

Advent

Christmas

Ordinary Time

Lent

**Triduum**

Easter

Ordinary Time

### Easter Triduum

Christ redeemed us all and gave perfect glory to God principally through his paschal mystery: dying he destroyed our death and rising he restored our life. Therefore the Easter Triduum of the passion and resurrection of Christ is the culmination of the entire liturgical year.

*(Norms Governing Liturgical Calendars, 18)*

## Overview

In this chapter the students will learn that the Easter Triduum is also known as the Christian Passover.

### For Adult Reading and Reflection

You may want to refer to paragraph 1096 of the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*.

## Catechist Background

**W**ho or what are your guides on life's journey?

During the Easter Triduum the Church passes over with Christ from death to new life. This celebration of the Passover or Paschal Mystery is the greatest celebration of the liturgical year. Both Jews and Christians, each in their own way, respond to the Word of God: "It is the Passover of the LORD" (Exodus 12:11).

The relationship between Jewish and Christian traditions is clearer at this time of the year than at any other. Both liturgies rely on Sacred Scripture, which is proclaimed and responded to, as well as on prayers of praise and intercession. However, at the Easter Triduum Christians focus not on the historical Jewish Passover, but on the "Passover fulfilled in the death and Resurrection of Christ, though always in expectation of its definitive consummation" (CCC 1096).

Go to [www.webelieveweb.com](http://www.webelieveweb.com), Catechist/Teacher, We Believe Correlations for this chapter's correlation to Six Tasks of Catechesis.

Beginning with the Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday, the Triduum continues through Good Friday and the Easter Vigil to the evening prayer of Easter Sunday. The Church gathers as in one continuous liturgy commemorating the astonishing salvific actions of Jesus Christ.

Together the baptized give thanks and praise to God for Christ's sacrifice. We rejoice in his promise at the Last Supper, "But I will see you again, and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy away from you" (John 16:22).

**H**ow will you guide the young on their Easter Triduum journey to joy?

# Lesson Planning Guide

## Lesson Steps

## Presentation

## Materials

### 1 WE GATHER

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**Introduce the Season**

- Read the *Chapter Story*.
- Introduce the Easter Triduum.
- Proclaim the words on the chapter opener.

- symbols for the Triduum liturgies; recordings of seasonal music

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- Discuss responses to the *We Gather* question.

### 2 WE BELIEVE

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*The Easter Triduum is also known as the Christian Passover.*

- Present the *We Believe* text.

- red and white poster board, markers, paints, scissors, glue

### 3 WE RESPOND

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- Present the *We Respond* text.
- Brainstorm ways to help others to believe and experience the new life that comes from Christ.

- List of service opportunities in the community

Text page 241

Guide page 241–242

**We Respond in Prayer**

- Listen to Scripture.
-  Respond in prayer and song.

- white cloth, large white candle, bowl of holy water, goblet, cross, flower petals
-  "Resucitó/He Is Risen," Kiko Argüello, #23, Grade 6 CD

Text page 242

Guide pages 241–242, 242A

**Project Disciple**

- Complete the **Project Disciple** activities.
- Complete Reproducible Master 21 activity. See Guide pages 242A and 237C.
- Discuss/send home **Sharing Faith with My Family**, guide page 242B.

- copies of Reproducible Master 21, guide page 242.
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