

## Youth Ministry- October 29, 2023

### Agenda

- 11:30am      Lunch- Knights of Columbus Breakfast
- 12:00 pm      Welcome, opening prayer (5 minutes)
- Attendance
- Large Group Activity- Optical Illusions (15 minutes)
- Lesson: The Son and the Mystery of Redemption  
(topics listed below)
- Small Group Discussion (15 minutes)
- Announcements:
- High School Presence Retreat
- Lesson connection & Closing Comments (5 minutes)
- 12:55 pm      Closing Prayer & Blessing

### Catechist reminder:

Small groups are not about discussing the lesson itself; the groups are to discuss the questions in particular but also be guided by you to reflect on the overall topic, not just what I say. Let them express openly, the goal is to get them to talk and experience a communal relationship with Jesus. This helps to break down the barriers to a deeper reflection. They will express errors; that is not an issue at this time. Correcting errors is something to be handled with great care to the reality that a relationship is not about correction. That happens once a relationship is established, if there are concerns about what is shared please let me know. Remember your own understanding is incomplete as is theirs; we are servants of a Master who deals gently with our errors and we should do the same. Thanks again for your continued service.

## Large Group Activity

How we physically see the world and how we mentally see the world are similarly corruptible. Our worldview can be polluted by the things we see and hear, and furthermore, by the things we believe are true.

So, let's perform an eye test. You ready?

Play video

- Lilac Chaser
- Blue chaser
- Checkerboard colors
- Which table will fit through a narrow door?
- Basketball shadows

We've seen how our brains can tell us things that aren't true. What about the things that are true that our brains or society are trying to tell us aren't true.

Sometimes you just need to focus on Jesus to see through the inversed reality.

- Jesus the good shepherd

Sometimes you need to pull out your focus. Look at things from a larger perspective.

- Jesus stripes

You are consuming more information through social media and devices than ever before. We all know that this has potentially huge negative consequences. We are seeing anxiety and depression, bullying, and more because of social media.

The best thing you can do to ensure that you are focusing on the Truth is to focus on Jesus.

- Jesus Face

## **Lesson Topics**

### **"I Believe in God the Father the Almighty, Creator of Heaven and Earth"**

#### **"I Believe in Jesus Christ, the Only Son of God"**

Heart of a teacher must be one of divine intimacy in Life, Passion, Death and Resurrection. (422-430)

- Jesus must be the reason and source of teaching.
- 'My teaching is not mine, but his who sent me.' (Jn 7:16)

#### **'And in Jesus Christ, His Only Son, Our Lord.'**

- Jesus "God saves" (430-435)
- Christ "Anointed One", Messiah (Hebrew) (436-440)
- The Only Son of God (Jesus is the Second Person of the Trinity and is a Divine Person not a Human Person. (441-445)
- Lord (recognition of the Divine Mystery of Jesus) (446-451)

#### **"He was conceived by the Power of the Holy Spirit, And was Born of the Virgin Mary"**

- Son of God Became Man
  - Why did the Word Become Flesh? (456-460)
    - Incarnation (461-463)
    - True God and True Man (464-469)
  - How is the Son of God Man? (470-478)
    - Christ's Soul and Human Knowledge (He has a Human Soul and it has true Human knowledge, it is not unlimited but in union with the Word and not on its own reveals everything that pertains to God) (471-474)
    - Christ's Human Will (Never in conflict with or opposed to His Divine Will) (475)
    - Christ's True Body (True Humanity and can be venerated and portrayed) (476-477)
    - The Heart of the Incarnate Word is especially venerated because He loved us and is the 'sign and symbol' of that love. (478)

#### **"Conceived by the Power of the Holy Spirit and Born of the Virgin Mary"**

- Conceived by the Power of the Holy Spirit...(484-486)
- ...Born of the Virgin Mary (487)
  - Predestination (488-489)
  - Immaculate Conception (490-493)
  - Motherhood (divine) (Virgin) (494-506)
- Christ's Life (512-570)

#### **"Jesus Christ suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried"**

- Jesus is unique in History (571-594)
- Jesus was crucified and died (595-623)

- Jesus was Buried (624-630)

**“He descended into hell. On the third day He rose again.”**

- Buried, Rose Again (631-658)

**“He Ascended into Heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father”**

- Glory for the Crucified One (659-667)

**“From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead”**

- Judge living and dead. (668-682)

### **Small Group Questions**

What other optical illusions do you have about your faith? (Things you think are true that you’ve later found out that they weren’t?)

What are some things that you don’t understand about how it can be true?

How do you work through those questions or defend things that seem like optical illusions to other people (Example: Jesus is truly present in the Eucharist, but He looks/feels/smells/tastes like bread and wine)?

Is there something you struggle with about Jesus?

If you were there at the time Jesus was being crucified, would you have tried to stop it?

- Think about this; Mary was pure, and she cooperated with His crucifixion.

How would you describe Jesus?

What does Jesus becoming like us and Ascending to the right hand of the Father (Bodily) with His Body say about us? Our Body? Our Lives?