

Session 5 – Whose Story?

1. Prayer on p. 1 of participants' pack
2. Read GDC quote on first page of pack
 - a. what are some saving events seen in Scripture?
 1. promise to Adam and Eve
 2. Lot saved from Sodom
 3. Joseph saved from slavery/prison
 4. Daniel in the lions' den
 5. Noah and family
 6. Moses from death and then the Nile River
 7. Exodus from Egypt
 8. return from Babylonian exile through Persian king Cyrus
 9. Jesus's death and resurrection
 - b. how can we look at present Christianity in light of those events?
 1. God's promise fulfilled through Jesus
 2. Abraham asking God's mercy for even one just man
 3. Joseph sold and saved by his faith and obedience
 4. Daniel also saved by his faith and obedience
 5. Noah also saved by his faith and obedience
 6. Moses – part of a bigger plan
 7. Exodus – Passover and freedom from slavery (sin), still celebrated by Christians
 8. Cyrus – redemption through unlikely sources
 9. Jesus – re-enacted in every Mass; gives us words by which to live

3. Catchesis in the past?

a. oral tradition

1. prophets, priests
2. Jesus's parables
3. Gospels – passed on orally until written

b. finally written

1. Gospels began to be written in first century
2. letters by Paul, John, Peter, Jude

4. Read Luke 24:13–35 (Emmaus)

a. Story of Salvation

b. includes all the Scriptures, from Moses through Jesus

c. can you see how this story relates to Mass?

1. Liturgy of the Word
2. Liturgy of the Eucharist

d. how did those disciples find faith?

1. by hearing the whole story
2. "seeing is believing", but their hearts burned as they listened

5. Story of Salvation

a. begins with promise to Adam and Even and ends when?

b. we as catechists

1. believe in the story
2. share with others God's love as revealed in Christ

c. has three parts – look at Handout #1

1. there is a beginning, middle, end (compare with a good novel: introduce, develop, conclude)

2. first stage: God the Creator and the Trinity, the fall of man,

covenants, promise of a new covenant

3. second stage: Incarnation, work of Mary, teaching of the Kingdom of God, Passion of Jesus, universal Church through the apostles

4. third stage: Pentecost, since Pentecost: the saints, a new identity as one community, us living with hope, the Second Coming

d. the Creed

1. states all three stages

2. our faith in a nutshell: God, Jesus His Son, Holy Spirit, the Church (one, holy, catholic [universal], apostolic)

e. we join this story when we are baptised (see Handout #4)

6. Seven foundation stones at the heart of catechesis

a. profession of faith – the Creed

b. Celebration of the Mystery – the Liturgy

c. Life in Christ

d. Christian prayer

e. Old Testament

f. life of Jesus

g. history of the Church

h. teach within the Salvation Story, based on the 7 foundation stones

7. How to include the story

a. make it adaptable to the audience

b. make it relate to present day and the lives of the students

c. use visuals to illustrate

d. tell the story in different ways

e. remember the reason we're telling the story

1. to share in God's life and love

2. to see how we can become perfect as God is perfect

3. to share in God's glory through the Trinity

f. any questions?

8. Summary and prayer