**Unit 4 – Session 18 – Jesus Suffered and Died on the Cross to Save us from Sin**

Parents,

This session begins our journey to 1st Communion. For the next 6 lessons, we will lay the Pascal Mystery which is the center of our faith and the mass. This week is about the death of Jesus. Here is some vocabulary that may help you. This is not for your child but to help you as you explain this session to them.

* Wage – What someone earns from what he or she does or from his or her work.

The students should learn

* All people have sinned and are in need of salvation.
* God sent His Son into the world to save us from sin by His Death and Resurrection.
* Jesus suffered, died, and was buried. He rose from the dead on the third day.
* Jesus calls us to take up our own crosses and follow His own example of redemptive suffering.

**Here is what you need to do this week.**

* Have your child turn to page 156 in their book and look at the picture.
  + - * Have them tell you words that describes what they see in the picture.
      * What is this a scene of? (crucifixion)
      * From whose point of view are we seeing this scene? How do you know? (Jesus, we see his feet at the bottom of the picture)
      * This picture attempts to show us what Jesus might have seen when he was on the cross. What are some things Jesus might be feeling or thinking as he looked down?
      * How do you think Mary, Jesus’ mother, was feeling at the moment? Why?
      * Jesus was crucified, suffered and died so that we could be saved from our sins. He freely gave His life to show how much God loves us. His sacrifice showed us how to be holy, and His Death and Resurrection made it possible for us to one day be with God in Heaven. Christs Passion and Death on the Cross were part of God’s plan, which Jesus lovingly and obediently accepted, to accomplish our salvation. By His Cross and Resurrection, He redeemed the world.
* Cost
  + Talk to your child about what a wage is.
  + Explain that when someone has a job they get paid a wage. We also earn other things. If we do a good job we will earn respect and admiration. If we do a poor job, we may earn a reputation for poor work. Everyone who works earns something for what he or she does. This is fair and just.
  + We earn things for when we sin. Jesus tells us that it is death that we deserve.
  + God is the source of all life. He created all things, including us. He gave us life. When we sin, we reject God and His love for us. We turn away from the source of life. Do you think the “wage” for sin is fair?
  + Tell them that God loves us! He loves us so much that he had Jesus pay our wage for our sin. He gave us a free gift of eternal life with him. Jesus gave His life freely and willingly so that we wouldn’t have to. He paid the price for our sins so that we could live with God forever. This is the Good News! The greatest news! God loves us so much that He sent His only Son to die for us so that we could have ternal life! This is the goal of our faith – the salvation of our souls!
  + Read pages 157-159.
  + Have your child complete the online activities for Unit 4 Session 18. Before they work on Christ’s Passion activity read Luke 22:14-23:56 from their textbook pages 161-167, looking at the pictures and then have them complete that activity.