

# Annotated Lectionary Key

## Grade 5

### 1 Advent

11/28/04 12/02/07

- (A) Isaiah 2:1-5 (God's kingdom of peace)  
Romans 13:11-14 (Promise of salvation)  
Matthew 24:37-44 (Prepare for the Lord's coming.)

**Notes for discussion:** Isaiah says nations will not train for war. Discuss what it would take to make that happen.

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- (B) Isaiah 63:16-17; 64:1, 3-8 (The potter and the clay)

1 Corinthians 1:3-9 (God has called us.)  
Mark 13:33-37 (Stay awake!)

**Notes for discussion:** Ask: "How would you take the Gospel passage of Mark and rewrite it for a fifth-grader in the 21st century."

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- (C) Jeremiah 33:14-16 (God's promise fulfilled)  
Thessalonians 3:12-4:2 (Christ will strengthen us.)

Luke 21:25-28, 34-36 (Salvation is at hand.)

**Notes for discussion:** In Luke, Jesus says that at the end the people will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. Discuss how this Second Coming of Christ is different from his First Coming.

### 2 Advent

12/05/04 12/09/07

- (A) Isaiah 11:1-10 (The root of Jesse)  
Romans 15:4-9 (Jesus is our hope.)  
Matthew 3:1-12 (John the Baptist)

**Notes for discussion:** Ask: "Why do you think John the Baptist described himself as a voice in the wilderness?"

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- (B) Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11 (Prepare the way of the Lord.)

2 Peter 3:8-14 (New Heavens, new earth)  
Mark 1:4-8 (John the Baptist)

**Notes for discussion:** Peter says the Lord is being patient with us so we have time to change our ways. Talk about how the Lord wants us to change.

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- (C) Baruch 5:1-9 (The new Jerusalem)  
Philippians 1:3-4,8-11 (The day of Christ)  
Luke: 3:1-4 (John the Baptist)

**Notes for discussion:** Luke quotes Isaiah when he talks about the "salvation of God." Have the students share what they know about the idea of salvation.

### 3 Advent

12/12/04 12/16/07

- (A) Isaiah 35:1-4,10 (God saves us.)  
James 5:7-10 (Be patient.)

Matthew 11:2-11 (Are you the One?)

**Notes for discussion:** Jesus said that there was never any human being greater than John the Baptist. Ask the students to talk about that.

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- (B) Isaiah 61:1-2,10-11 (The Lord's anointed)  
Thessalonians 5:16-24 (Rejoice!)  
John 1:68,19-28 (A man called John)

**Notes for discussion:** They called John "the Baptist." Ask the students what they think was the meaning of the baptism John offered.

12/14/03 12/17/06

- (C) Zephaniah 3:14-18 (Shout for joy!)  
Philippians 4:4-7 (The Lord is near.)  
Luke 3:10-18 (John's preaching)

**Notes for discussion:** John had some advice for all sorts of people who came to him. Ask the students what he said to soldiers. What did it mean?

### 4 Advent

12/19/04 12/23/07

- (A) Isaiah 7:10-14 (Emmanuel)  
Romans 1:1-7 (Son of David)  
Matthew 1:18-24 (Joseph's dream)

**Notes for discussion:** Ask: "Why did Joseph make up his mind to divorce Mary? What did he not go through with it?"

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- (B) 2 Samuel 7:1-5,8-12,14,16 (The kingdom of David)

Romans 16:25-27 (The Good News)  
Luke 1:26-38 (The Annunciation)

**Notes for discussion:** What proof did the angel offer that Mary was not dreaming?

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- (C) Micah 5:1-4 (Out of Bethlehem)  
Hebrews 10:5-10 (Here I am!)  
Luke 1:39-44 (The Visitation)

**Notes for discussion:** Who was the husband of Elizabeth? Ask the students if they know any interesting fact about him?

### The Feast of the Holy Family

Sirach 3:2-6,12-14 (Honor your parents.)  
Colossians 3:12-21 (Put on love.)

12/26/04 12/30/07

- (A) Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23 (The flight into Egypt)

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- (B) Luke 2:22-40 (The presentation)

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- (C) Luke 2:41-52 (The finding in the Temple)

**Notes for discussion:** Ask: "Who is the enemy of the child Jesus in Matthew 2? Why?"

### The Epiphany of the Lord

(A) 1/02/05 1/06/08

(B) 1/05/03 1/08/06

(C) 1/04/04 1/08/07

Isaiah 60:1-4 (The glory of the Lord)  
Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6 (The mystery of Christ)  
Matthew 2:1-12 (The visit of the Magi)

**Notes for discussion:** Read the words of the ancient prophecy about where the Messiah was to be born. Which prophet wrote them? When?

## The Baptism of the Lord

1/09/05 1/13/08  
(A) Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7 (Here is my servant.)  
Acts 10:34-38 (Peter's preaching)  
Matthew 3:13-17 (The baptism of Jesus)

1/12/03 Monday 1/09/06  
(B) Isaiah 55: 1-11 (Come to the water)  
I John 5: 1-9 (Spirit, water, blood)  
Mark 1:7-11 (The baptism of Jesus)

1/11/04 Saturday 1/07/07  
(C) Isaiah 40: 1-5, 9-11 (The glory of the Lord)  
Titus 2: 11-14; 3:4-7 (The blessed hope)  
Luke 3:15-16, 21-22 (The baptism of Jesus)  
**Notes for discussion:** Read Luke's account of the baptism of Jesus and see where we get our symbol of the Holy Spirit. What is the symbol?

## 1 Lent

2/13/05 2/10/08  
(A) Genesis 2:7-9, 3:1-7 (Creation and the Fall)  
Romans 5:12-19 (God's grace)  
Matthew 4:1-11 (The temptation in the desert)  
**Notes for discussion:** Ask: "In the first temptation, what lesson did Jesus give us in his answer?"

3/09/03 3/05/06  
(B) Genesis 9:8-15 (God's promise to Noah)  
I Peter 3:18-22 (A sign of Baptism)  
Mark 1:12-15 (The temptation in the desert)  
**Notes for discussion:** Discuss what Jesus asks us to do when he says repent and believe the Good News.

2/29/04 2/25/07  
(C) Deuteronomy 26:4-10 (The faith of God's People)  
Romans 10:8-13 (Our profession of faith)  
Luke 4:1-13 (The temptation in the desert)  
**Notes for discussion:** Discuss what the last temptation in this Gospel is all about.

