



**LESSON TITLE:**

Liturgical Feasts / Saints of the Day

**SUBJECT/GRADE:**

Social Studies/History, Religion, G2-6

**TOPIC/TARGET:**

Building familiarity with the Church Year and common Catholic saints.

**TOTAL TIME:**

25-30 minutes

TIME	PROCEDURE	SUPPLIES
	<p><i>Introduction (Attention Grabber):</i></p> <p>Ask students which season (or saint's feast) we are celebrating today (or this Sunday, or this week). Colorful visuals help—Church Year calendars, vestments, pictures of the saint(s), etc. <i>(If they don't know, show and tell them.)</i></p>	Church Year poster/chart, liturgical calendar, etc.
5-10 minutes	<p><i>Review Current Knowledge:</i></p> <p><i>(Will vary.)</i> Remind students of recent school or parish events surrounding a major season or patron saint. Younger children know Christmas, Easter, St. Patrick, etc. Older students should be able to research information from books and online.</p>	
15-20 minutes	<p><i>Present New Information:</i></p> <p>Open <i>Living Faith Kids</i> to the corresponding date(s). Show students where the feast or saint day is displayed on the page. Have a student read the day's devotion, especially if it discusses the particular feast or saint. If it's a Sunday or Holy Day, note the liturgical color of the page's background. Most issues of <i>LFK</i> also include facts, games or activities for common feast days. Information may be supplemented with resources in the classroom or school library.</p>	Class copies of <i>LFK</i> , saint biographies, encyclopedias, worksheets, crafts, etc.
	<p><i>Guided Practice:</i></p> <p>Look up other similar or upcoming feasts. As you go, add the feast titles to a class calendar or list.</p>	<i>(If no calendar)</i> White board or paper pad with markers.
5 minutes	<p><i>Check for Understanding:</i></p> <p>Challenge the class to find a feast day within the current quarter of <i>LFK</i>. The student who finds and opens the page first may add it to the class calendar or list.</p>	
	<p><i>Closure:</i></p> <p>Return to today's feast day. Transition into further study of the saint or season.</p>	
	<p><i>Student Work/Testing:</i></p> <p>A fill-in-the-blank Church Year calendar or worksheet matching feast/saint titles with their holy dates are ideal. Students enjoy color coding the calendar and discovering the saint of the day.</p>	

**ADAPTATIONS:**

Older students who know major feasts can be challenged with lesser saints or to connect a saint with his/her birth and death years, related saints, patronages, etc. Deeper study into the feast's history and meaning is encouraged.

**NOTES:**