

Time Travelers

Week #1 (of 4) – Dec 1, 2019

“Grace & Truth”

“Grace is God’s free gift of love and He wants us to share it with others”

A) ENTRANCE SONG – Worship Leader, Catechist & Dancers

→ **#1 > TECH:** Start **Entrance Song** VIDEO as soon as you hear the kids coming down (approx. 5 minutes into the Mass)

‘TBA...’

→ **#2 > TECH:** “Welcome” IMAGE immediately after song ends.

B) WELCOME – WORSHIP LEADER

Crowd Minister: choose 3 older kids now to go up and read the Prayers of the Faithful after the questions at the end of Time Travellers. Also, for **9:30 Mass only**, please choose 3 Gift Bearers.

Hi Kids! Welcome to Time Travelers. We are so glad you joined us today for our new series, Grace and Truth. This weekend we also begin a very special season in the Church. Does anyone know what that season is? Right!

It's the season of Advent. Advent helps us prepare for the greatest miracle of all - The birth of our Savior, Jesus. Today we lit the first candle which stands for Hope. It reminds us that Jesus is coming and He is our hope for everlasting life.

Advent is also a time when grace and truth enters the world in a special way: the arrival of Jesus. In order to prepare we need to live our lives with Grace and Truth. Truth tells others what we think (or where we stand) on an issue, while grace tells them that we love them. We need both grace and truth in our lives, in the way we talk, and how we treat others.

But before we get into our big idea for today, let's meet some of our ministers serving today. (Introduce the ministers.) Do we have any one here for the first time today? If you are new or you come every week, we are always glad you are

....**Let us pray...**

C) PRAYER - WORSHIP LEADER Leads group in prayer...

→ #3 >TECH: Prayer IMAGE (has music) while Worship Leader prays.

→ #4 >TECH: "What's the big idea?" VIDEO right after the song ends.

D) BIG IDEA – WORSHIP LEADER

→ #5 >TECH: “What’s the Big Idea” IMAGE after the Big Ideas Video.

Please watch Director Video before the lesson.

https://player.vimeo.com/external/356293699.hd.mp4?s=2986309ff295b4419de73a95d2518839434cfe76&profile_id=174&download=1

It’s time for our Big Idea and this series we will be focusing on Grace and Truth. Christmas time is the perfect time to talk about this because during Advent we prepare for the ultimate gift of grace and truth - Jesus. Without Jesus, there would be no Christmas.

Christmas time always reminds me of things that go together, like a tree with lights, Christmas cookies and milk, or bows and presents! And just like those things go better together, Grace and Truth go better together too.

We all know what truth is - honesty, the facts, what is true or correct. But what is Grace exactly?

(Tech Booth: Show definition on the screen.)

→ #6 >TECH “GRACE IS...” IMAGE when Stephanie says ‘What is Grace?’

Grace by definition is: “the free and unmerited favor of God”.

Wow! Unmerited is a big word, but what it means is we don’t deserve Grace, but God gives it to us freely, that’s Grace. It’s God’s unconditional love. Unconditional is another big word but really what it means is His love is unlimited. No matter how many times you mess up, God is going to love you.

With God’s Grace we are able to become who it is He wants us to be. When we receive God’s Grace, an amazing thing happens, we are able to extend that grace to others. This unconditional love that He gives us is a love that He wants us to pass on to others.

ACTIVITY:

And speaking of passing on to others....I need 4 volunteers to come up here to help me with a little challenge today. (Choose 6 volunteers. Meet the volunteers. Hand each volunteer a box with 12 bows.) Today we are going to play a game called “Bow Giveaway.”

I am going to give each of you a box of bows. You will have one minute to take as many bows as possible from your own box and put them in the other contestants’ boxes. The catch is that you can’t run and you cannot give away more than one bow at a time (i.e., you can’t dump your whole box into another kid’s box).

You can however, block a bow from going into your box OR sneak a bow into someone’s box just as that person puts a bow in another’s box. The person with the fewest number of bows in their box wins. Let’s put the timer on the screen.

(After one minute, stop the game and count the number of bows in each kid’s box.)

Times up! And our winner is.... Congratulations to our winner and thank you to all our contestants for playing today.

