

“Grace & Truth”

“We Need to Accept God’s Gift of Grace”

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 series, Grace and Truth. We are preparing to celebrate when grace and truth entered the world in a special way: the arrival of Jesus. In order to prepare we need to live our lives with Grace and Truth. Speaking of preparing, anyone remember the season we are celebrating right now? (Advent!) It's the second week of advent so today we light the 2nd purple candle. Some say this candle represents Peace. God has given us all peace through His son Jesus Christ in preparation for celebration of His birth.

We have so much to do today so let me introduce myself and my friends who are serving in Time Travelers. (Introduce ministers.)

Do we have any one here for the first time today? (Worship Leader acknowledges any kids who have come for the first time.)

If you are new or you come every week, we are always glad you are here

....**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.

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.

Last week we learned what Grace was. Anyone remember? (Take answers.) Grace is God’s unmerited or unconditional love. It means that God will love us even if we mess up as long as we say we are sorry. (Share a personal story of grace or use the example.)

From the moment you drew your first breath as a baby, you were born with a problem - Sin. You are going to mess up at times and make mistakes that separate you from God. But God wants to be close to us. He wants us to enjoy a relationship with Him. He wants to guide our lives and speak to us. He wants to be our best friend. That’s why He wants to give you the gift of Grace.

But we need to accept it. You see, it’s your choice to accept Grace or not. If we choose to accept God’s grace then we will be with Him one day in heaven. In fact, God sent us Jesus as a free gift so we could be forever friends with God.

Grace can be hard to understand but I think this video might help you. (below is a short video called ‘What is Grace’ (note: during Time Travellers, the video will be trimmed to remove the last part.)

→ #6 >TECH “WHAT IS GRACE” Play video at Stephanie’s prompting.

What is Grace...

<https://youtu.be/69x9JvXhcCE>

→ #7 >TECH: ‘Bottom Line of the Week’ – after the video

The boy's father could have easily and punished him, in fact, the boy was expecting it wasn't he? and the dad agreed, but he didn't. Instead, he showed love in the same way that God loves us.

Have you ever stopped to wonder how much God loves you? When you consider all His blessings, which He richly showers down upon those who believe in Him, we could only begin to scratch the surface. God is so good to us and He pours out so much grace in our lives.

Our sins are all washed away because Jesus died on a cross for us. He took the punishment for all of our sins. And because of that we are given grace each time we say sorry and ask God to forgive us.

So how do we accept Grace? We accept Grace when we **choose** to believe in Jesus, when we choose to have that relationship with Him. What's so amazing about grace? Everything! You don't deserve it. You can't earn it. All you have to do is accept it. All you have to do is believe in Jesus to receive God's grace. When you recognize that Jesus took the punishment for our sins, you have accepted God's Grace. It's God's free gift to you.

That reminds me of this week's bottom line:

We can choose to accept God's gift of grace.

God's free gift is certainly Good News for all of us and that's why He wants us to share this message with others. In fact, today in our Bible story, we will see how John the Baptist helped to prepare for Jesus and share the message of Grace.

Let's check it out as we travel back in time to hear the Word of God!

E) TIME TRAVELING – CATECHIST

→ **#8 >TECH:** Time Traveling VIDEO

→ **#9 >TECH:** 'Bible IMAGE' with Gospel instructions

BIBLE STORY – CATECHIST – God's Story John the Baptist

This week's Bible Story is a video and includes an intro script to be read first. Here is the video link...

<https://vimeo.com/57088532>

F) MESSAGE – VIDEO (From Rebuilt)

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

Here is the link to the message video:

https://player.vimeo.com/external/196607921.hd.mp4?s=fd74cae270f2267211ad542518994d958c310bd&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.)

1. Have you ever been in a sticky situation like the one Annie was in today? How did you handle the situation? Would you do anything differently next time?
2. In church we sing a song about "Amazing Grace." What's so amazing about God's Grace?
3. Is it a hard for you to understand that grace is a free gift and can't be earned? Why or why not?

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

Accept God's gift of grace and extend that grace to others by forgiving them when they hurt you.

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

→ #19 >TECH: 'ENDLESS PRAISE' WORSHIP VIDEO