## 2 Lent

2/20/05 2/17/08  
(A) Genesis 12:1-4 (The call of Abraham)  
2 Timothy 1:8-10 (God's call)  
Matthew 17:1-9 (The Transfiguration)  
**Notes for discussion:** Ask: "Where did the Transfiguration take place?"

3/16/03 3/12/06  
(B) Genesis 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18 (Abraham's sacrifice)  
Romans 8:31-34 (Jesus pleads for us.)  
Mark 9:2-10 (The Transfiguration)  
**Notes for discussion:** The voice of God was a message to us, too. What was the message?

3/07/04 3/04/07  
(C) Genesis 15:5-12,17-18 (The covenant with Abraham)  
Philippians 3:17-4:1 (We will be transfigured.)  
Luke 9:28-36 (The Transfiguration)

**Notes for discussion:** Ask: "Why do you think the three disciples with Jesus were in shock?"

## 3 Lent

2/27/05 2/24/08  
(A) Exodus 17:3-7 (Water from the rock)  
Romans 5:1-2, 5-8 (The Holy Spirit)  
John 4:5-42 (The Samaritan woman)  
**Notes for discussion:** Ask: "What happened as a result of Jesus' conversation with the Samaritan woman?"

3/23/03 3/19/06  
(B) Exodus 20:1-17 (The giving of the Law)  
1 Corinthians 1:22-25 (The crucified Christ)  
John 2:13-25 (Jesus and the Temple)  
**Notes for discussion:** Ask: "Why did Jesus drive out the money changers from the temple?"

3/14/04 3/11/07  
(C) Exodus 3:1-8,13-15 (The burning bush)  
1 Corinthians 10:1-6,10-12 (Moses)  
Luke 13:1-9 (Parable of the fig tree)  
**Notes for discussion:** Ask: "Who wanted to buy some time for the fig tree? Why?"

## 4 Lent

3/06/05 3/02/08  
(A) 1 Samuel 16:6-7,10-13 (The way God sees)  
Ephesians 5:8-14 (The light of Christ)  
John 9:1-4 (The man born blind)  
**Notes for discussion:** Before he healed the blind man, how did Jesus describe himself?

3/30/03 3/26/06  
(B) 2 Chronicles 36:14-16,19-23 (Return from exile)  
Ephesians 2:4-10 (God gives us life.)  
John 3:14-21 (In water and spirit)  
**Notes for discussion:** Ask: "Who are the people who hate the light? Why do they hate it?"

3/21/04 3/18/07  
(C) Joshua 5:9-12 (The Passover)  
2 Corinthians 5:17-21 (A new creation)  
Luke 15:1-3,11-32 (The lost son)  
**Notes for discussion:** In the parable of the Lost Son, ask the students who the father reminds them of.

## 5 Lent

3/13/05 3/09/08  
(A) Ezekiel 37:12-14 (The Spirit of life)  
Romans 8:8-11 (God raised Jesus.)  
John 11: 1-45 (The raising of Lazarus)  
**Notes for discussion:** Martha had great faith in Jesus. Have the students read the story of the raising of Lazarus and find the sentence that best shows that faith.

4/06/03 4/02/06  
(B) Jeremiah 31:31-34 (A new covenant)  
Hebrews 5:7-9 (Christ's obedience)  
John 12:20-30 (The grain of wheat)  
**Notes for discussion:** Ask: "Why does Jesus refer to the grain of wheat which must first die to yield fruit?"

3/28/04 3/25/07  
(C) Isaiah 43:16-21 (I feed my People)

Philippians 3:8-14 (The prize is Jesus.)  
John 8:1-11 (The woman taken in adultery)  
**Notes for discussion:** Discuss why it is easier to see sin in someone else than in ourselves.

### Passion Sunday (Palm Sunday)

Isaiah 50:4-7 (The Lord comes to my help.)  
Philippians 2:6-11 (Jesus Christ is Lord.)

3/20/05 3/16/08  
(A) Matthew 26:14-27:66 (The Passion)

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(B) Mark 14:1-15:47 (The Passion)

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(C) Luke 22:14-23:56 (The Passion)  
**Notes for discussion:** Discuss the connections between Jesus' death on the cross and our own personal sins.

### Easter Sunday

(A) 4/27/05 3/23/08  
(B) 4/20/03 4/16/06  
(C) 4/11/04 4/08/07  
Acts 10:34, 37-43 (Peter preaches the resurrection.)  
Colossians 3:1-4 (The life of Christ in us)  
John 20:1-9 (The empty tomb)  
**Notes for discussion:** Ask: If you were Peter or the other disciple and you looked into the empty tomb on Easter Sunday morning, what thoughts would run through your mind?"

### 2 Easter

4/03/05 3/30/08  
(A) Acts 2:42-47 (The Christian community)  
1 Peter 1:3-9 (God raised Jesus to new life.)  
John 20:19-31 (Jesus and Thomas)  
**Notes for discussion:** Ask the students why they think Jesus breathed on the Apostles to give them the Holy Spirit.

4/27/03 4/23/06  
(B) Acts 4:32-35 (The Christian community)  
1 John 5:1-6 (Love God and believe.)  
John 20:19-31 (Jesus and Thomas)  
**Notes for discussion:** Have the students make a list of everything they know about the Spirit.

4/18/04 4/15/07  
(C) Acts 5:12-16 (Signs and wonders)  
Revelation 1:9-13,17-19 (The Alpha and Omega)  
John 20:19-31 (Jesus and Thomas)  
**Notes for discussion:** The Book of Acts of the Apostles notes how many people believed in Jesus because of cures they experienced. Ask the students if they have ever had an experience that helped them believe in God.

### 3 Easter

4/10/05 4/6/08  
(A) Acts 2:14, 22-23 (Peter's preaching)  
1 Peter 1:17-21 (The blood of the Lamb)  
Luke 24:13-35 (Emmaus)  
**Notes for discussion:** Ask: "Why do you think the disciples in the Emmaus account recognized Jesus in the breaking of the bread."

5/04/03 4/30/06  
(B) Acts 3:13-15,17-19 (Peter's preaching)  
1 John 2:1-5 (Jesus is our sacrifice)  
Luke 24:35-48 (Jesus fulfill the Scriptures.)  
**Notes for discussion:** There is a lot of talk in this Gospel about Jesus fulfilling the Scriptures. Ask the students what they think that means.