Game Over...

So what does our challenge today have to do with grace? Imagine if the gift bows in our game represented grace. Each bow was a kind word or action that showed love and forgiveness. In real life you wouldn’t be going around holding a box and dropping gift bows in other people’s boxes—that would be very weird and confusing to them!

But as you go through your week, remember the “Bow Giveaway” game and keep your eyes open for ways to give others grace by loving and forgiving them, Of course, instead of filling boxes with bows, fill those around you with God’s love by forgiving them when they mess up. If you do, you’ll be helping others see what God’s grace is like.

Think about how much God loves you, and think of some ways that you can show grace by loving the people around you. For example, you might show grace by forgiving your brother for breaking your toy or giving mom a hug even when she forgets to put a dessert in your lunch.

All this love is so awesome, but sometimes it’s necessary to tell the truth too. Honestly, sometimes the truth can be hurtful.

→ **#7 >TECH:** Bottom Line of the Week –

God wants you to show love to others by giving them Grace and Truth in your daily life. For example, if you have ever yelled at someone for hurting you, that's truth without Grace. Or if you say that it's okay that they hurt you - that is Grace without truth. God wants you to show both Truth and Grace by saying yes you hurt me, but I forgive you.

That reminds me of this week's bottom line.

Grace is God's free gift of love and He wants us to share it with others.

When we treat others with Grace and Truth we are preparing our hearts for Jesus to come again. We won't know when that will be, but if we are always showing Grace and Truth to others, we will be ready. As a matter of fact, the disciples are going to hear the same message from Jesus in our Bible story today. So let's travel back in time to hear God's Word.

E) **TIME TRAVELING – CATECHIST**

→ **#8 >TECH:** Time Traveling VIDEO

→ **#9 >TECH:** Bible IMAGE

BIBLE STORY – CATECHIST

This week's Bible Story is a script to be read and includes props (suitcase with items we need to help us be ready for when Jesus comes). The Script is on our webpage and the prop will be ready.

F) **MESSAGE – VIDEO** (From Rebuilt)

→ **#10 >TECH:** Play Message (Rebuilt) VIDEO

Here is the link to the message video:

- https://player.vimeo.com/external/196607652.hd.mp4?s=105038d1cbf50524bb655895bfe80bc26d635e10&profile_id=174&download=1

→ **#11 >TECH: IMAGE – ‘Grace & Truth’ IMAGE** right after the video

G) TALK TIME - CATECHIST

Discussion Questions:

(Leader will ask kids questions to help them apply the message to their lives. limit answers to one child per question.)

Discussion Questions:

1. Can you think of a time when you did something wrong, but instead of being punished someone showed you love and forgave you? How did it make you feel?
2. What are some ways you can show grace to people this week?

H) WORSHIP SONG – CHOREOGRAPHER & DANCERS

→ **#12 >TECH: Worship Song VIDEO** at the catechist cue

‘TBA...’

→ **#13 >TECH: ‘Challenge of the Week’ IMAGE** after song.

I) CHALLENGE – CATECHIST

Be an unexpected gift of God’s grace to someone in your home or to a friend.

J) THE APOSTLES' CREED Video

→ **#14 >TECH: Play ‘Apostle's Creed’ VIDEO**

→ #15 >TECH: 'We Pray for Others' IMAGE RIGHT AFTER VIDEO

K) Prayers of the Faithful - Catechist

Crowd Minister, send up the 3 Prayers of the Faithful readers.

We will be Praying for others by using Prayers of the Faithful format.
We will have cards available for older kids to come of up on stage to read. Our Crowd ministers will choose them for you.

Catechists: If time is running out, please read them yourself.

→ #16 >TECH: 'Lord help us to carry out your Mission this week' IMAGE

L) Closing Prayer - Catechist

Pray for the kids to carry out the Mission this week...

→ #17 >TECH: 'SEE YOU NEXT WEEK' IMAGE

THE END

TECH: The following are in case we need to fill time...

→ #18 >TECH: 'THIS IS AMAZING GRACE' WORSHIP VIDEO

→ #17 >TECH: 'ENDLESS PRAISE' WORSHIP VIDEO