

Grade 5, Chapter 12 – Leading Us to Heaven

Bible story connections:

- Wisdom 3:1-10
- Matthew 22:23-33
- Revelation 7:9-10

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?

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?](#)

[Adventure Catechism – What is the Second Coming?](#)

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Review:

Vocabulary

- 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
- Hell – Eternal separation from God after death, for those who have rejected His love and the gift of salvation
- Second Coming – Jesus's glorious return at the end of time

- 1) What is the union of all God's people – in Heaven, on Earth, and in Purgatory – called?

The Communion of Saints

- 2) What date will Jesus's Second Coming occur?

No one knows

Discussion Question:

Why is nothing in life more important than going to Heaven?

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.

He knows you and He loves you