4/25/04 4/22/07  
(C) Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41 (We are witnesses.)  
Revelation 5:11-14 (Glory to the Lamb)  
John 21:1-19 (Jesus and Peter)  
**Notes for discussion:** Ask: "Why do you think Jesus asked Peter to 'feed my sheep?'"

### 4 Easter

4/17/05 4/13/08  
(A) Acts 2:14, 36-41 (Repent and be baptized.)  
1 Peter 2:20-25 (Christ died for us.)  
John 10:1-10 (The sheepfold)  
**Notes for discussion:** Ask: "Why did Jesus call himself the Good Shepherd?"

5/11/03 5/07/06  
(B) Acts 4:8-12 (The cornerstone)  
1 John 3:1-2 (We are children of God.)  
John 10:11-18 (The Good Shepherd)  
**Notes for discussion:** Read John 10:18 and ask the students who they think Christ is.

5/02/04 4/29/07  
(C) Acts 13:14, 43-52 (Paul and Barnabas)  
Revelation 7:9,14-17 (Those who are saved)  
John 10:27-30 (I know my sheep.)  
**Notes for discussion:** Robbers and wolves steal sheep from a sheepfold, but they cannot steal from Christ's sheepfold. Ask why this is so.

### 5 Easter

4/24/05 4/20/08  
(A) Acts 6:1-7 (Election of Stephen)  
1 Peter 2:4-9 (You are God's People.)  
John 14:1-12 (I am the Way.)  
**Notes for discussion:** Ask why Scripture says Jesus us the only way to heaven.

5/18/03 5/14/06  
(B) Acts 9:26-31 (Saul's conversion)  
1 John 3:18-24 (Love one another.)  
John 15:18 (I am the Vine.)  
**Notes for discussion:** Read this Gospel and ask the students to name all the things they can do if they remain part of the vine of Christ.

5/09/04 5/06/07  
(C) Acts 14:21-27 (The first missionaries)  
Revelation 21:1-5 (New heaven, new earth)  
John 13:31-35 (The new commandment)  
**Notes for discussion:** Ask what the students think it means that God will glorify Jesus very soon.

### 6 Easter

5/01/05 4/27/08  
(A) Acts 8:5-8,14-17 (The Church's mission)  
1 Peter 3:15-18 (The meaning of suffering)  
John 14:15-21 (The promise of the Spirit)

**Notes for discussion:** Christ says if we love him, we keep his commandments. Ask what happens after that. Read the Gospel for the answer.

- 5/25/03                      5/21/06  
(B) Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48 (Baptism of the Spirit)  
1 John 4:7-10 (God is love.)  
John 15:9-17 (You are my friends.)  
**Notes for discussion:** Have the students decide if they are servants or friends of Jesus.

- 5/16/04                      5/13/07  
(C) Acts 15:1-2, 22-29 (Sending missionaries)  
Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23 (The new Jerusalem)  
John 14:23-29 (I give you peace.)  
**Notes for discussion:** Discuss the peace that Christ wants to give us. Ask what this peace looks like? feels like? Why can the world not give it?

## 7 Easter

- 5/08/05                      5/04/08  
(A) Acts 1:12-14 (The upper room)  
1 Peter 4:13-16 (Called to follow Jesus)  
John 17:1-11 (Jesus' prayer)  
**Notes for discussion:** Read the Gospel and then ask what is this eternal life Jesus wants us to have. Grapple with that thought in Scripture for a while.

- 6/01/03                      5/28/06  
(B) Acts 1:15-17, 20-26 (Choice of Matthias)  
1 John 4:11-16 (God's love in us)  
John 17:11-19 (Jesus' prayer)  
**Notes for discussion:** Read the Gospel and ask the students to share with a person next to them just one point they get from it.

- 5/23/04                      5/20/07  
(C) Acts 7:55-60 (Martyrdom of Stephen)  
Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20 (Come, Lord Jesus!)  
John 17:20-26 (Jesus' prayer)  
**Notes for discussion:** Jesus really prayed that the world would know that the Father sent him. Ask why Jesus felt that was so important.

## Ascension

- 5/05/05                      5/01/08  
(A) Acts 1:1-11 (Jesus was lifted up.)  
Ephesians 1:17-23 (Jesus seated at God's right hand)  
Matthew 28:16-20 (All power in heaven and on earth)

- 5/29/03                      5/25/06  
(B) Acts 1:1-11 (Jesus was lifted up.)  
Ephesians 4:1-13 (The full stature of Christ)  
Mark 16: 15-20 (Jesus seated at God's right hand)

- 5/20/04                      5/17/07  
(C) Acts 1:1-11 (Jesus was lifted up.)  
Hebrews 9:24-28; 10: 19-23 (Christ entered heaven)  
Luke 24: 46-53 (Jesus was taken up to heaven.)  
**Notes for discussion:** Ask the children how they visualize heaven. Have them draw pictures of their thoughts.

## Pentecost

- (A) 5/15/05                      5/11/08  
(B) 6/08/03                      6/04/06  
(C) 5/30/04                      5/27/07  
Acts 2:1-11 (The Pentecost event)  
1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13 (Baptized in one Spirit)  
John 20:19-23 (Receive the Holy Spirit.)  
**Notes for discussion:** At his first appearance after the resurrection, Jesus came to the disciples for a purpose. Ask the students if they think Jesus has a purpose for them in life.

## Trinity Sunday

- 5/22/05                      5/18/08  
(A) Exodus 34:4-6, 8-9 (A God of compassion)  
2 Corinthians 13:11-13 (Blessing of the Trinity)  
John 3:16-18 (Jesus and Nicodemus)  
**Notes for discussion:** This Gospel says that Jesus did not come to judge or condemn. But judgement does take place. Ask the students to read this passage in John and try to find out how.

- 6/15/03                      6/11/06  
(B) Deuteronomy 4:32-34, 39, 40 (The Lord is God.)  
Romans 8:14-17 (We are children of God.)  
Matthew 28:16-20 (The words of Baptism)  
**Notes for discussion:** Ask how many disciples went to Galilee to meet Jesus after the resurrection.

- 6/06/04                      6/03/07  
(C) Proverbs 8:22-31 (The song of Wisdom)  
Romans 5:1-5 (God's grace and glory)  
John 16:12-15 (Father, Son, and Spirit)  
**Notes for discussion:** In Romans, Saint Paul says we are children of God. Read this passage and discuss how this comes about.

