

Grade 4, Chapter 11 – The Communion of Saints

Bible story connections:

- Wisdom 3:1-10
- Matthew 22:23-33
- Revelation 8:1-4

Social Justice tie-in:

- Spiritual Work of Mercy – Pray for the Living and the Dead – As a class, have Masses said for deceased loved ones. Request prayer intentions for deceased loved ones from other classes that you can include in your class's intercessory prayer.

Discussion Questions:

- How do Christians see death differently than non-Christians do?
- How can we continue to show love to our loved ones even after they die?
- Discuss some of your favorite saints.

Memory Work (Baltimore Catechism):

170. What is meant by “the communion of saints” in the Apostles’ Creed?

By “the communion of saints” is meant the union of the faithful on earth, the blessed in Heaven, and the souls in Purgatory, with Christ as their Head.

171. Through the communion of saints, what can the blessed in Heaven do for the souls in Purgatory and the faithful on earth?

Through the communion of saints, the blessed in Heaven can help the souls in Purgatory and the faithful on earth by praying for them.

Catholic Brain Connections:

Printables

[All Saints coloring page](#)

[Saints Point Us to Jesus maze](#)

[Communion of Saints worksheet](#)

[Word search](#)

Videos

[Adventure Catechism – What is the Communion of Saints?](#)

Family Page: Ch. 11 – The Communion of Saints

Review:

Vocabulary

- Communion of Saints – The union of all God's people, in Heaven, on earth, and in Purgatory
- Heaven – Being with God forever in perfect happiness after we die
- Purgatory – The final purification after death of those who die in God's friendship but are not yet prepared to enter Heaven

1) What is the Church on Earth called?

The Church Militant

2) What is the Church in Heaven called?

The Church Triumphant

3) What is the Church in Purgatory called?

The Church Suffering

Discussion Question:

Why are members of God's family never truly separated from each other?

Activity:

As a family, learn about your patron saints (those who share your name or on whose feast day you were born, or whom you have taken as Confirmation saints). Use a book of saints or good Catholic Web site to learn about them together.

God thinks You are worth Dying for!