.

For prayer space: strips of cloth, a balance scale, a coat or blanket

• “Whatsoever You Do,” #3, Grade 3 CD

### 2 WE BELIEVE

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*Jesus has power over life and death.*

*John 11:1–3, 17–44*

- Read and discuss the story of Lazarus.
- Answer the question about belief in the Resurrection.
- Read and discuss the miracles of Jesus in *As Catholics*.

- Bible

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*Jesus will come again.*

*Matthew 24:42*

- Read and discuss the text about the second coming of Christ.
- Complete the activity about “staying awake” in faith.

• “Stay Awake,” #4, Grade 3 CD (optional)

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*When Jesus comes again, he will judge all people.*

*Matthew 25:35–36, 40*

- Read the scriptural story of the Last Judgment.
- Complete the activity about ways your parish can care for others.

- balance scale and objects to weigh

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*Jesus teaches us to love others.*

*Mark 12:30–31*

- Read and discuss the text about the greatest commandment.
- Act out situations showing ways to be a good neighbor.

- copies of Reproducible Master 3, guide page 35C

### 3 WE RESPOND

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- Talk about the importance of love.

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**Project Disciple**

- Complete the **Project Disciple** activities.
- Explain the *Take Home* activity.
- Discuss/send home **Sharing Faith with My Family** reproducible master for this chapter.

- colored pencils or crayons
- copies of **Sharing Faith with My Family** reproducible master, Chapter 3 (back of book)

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**Chapter 3 Test**

- Complete **Chapter 3 Test**.
- Work on *Alternative Assessment* activity.

- optional: copies of Scripture reproducible master, *What’s the Word?*, Chapter 3 (back of book)