## Body and Blood of Christ

- 5/29/05                      5/25/08  
(A) Deuteronomy 8:2-3, 14b-16a (Not by bread alone)  
1 Corinthians 10:16-17 (We are one body.)  
John 6: 51-58 (True food and true drink)

- 6/22/03                      6/18/06  
(B) Exodus 4: 3-8 (The blood of the covenant)  
Hebrews 9: 11-15 (The blood of Christ cleanses us.)  
Mark 14: 12-16, 22-26 (The body and blood of Christ)

- 6/13/04                      6/10/07  
(C) Genesis 14: 18-20 (Melchizedek)  
1 Corinthians 12:4-11 (Proclaim the death of the Lord)  
Luke 9: 11b-17 (Loaves and fishes)  
**Notes for discussion:** Ask the children: "How is Jesus real spiritual food and drink for you?"

## Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles

- (B) 6/29/03  
(A) 6/29/08  
Acts 12: 1-11 (The angel of the Lord rescues Peter from prison)

2 Timothy 4: 6-8, 17-18 (The crown of righteousness)  
Matthew 16: 13-19 ("Upon this rock I will build my church.")  
**Notes for discussion:** Ask the students to dramatize, in their own words, the first reading and/or the Gospel.

## 2 Ordinary

1/16/05 1/20/08  
(A) Isaiah 49:3, 5-6 (A light to the nations)  
1 Corinthians 1:1-3 (Doxology)  
John 1:29-34 (The Lamb of God)  
**Notes for discussion:** Ask the students why they think John calls Jesus the "Lamb of God."

1/19/03 1/15/06  
(B) 1 Samuel 3:3-10,19 (The call of Samuel)  
1 Corinthians 6:13-15, 17-20 (The Body of Christ)  
John 1:35-42 (The call of the first disciples)  
**Notes for discussion:** Ask how it happened that Simon Peter was introduced to Jesus.

1/18/04 1/14/07  
(C) Isaiah 62:1-5 (God and Zion)  
1 Corinthians 12:4-11 (Gifts of the Spirit)  
John 2:1-11 (The wedding in Cana)  
**Notes for discussion:** Have the students note what Mary's words were to Jesus. Ask the students if they think those words could apply to them, too.

## 3 Ordinary

1/23/05 1/27/08  
(A) Isaiah 8:23-9:3 (A great light)  
1 Corinthians 1:10-13,17 (To preach Good News)  
Matthew 4:12-23 (Call of the disciples)  
**Notes for discussion:** Ask the students why they think these two pairs of brothers Jesus called to be disciples joined Jesus so easily.

1/26/03 1/22/06  
(B) Jonah 3:1-5,10 (A message of conversion)  
1 Corinthians 7:29-31 (Live for the kingdom)  
Mark 1:14-20 (Repent and believe.)  
**Notes for discussion:** The Gospel says James and John were working with their father repairing nets when Jesus called them. They went with him at once. Ask how hard it would have been to do that.

1/25/04 1/21/07  
(C) Nehemiah 8:2-6, 8-10 (The reading of the Torah)  
1 Corinthians 12:12-30 (The Body of Christ)  
Luke 1: 1-4; 4:14-21 (Jesus fulfills the Scriptures.)  
**Notes for discussion:** Ask the students to read Luke 4:1 and try and explain the presence of the Holy Spirit.

## 4 Ordinary

1/30/05 2/03/08  
(A) Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13 (Seek the Lord.)  
1 Corinthians 1:26-31 (God has chosen you.)  
Matthew 5:1-12 (The Beatitudes)  
**Notes for discussion:** Ask the students to read the Beatitudes and pick out one that is most

difficult. Then have them discuss what makes it so difficult.

(2003 see *Presentation of the Lord*) 1/29/06  
(B) Deuteronomy 18:15-20 (The Word of the Lord)  
1 Corinthians 7:32-35 (Dedication to ministry)  
Mark 1:21-28 (Teaching with authority)  
**Notes for discussion:** Discuss why Jesus went to the synagogue on the Sabbath.

2/01/04 1/28/07  
(C) Jeremiah 1:4-5,17-19 (The call of the prophet)  
1 Corinthians 12:31-13:13 (The gift of love)  
Luke 4:21-30 (Jesus, the greatest prophet)  
**Notes for discussion:** The people of Jesus' hometown were so angry with him they wanted to throw him over a cliff. Ask the students why the people felt that way.

## Presentation of the Lord

2/02/03  
(B) Malachi 3: 1-4 (The Lord you seek)  
Hebrews 2: 14-18 (Jesus became like us.)  
Luke 2: 22-40 (Simeon's sees salvation in Christ.)  
**Notes for discussion:** Because he was tested through what he suffered, Jesus is able to help us when we are tested. How does Jesus help you in your troubles?

## 5 Ordinary

2/06/05 (not in 2008)  
(A) Isaiah 58:7-10 (Your light will shine.)  
1 Corinthians 2:1-5 (Proclaim Christ crucified.)  
Matthew 5:13-16 (You are the light of the world.)  
**Notes for discussion:** Ask the students if they have any other ways to compare salt and our lives as Christians.

2/09/03 2/05/06  
(B) Job 7:1-4, 6-7 (Ultimate questions)  
1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23 (For the sake of the Gospel)  
Mark 1:29-39 (Miraculous cures)  
**Notes for discussion:** Take a close look at the miracles in this Gospel and ask the students to discuss them with this in mind: Can they accept them as really having happened?

2/08/04 2/04/07  
(C) Isaiah 6:1-8 (Isaiah's vision of heaven)  
1 Corinthians 15:1-11 (The Christian message)  
Luke 5:1-11 (The call of Peter, James, and John)  
**Notes for discussion:** Compare Isaiah's vision with Jesus' description of the Kingdom.

## 6 Ordinary

(not in 2005 or 2008)  
(A) Sirach 15:15-20 (Keep the commandments.)  
1 Corinthians 2:610 (God's wisdom)  
Matthew 5:17-37 (The new Law)  
**Notes for discussion:** Ask the students to share their feelings about Christ's call to the vocation of marriage.

