

# WALKING by FAITH

## Grade 6 / Home Lesson

### CHAPTER 24

### WE CELEBRATE HOLY WEEK: SACRIFICE AND SALVATION

#### Objectives

- Explore what it means to be saved.
- Discover why Jesus is the Lamb of God.
- Explore what is meant by the new covenant.
- Affirm that Jesus is the Lamb of God.

#### Step 1: *We Are Invited* (Life Experience), page 182

Invite your child to imagine and describe a situation in which he or she rescues a group of people being held hostage. Tell your child that in this chapter on **Sacrifice and Salvation** he or she will explore the story of salvation from the power of sin and everlasting death. Then pray together the opening **Prayer** on page 182.

Read the text on the page and refer to the **Language of Faith** section at the back of the textbook to make sure your child understands the highlighted term.

Help your child recall the story of the Passover from the Book of Exodus. (You may want to reread the Scripture Story on pages 46–47.) Ask: From what did God save the Israelites? (slavery in Egypt)

Notice the powerful wave in the background photo. Point out that this symbolizes the Red Sea, which the Israelites crossed to freedom when God saved them from Pharaoh.

Look at the insert photo. Read the caption and tell your child that for Jewish people the celebration of Passover begins with the seder meal and lasts for eight days. Call attention to the seder plate of lamb for Passover or Pesach (PAY•sakh). During the seder the youngest person present asks, “Why is this night different from all other nights?” Then the story of Passover is told through word and song.

## **Step 2: We Explore** (Doctrine), page 183

As the presider and Eucharistic ministers prepare the consecrated bread and wine for Communion, we pray: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world! Have mercy on us! Remind your child of this prayer.

Use the **Language of Faith** section at the back of the textbook to help you discuss the highlighted terms as you read **The Lamb of God** on page 183. Remind your child that John the Baptist is referred to as Jesus' cousin; John's father was Zechariah and his mother was Elizabeth, known as a cousin of Mary.

Read **The Lamb of God** on page 183. Point out that when the Israelites entered into a covenant with God, they agreed to worship only him in return for God's loving care. Through Jesus God entered into a new covenant with humanity. The Church is a sign of that covenant. Ask: What are the terms of the new covenant? (We agreed to follow Jesus in response to the salvation he offers.)

Read **Catholics Believe** and remind your child that calling Jesus the *Lamb of God* recalls the words of the prophet Isaiah, who said the suffering servant would be led like a lamb to the slaughter, bearing the guilt of many.

Call attention to the lamb in the painting. Explain that the blood is flowing into a chalice and the lamb is a symbol of Jesus.

## **Step 3: We Reflect** (Integration of Faith into Everyday Life), page 184

Review the material taught in this lesson by completing the sections: **Recall, Think and Share, and Continue the Journey.**

Read and discuss **We Live Our Faith: At Home and In the Parish.** Try to follow through on these suggestions.

Refer to the **Language of Faith** section at the back of the textbook for clarification and review of all highlighted words.

Complete pages 47–48 in your **Faith Journal.**

#### **Step 4: We Celebrate** (Prayer and Conclusion), page 185

Have your child point out the images related to sacrifice and salvation. (water, lamb, Eucharist) Help your child to explain each image. (The water is reminiscent of the Red Sea, which Moses crossed with the Israelites to escape slavery in Egypt; the Israelites sacrificed a lamb; Jesus, sent by God, sacrificed himself for our salvation; we recall Jesus' sacrifice each time we celebrate the Eucharist.)

Read **Lamb of God**. Point out that the *Agnus Dei* (AHN•yoos DAY•ee) was introduced in the seventh century.

To prepare for the closing **Prayer** ask your child to think of one way we hurt ourselves, one way we hurt others, and one way we hurt God's creation. Then pray the Lamb of God, pausing after each *you take away the sins of the world*, to name one of the hurts; then continue with the next. Then repeat the prayer in Latin, and invite your child to pray the *Agnus Dei* with you.

AHN•yoos DAY•ee,

kwee TOH• lees peh•CAH•tah MOON•dee.

MEE•zay•ray•ray NOH• bee

DOH•nah NOH•bees PAH•chehm.