2/16/03 2/12/06  
(B) Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46 (The unclean)



(not in 2003 or 2006)

- (B) Ezekiel 17:22-24 (The tree of heaven)  
2 Corinthians 5:6-10 (We walk by faith.)  
Mark 4:26-34 (The seed of the kingdom)

**Notes for discussion:** Read the parable of the mustard seed. Ask the students to pray first for the Holy Spirit to give light to their minds, and then discuss the meaning of the parable.

(not in 2004) 6/17/07

- (C) 2 Samuel 12:7-10, 13 (God forgives David.)  
Galatians 2:16, 19-21 (Christ lives in me.)  
Luke 7:36-8:3 (The sinful woman)

**Notes for discussion:** In the Gospel, the Pharisee was shocked by the woman's behavior, but Jesus was not. Ask what it is about Jesus that lets him see people without judging them.

## 12 Ordinary

6/19/05 6/22/08

- (A) Jeremiah 20:10-13 (The Lord delivers us.)  
Romans 5:12-15 (Salvation in Jesus)  
Matthew 10:26-33 (God's saving love)

**Notes for discussion:** Jesus says that every hair on our head is known to God, and that we are very important to the Father. Ask if we really believed that, what change it might make in our lives.

(not in 2003) 6/25/06

- (B) Job 3:1,8-11 (Lord of the sea)  
2 Corinthians 5:14-17 (All things made new)  
Mark 4:35-41 (Jesus calms the storm.)

**Notes for discussion:** Jesus was asleep on a cushion during the storm. Ask the students why they think he let the disciples get worried about the storm before he helped them.

6/20/04 (2007 see Birth of John the Baptist)

- (C) Zechariah 12:10-11,13:1 (God's Spirit poured Out)  
Galatians 3:26-29 (All are one in Christ.)  
Luke 9:18-24 (The Messiah)

**Notes for discussion:** Ask why Jesus told the disciples not to tell anyone who he was.

## Birth of John the Baptist

(C) 6/24/07

- Isaiah 49: 1-6 (A light to the nations)  
Acts 13: 22-26 (A baptism of repentance)  
Luke 1: 57-66, 80 (John is his name.)

**Notes for discussion:** Ask the children how they think they can be strong in spirit like John the Baptist.

## 13 Ordinary

6/26/05 (2008 see Peter and Paul, Apostles)

- (A) 2 Kings 4:8-11,14-16 (The prophet Elisha)  
Romans 6:3-4, 8-11 (Baptized in Christ)  
Matthew 10:37-42 (The prophet's reward)

**Notes for discussion:** Ask how accepting Christ's cross as part of life brings God's blessings to us.

(not in 2003) 7/02/06

- (B) Wisdom 1:13-15; 2:23-24 (God did not make death.)  
2 Corinthians 8:7, 9,13-15 (Share your riches.)  
Mark 5:21-43 (The daughter of Jairus)

**Notes for discussion:** Read this Gospel and begin a discussion on faith. Is faith a power to get things done or a relationship with God? Will the answer affect the way we pray?

6/27/04 7/01/07

- (C) 1 Kings 19:16, 19-21 (Elijah and Elisha)  
Galatians 5:1,13-18 (Called to liberty)  
Luke 9:51-62 (Following Jesus)

**Notes for discussion:** Explain to the students what self-indulgence means. Then have them read Galatians 5:16 to see if they are guided by God's Spirit.

## 14 Ordinary

7/03/05 7/06/08

- (A) Zechariah 9:9-10 (Your king comes.)  
Romans 8:9, 11-13 (Live in the Spirit.)  
Matthew 11:25-30 (My yoke is easy.)

**Notes for discussion:** We are all looking for happiness in life. What does Jesus ask of us so that we can find peace for our hearts?

7/06/03 7/09/06

- (B) Ezekiel 2:2-5 (I send a prophet.)  
2 Corinthians 12:7-10 (God's grace is enough.)  
Mark 6:1-6 (Jesus the prophet)

**Notes for discussion:** Why did Jesus find such a lack of faith in his hometown?

7/04/04 7/08/07

- (C) Isaiah 66:10-14 (Peace like a river)  
Galatians 6:14-18 (The marks of Jesus)  
Luke 10:1-12,17-20 (The kingdom is very near.)

**Notes for discussion:** What did Jesus mean by saying that the harvest was rich?

## 15 Ordinary

7/10/05 7/13/08

- (A) Isaiah 55:10-11 (The power of God's Word)  
Romans 8:18-23 (The promise of anew creation)  
Matthew 13:1-23 (The sower and the seed)

**Notes for discussion:** Ask the students to read the parable of the sower as explained by Jesus and give them time to quietly contemplate some of the ideas.

7/13/03 7/16/06

- (B) Amos 7:12-15 (Call of the prophet)  
Ephesians 1:3-14 (God chose us in Christ.)  
Mark 6:7-13 (Jesus commissions the Twelve.)

**Notes for discussion:** Ask the students what Jesus told the disciples to do if any town refused to listen to their message.

7/11/04 7/15/07

- (C) Deuteronomy 30:10-14 (Cod's law is nearby.)  
Colossians 1:15-20 (The image of the unseen God)

Luke 10:25-37 (The Good Samaritan)

**Notes for discussion:** Ask the students to think for a moment and consider whether or not they really try to live Jesus' command to "love your neighbor as yourself."

## 16 Ordinary

7/17/05 7/20/08  
(A) Wisdom 12:13,16-19 (God's mercy)  
Romans 8:26-27 (The Spirit pleads for us.)  
Matthew 13:24-43 (Parables of the kingdom)  
**Notes for discussion:** Explain to the students what yeast does in dough. Then read verse 33 in the Gospel about the parable of the yeast. Have the students take turns describing how the kingdom of heaven is like the yeast.

7/20/03 7/23/06  
(B) Jeremiah 23:1-6 (I will gather my flock.)  
Ephesians 2:13-18 (Christ has made us one.)  
Mark 6:30-34 (Jesus cares for God's People.)  
**Notes for discussion:** Mention that the rest of this section in Mark shows Jesus yet again caring for the people by feeding them when they were so far from home.

7/18/04 7/22/07  
(C) Genesis 18:1-10 (Abraham's hospitality)  
Colossians 1:24-28 (The mystery revealed)  
Luke 10:38-42 (Martha and Mary)  
**Notes for discussion:** Remind the students that Mary and Martha were the sisters of Lazarus, the one whom Jesus raised from the dead, and that Martha's faith is shown to be very strong in this account.

## 17 Ordinary

7/24/05 7/27/08  
(A) 1 Kings 3:5, 7-12 (Solomon prays for wisdom.)  
Romans 8:28-30 (Called to share God's glory)  
Matthew 13:44-52 (Parables of the kingdom)  
**Notes for discussion:** Explain to the students that the kingdom of heaven is always near us like a treasure buried in a nearby field, but that we can't enter the kingdom until we discover it and commit ourselves to it.

7/27/03 7/30/06  
(B) 2 Kings 4:42-44 (Elisha feeds the crowds.)  
Ephesians 4: 1-6 (There is one body.)  
John 6:1-15 (Jesus feeds the crowds.)  
**Notes for discussion:** Many times when Jesus works a miracle, he starts with something we have or an action we can do to share in the miracle. Here the young boy contributes five loaves of bread and two fish.

7/25/04 7/29/07  
(C) Genesis 18:20-32 (Sodom and Gomorrah)  
Colossians 2:12-14 (Alive in Christ)  
Luke 11:1-13 (The Lord's Prayer)  
**Notes for discussion:** Looking at the Gospel, encourage the students to ask for the gift of the Holy Spirit as a promise of their salvation.

## 18 Ordinary

7/31/05 8/03/08  
(A) Isaiah 55:1-3 (Come to the water.)  
Romans 8:35, 37-39 (The love of Christ)  
Matthew 14:13-21 (Loaves and fish)  
**Notes for discussion:** Point out to the students the abundance of food as indicated by the leftovers. If this were just a story, they would have had just enough to feed everyone.

8/03/03 (not in 2006)

(B) Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15 (Bread from heaven)  
Ephesians 4:17, 20-24 (Created in God's image)  
John 6:24-35 (I am the Bread of Life.)  
**Notes for discussion:** The people asked Jesus for a sign that he was sent from God - like the bread from heaven that Moses gave them. Then Jesus said, "I am the Bread of Life."

8/01/04 8/05/07  
(C) Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23 (Worldly vanity)  
Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11 (Seek the kingdom.)  
Luke 12:13-21 (True riches)  
**Notes for discussion:** For many people this could be a scary parable. Have the students look especially at verse 21 and struggle to understand what Jesus was getting at.

## The Transfiguration of the Lord

(B) 8/06/06  
Daniel 7: 9-10, 13-14 (His dominion is everlasting.)  
2 Peter 1: 16-19 ("This is my Son, my beloved, in whom I am well pleased.")  
(B) Matthew 9: 2-10 (This is my beloved Son.)  
**Notes for discussion:** Ask the students: "How can we let the light of Christ shine through in our lives?"

## 19 Ordinary

8/07/05 8/10/08  
(A) 1 Kings 19:9, 11-13 (Elijah on Mount Carmel)  
Romans 9:1-5 (Adopted children of God)  
Matthew 14:22-33 (Peter walks on water.)  
**Notes for discussion:** Ask the students to keep watching Peter as they encounter him in Scripture. He was not always successful or even loyal, but his desire to respond to Christ was always honest.

8/10/03 8/13/06  
(B) 1 Kings 19:4-8 (Elijah in the wilderness)  
Ephesians 4:30-5:2 (Walk in love.)  
John 6:41-51 (I am the Living Bread.)  
**Notes for discussion:** Explain that Jesus is God in human flesh who says that everyone who believes in him has eternal life.

8/08/04 8/12/07  
(C) Wisdom 18:6-9 (God's glorious deeds)  
Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19 (The heavenly city)  
Luke 12:32-48 (Heavenly treasure)  
**Notes for discussion:** Ask the students to discuss what Jesus meant when he told us to be good stewards until he returns.

## 20 Ordinary

8/14/05 8/17/08  
(A) Isaiah 56:1, 6-7 (Choose justice.)  
Romans 11:13-15, 29-32 (God's mercy)  
Matthew 15:21-28 (The Canaanite woman)  
**Notes for discussion:** Do not let the students miss the point that faith is needed in order for Christ to perform miracles of healing.

8/17/03 8/20/06  
(B) Proverbs 9:1-6 (The house of Wisdom)  
Ephesians 5:15-20 (Be watchful.)  
John 6:51-58 (I will raise you up.)

**Notes for discussion:** Notice how clear the Gospel is about us and Christ. If we do not eat his food and drink, we will not have life.

(2004 see Assumption of Mary)

8/19/07

(C) Jeremiah 38:46, 8-10 (Jeremiah saved from death)

Hebrews 12:1-4 (Persevere in running the race.)

Luke 12:49-53 (The mission of Jesus)

**Notes for discussion:** Explain that the baptism Christ must receive is his death on the cross.

## Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

(C) 8/15/04

Revelation 11: 19a; 12: 1-6a, 10ab (A woman clothed with the sun)

1 Corinthians 15: 20-27 (In Christ all will be brought to life.)

Luke 1: 39-56 (The magnificat. the song of Mary)

**Notes for discussion:** Ask the students to tell stories of times in their lives when they were so excited that everything inside them seemed to leap with joy.

## 21 Ordinary

8/21/05

8/24/08

(A) Isaiah 22:19-23 (The key of David)

Romans 11:33-36 (God's rich gifts)

Matthew 16:13-20 (The keys of the kingdom)

**Notes for discussion:** Notice that the general population did not figure out who Jesus was.

They knew he was special and guessed perhaps that he was a great prophet from the past.

8/24/03

8/27/06

(B) Joshua 24:1-2, 15-18 (We will serve the Lord.)

Ephesians 5:21-32 (Christian marriage)

John 6:60-69 (The message of eternal life)

**Notes for discussion:** Stress the verse that says: "It is spirit that gives life, the flesh has nothing to offer."

8/22/04

8/26/07

(C) Isaiah 66:18-21 (The universal kingdom)

Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13 (Discipline and love)

Luke 13:22-30 (All called to the kingdom)

**Notes for discussion:** Ask the students to discuss what it means to enter the kingdom of heaven by the narrow door. Ask what they would have to change in their lives to do that.

## 22 Ordinary

8/28/05

8/31/08

(A) Jeremiah 20:7-9 (The prophet's sufferings)

Romans 12:1-2 (Do God's will.)

Matthew 16:21-27 (Take up the cross.)

**Notes for discussion:** Explain to the students that they will have to struggle a long time with this teaching of Christ: "anyone who would save his life will lose it and anyone who loses his life, for my sake, will save it." The obvious example is martyrdom, but this teaching has a wider scope than that.

8/31/03

9/03/06

(B) Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8 (A great nation)

James 1:17-18, 21-22, 27 (Be doers of the Word.)

Mark 7:1-8,14-15, 21-23 (Honor the commandments.)

**Notes for discussion:** Read verses 21-23 of the Gospel and ask the students to discuss what they think it means. For the word "unclean" read "not fit for the kingdom."

8/29/04

9/02/07

(C) Sirach 3:17-20, 28-29 (Be humble.)

Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24 (The city of God)

Luke 14:1, 7-14 (The last shall be first.)

**Notes for discussion:** Notice how Jesus is teaching us not to be interested in our status, importance or honor. Ask the students to offer examples where people seek those things all the time.

## 23 Ordinary

9/04/05

9/07/08

(A) Ezekiel 33:7-9 (Warn the sinner.)

Romans 13:8-10 (The great commandment)

Matthew 18:15-20 (Give witness.)

**Notes for discussion:** Jesus promises to be with us wherever two or three gather in his name.

9/07/03

9/10/06

(B) Isaiah 35:4-7 (The Lord is coming.)

James 2:1-5 (The poor inherit the kingdom.)

Mark 7:31-37 (Jesus heals.)

**Notes for discussion:** In this account, other people asked Jesus to heal a deaf man. What was that group's reaction when Jesus healed him?

9/05/04

9/09/07

(C) Wisdom 9:13-18 (The will of God)

Philemon 9:10, 12-17 (Not a slave, but a brother)

Luke 14:25-33 (True discipleship)

**Notes for discussion:** Christ is very clear on this: "All of his disciples must give up their possessions. There seems to be no exceptions. The reason is that possessions draw our attention from the kingdom of God."

## 24 Ordinary

9/11/05

(2008 see Triumph of the Cross)

(A) Sirach 27:30-28:7 (Forgive your neighbor.)

Romans 14:7-9 (We belong to the Lord.)

Matthew 18:21-35 (Forgive from your heart.)

**Notes for discussion:** Forgiveness from God is dependent upon how we forgive each other.

(2003 see Triumph of the Cross)

9/17/06

(B) Isaiah 50:5-9 (The Lord is my help.)

James 2:14-18 (Faith and good deeds)

Mark 8:27-35 (Come, follow me.)

**Notes for discussion:** In this Gospel, when Jesus told Peter to get behind him, he was telling him to follow him and not get in the way of the mission he had to complete, namely his death and resurrection.

9/12/04

9/16/07

(C) Exodus 32:7-11,13-14 (The Lord relents.)

1 Timothy 1:12-17 (Christ saves sinners.)

Luke 15:1-32 (Parables of God's mercy)

**Notes for discussion:** The Gospel is giving us a picture of the love the heavenly Father has for us, even if we, like the prodigal son, do not recognize that love.

inconvenient or too costly, we will not enter the kingdom of heaven.

## The Triumph of the Holy Cross

(A) 9/14/08

(B) 9/14/03

Numbers 21: 4b-9 (Moses prayed for the people.)

Philippians 2: 6-11 (Christ did not deem equality with God something to be grasped at.)

John 3: 13-17 (God so loved the world)

**Notes for discussion:** Ask the students if they have a cross hanging in their home. Have you ever thought about that cross? Why do you think it is their? Does it have special significance in your family or for you?

## 25 Ordinary

9/18/05

9/21/08

(A) Isaiah 55:6-9 (God's ways)

Philippians 1:20-24, 27 (Life in Christ)

Matthew 20:1-16 (The workers in the vineyard)

**Notes for discussion:** In many of these parables, Jesus is trying to lead us out of the normal, logical ways we have of looking at the world into new understanding.

9/21/03

9/24/06

(B) Wisdom 2:12, 17-20 (Testing the virtuous man)

James 3:16-4:3 (Justice and peace)

Mark 9:30-37 (Receiving a child)

**Notes for discussion:** Jesus found his disciples arguing about who was the most powerful, and he told them the one who gets that position needs to be the servant of all the rest.

9/19/04

9/23/07

(C) Amos 8:4-7 (Justice to the poor)

1 Timothy 2:1-8 (Pray for everyone.)

Luke 16:1-13 (Be God's servant, not a slave to money.)

**Notes for discussion:** Jesus suggests that we use money to help other people; then we may receive a blessing in eternity.

## 26 Ordinary

9/25/05

9/28/08

(A) Ezekiel 18:25-28 (The sinner is punished.)

Philippians 2:1-11 (Christ's humility)

Matthew 21:28-32 (True repentance)

**Notes for discussion:** Of the two sons in this Gospel, which one would Jesus prefer us to imitate?

9/28/03

10/01/06

(B) Numbers 11:25-29 (All called to be prophets)

James 5:1-6 (Warning the rich)

Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48 (Obstacles to the kingdom)

**Notes for discussion:** Jesus saves some of his strongest criticism for those who mislead children. He says that such people should be drowned in the sea.

9/26/04

9/30/07

(C) Amos 6:1, 4-7 (Sinners exiled)

1 Timothy 6:11-14 (The coming of the Lord)

Luke 16:19-31 (The rich man and Lazarus)

**Notes for discussion:** Jesus tells us that if we ignore the needs of others because it is

## 27 Ordinary

10/02/05

10/05/08

(A) Isaiah 5:1-7 (The song of the vineyard)

Philippians 4:6-9 (The virtuous life)

Matthew 21:33-43 (The vine grower's son)

**Notes for discussion:** In this parable, Jesus has many messages for us, above all to be good stewards who do his will.

10/05/03

10/08/06

(B) Genesis 2:18-24 (The call to relationship)

Hebrews 2:9-11 (Jesus our Brother)

Mark 10:2-16 (Lifelong fidelity)

**Notes for discussion:** It was God's intention from the beginning that man and woman join in a marriage that endures without divorce.

10/03/04

10/07/07

(C) Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4 (How long, O Lord?)

2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14 (Witness to the Lord.)

Luke 17:5-19 (Have faith.)

**Notes for discussion:** When we have chosen right and rejected wrong, we are doing what is expected of us. There is no reason why we should expect to be rewarded for being good servants.

## 28 Ordinary

10/09/05

10/12/08

(A) Isaiah 25:6-10 (The heavenly banquet)

Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20 (Rich in Christ)

Matthew 22:1-14 (The wedding feast)

**Notes for discussion:** Many are invited to the kingdom of God but treat the invitation very lightly. As a result, they never get in.

10/12/03

10/15/06

(B) Wisdom 7:7-11 (The gift of Wisdom)

Hebrews 4:12-13 (The Word of God)

Mark 10:17-30 (The rich young man)

**Notes for discussion:** Jesus tells what we must do to have eternal life: obey the commandments.

10/10/04

10/14/07

(C) 2 Kings 5:14-17 (Naaman the leper)

2 Timothy 2:8-13 (We will reign with Christ.)

Luke 17:11-19 (The ten lepers)

**Notes for discussion:** Explain that there is a relationship between us and God that follows familiar patterns, as we see in the healing of those with leprosy. Jesus was surprised that only one came back to thank and give praise to God.

## 29 Ordinary

10/16/05

10/19/08

(A) Isaiah 45:1, 4-6 (I call you by name.)

1 Thessalonians 1:1-5 (Faith, hope, and love)

Matthew 22:15-21 (Give God what belongs to God.)

**Notes for discussion:** Jesus teaches us to give what we must to support the government and give our hearts to God.

10/19/03

10/22/06

(B) Isaiah 53:10-11 (Atonement)

Hebrews 4:14-16 (Jesus, our High Priest)

Mark 10:35-45 (Jesus gives his life for us.)  
**Notes for discussion:** The interesting thing about this account is that it shows we can ask Jesus anything, and if it is right, he will do it, and if it is not, he will say no.

10/17/04 10/21/07  
(C) Exodus 17:8-13 (Moses' faith saves Israel.)  
2 Timothy 3:14-2 (Proclaim the message.)  
Luke 18:1-8 (The unjust judge and the persistent widow)  
**Notes for discussion:** Urge the students to read this beautiful parable with its crystal-clear message.

### 30 Ordinary

10/23/05 10/26/08  
(A) Exodus 22:20-26 (True justice)  
1 Thessalonians 1:5-10 (Serve God.)  
Matthew 22:34-40 (The great commandment)  
**Notes for discussion:** Ask what it would take for each student to commit to making the Great Commandment a part of his or her life.

10/26/03 10/29/06  
(B) Jeremiah 31:7-9 (God gives sight to the blind.)  
Hebrews 5:1-6 (The priesthood of Melchizedek)  
Mark 10:46-52 (Blind Bartimaeus)  
**Notes for discussion:** Once again, faith is central to the miracles Jesus performed.

10/24/04 10/28/07  
(C) Sirach 35:12-14, 16-19 (The power of prayer)  
2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18 (The crown of righteousness)  
Luke 18:9-14 (The Pharisee and the tax collector)  
**Notes for discussion:** The big problem with thinking about how good and virtuous we are is that we can begin to look down on everybody else.

### 31 Ordinary

10/30/05 (2008 see All Souls Day)  
(A) Malachi 1:14-2:2, 8-10 (God created us.)  
1 Thessalonians 2:7-9, 13 (Sharing Good News)  
Matthew 23:1-12 (Practice what you preach.)  
**Notes for discussion:** Jesus tells religious leaders that they should not use their status to gain attention and preferential treatment in society.

(2003 see All Souls Day) 11/5/06  
(B) Deuteronomy 6:2-6 (The Lord is the One God.)  
Hebrews 7:23-28 (The eternal priesthood)  
Mark 12:28-34 (The Great Commandment)  
**Notes for discussion:** Have we begun to make the Great Commandment central to our lives?

10/31/04 11/04/07  
(C) Wisdom 11:22-12:2 (God's mercy)  
2 Thessalonians 1:11-2:2 (The name of the Lord)  
Luke 19:1-10 (Zacchaeus)  
**Notes for discussion:** As is typical in all times and places, people criticize and judge others. When Jesus said he would stay at Zacchaeus' house that day, the people pointed out that the man was a sinner.

### All Souls Day

(A) 11/02/03 11/02/08  
*See a variety of choices of readings in the Lectionary.*  
Wisdom 3:1-9 (The faithful shall abide with God in love.)  
Romans 6:3-9 (Death no longer has power.)  
Matthew 5:1-12a (The Beatitudes)  
**Notes for discussion:** Ask the children about their memories of people they know who have died. Do they remember the goodness in that person's life? Does their memory of that person connect with any of the attitudes in the Beatitudes?

### 32 Ordinary

11/06/05 (2008 see Dedication of St. John Lateran)  
(A) Wisdom 6:12-16 (Praise of Wisdom)  
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 (We will be raised.)  
Matthew 25:1-13 (The wise bridesmaids)  
**Notes for discussion:** The parable is telling us to look ahead, think about what it takes to be prepared and then do it.

(2003 see Dedication of St. John Lateran) 11/12/06  
(B) 1 Kings 17:10-16 (Elijah and the widow)  
Hebrews 9:24-28 (Christ brings salvation.)  
Mark 12:38-44 (The widow's contribution)  
**Notes for discussion:** In the story of the widow's mite, Jesus pays attention to her generous heart, not whether her generosity was sensible.

11/07/04 11/11/07  
(C) 2 Maccabees 7:1-2, 9-14 (Belief in resurrection)  
2 Thessalonians 2:16-3:5 (May God strengthen you.)  
Luke 20:27-38 (Ours is the God of the living.)  
**Notes for discussion:** Those who have died before us and have been judged worthy to live with God are alive in God, just as Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. God is the God of the living, not of the dead.

### Dedication of St. John Lateran Basilica

(B) 11/09/03  
(A) 11/09/08  
Ezekiel 47:1-2, 8-9, 12 (The water flowed)  
1 Corinthians 3:9c-11, 16-17 (You are God's temple.)  
John 2:13-22 ("Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up.")  
**Notes for discussion:** Ask the children about ways they can think and act that make them aware of their bodies as God's temple.

### 33 Ordinary

11/13/05 11/16/08  
(A) Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31 (The good wife)  
1 Thessalonians 5:1-4 (The Day of the Lord)  
Matthew 25:14-30 (The parable of the talents)  
**Notes for discussion:** Jesus will call us faithful servants if we use our talents to be good stewards of the resources he gives us.

11/16/03 11/19/06  
(B) Daniel 12:1-13 (The kingdom comes.)  
Hebrews 10:11-14, 18 (Christ's sacrifice)  
Mark 13:24-42 (The coming of the Son of Man)

