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- **Know Learners**
  - Parents will attend with their children for child protection. Involve parents in the activities.
  - Registrations & Attendance List
  - Is there anyone who has Special Needs requiring extra help?
  - Is there anyone who cannot have their photos taken?
- **Know the content for both stations**
  - Review Book of Common Prayer p.934, 815, 828-829, 835, 856. Be ready to talk with the students about daily personal prayer, worship, and study.
    - What our duty is to God.
    - Why daily prayer and study help us work and pray and serve God.
  - Both station leaders should have made a sample "Making Space for Christ Kits."
- **Gather the resources**
  - Bibles, Books of Common Prayer, Hymnals, Copies of "Opening Conversations."
  - Shoe Boxes (or similar sized plastic), Sandwich baggies, Labels, Handouts, Fabric scraps of each liturgical color, small devotional books for each person, symbols for church seasons
- **Use Lesson Plan in Your Pocket to improve your lesson minute by the minute.**
  - Leave worship during the last hymn & set up the classroom space for 2 activity stations before families arrive
  - The activities will start as people arrive; invite everyone to get their meal/snack. Once most people have arrived, say a blessing and then invite each table to use the "Opening Conversations" with their table.
  - After 15 min, explain that Making Space for Christ kits are to encourage worship, prayer, and study at home.
    - Have a volunteer read from the Book of Common Prayer p.856, "What is the Duty of All Christians?"
    - Show a Sample Making Space for Christ box. It has devotion book, fabric for each season, season chart, and label. I can keep it in a special place in my house and display fabric, symbols, or devotional materials appropriate to the season.
    - Show a Sample Making Space for Christ baggie. It has a label, instructions, and smaller pieces of each resource. It can travel on vacation, TDY, deployment, or PCS.
    - Have each family make 1 box together. Encourage each person to make a baggie for personal use or to be shared with someone who will be traveling.
  - Incomplete boxes and baggies can be finished at home. Encourage each participant to report back next week of where they put their kit.
- **Clean up the room**
  - Turn in any information to chaplain or Distinctive Religious Group Leader
  - Put away supplies
  - Clean floors and furniture
  - Remove trash
- **Contact**
  - Call or email absentees ("We missed you." "Here is what you missed.")
  - Remind class members of coming events
  - Coordinate with other teachers to adjust future lessons based on needs of learners and content.



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### Colors of the Church Year

- **Advent:** purple, violet, white or black
- **Christmas (12 days) to Epiphany (Jan. 6):** white and gold
- **Ordinary Time (Jan. 7 through the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday):** green, with the exception of Baptism of the Lord and Transfiguration of the Lord, both white
- **Ash Wednesday through the first five weeks of Lent:** purple
- **Palm / Passion Sunday:** red and/or purple
- **Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of Holy Week:** purple
- **Maundy Thursday:** purple (until the church is stripped bare)
- **Good Friday:** no color; church remains stripped bare
- **Easter Season (including Ascension of the Lord):** white and gold
- **Day of Pentecost:** red
- **Ordinary Time (Monday after Pentecost through Saturday before the First Sunday of Advent):** green, with the exception of Trinity Sunday, All Saints' Day (or first Sunday in November), and Christ the King, all white
- **Additionally, white is used for funerals. Red is sometimes used for ordinations, installations and church dedications and anniversaries. Baptisms, communion services and weddings should retain the color of the season.**

www.pcusa.org, accessed 08/07/08

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Luke 2:41-52 Every year his parents went to Jerusalem for the Feast of the Passover. When he was twelve years old, they went up to the Feast, according to the custom. After the Feast was over, while his parents were returning home, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but they were unaware of it. Thinking he was in their company, they traveled on for a day. Then they began looking for him among their relatives and friends. When they did not find him, they went back to Jerusalem to look for him. After three days they found him in the temple courts, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. Everyone who heard him was amazed at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him, they were astonished. His mother said to him, "Son, why have you treated us like this? Your father and I have been anxiously searching for you."

"Why were you searching for me?" he asked. "Didn't you know I had to be in my Father's house?" But they did not understand what he was saying to them.

Then he went down to Nazareth with them and was obedient to them. But his mother treasured all these things in her heart. And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men.

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Matthew 6:5-15 "And when you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the street corners to be seen by men. I tell you the truth, they have received their reward in full. But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you. And when you pray, do not keep on babbling like pagans, for they think they will be heard because of their many words. Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him.

"This, then, is how you should pray:

" Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done

on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our debts,

as we also have forgiven our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from the evil one. For if you forgive men when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive men their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins.

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Matthew 7:7-11, "Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; he who seeks finds; and to him who knocks, the door will be opened.

"Which of you, if his son asks for bread, will give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a snake? If you, then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask him!

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Acts 2:42-47, They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Everyone was filled with awe, and many wonders and miraculous signs were done by the apostles. All the believers were together and had everything in common. Selling their possessions and goods, they gave to anyone as he had need. Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

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Luke 18:13,

"But the tax collector stood at a distance. He would not even look up to heaven, but beat his breast and said, 'God, have mercy on me, a sinner.'

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1 Corinthians 12:3, Therefore I tell you that no one who is speaking by the Spirit of God says, "Jesus be cursed," and no one can say, "Jesus is Lord," except by the Holy Spirit.

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Luke 1:26-56, In the sixth month, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin's name was Mary. The angel went to her and said, "Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you."

Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be. But the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, you have found favor with God. You will be with child and give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever; his kingdom will never end."

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John 2:1-11 On the third day a wedding took place at Cana in Galilee. Jesus' mother was there, and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine was gone, Jesus' mother said to him, "They have no more wine."

"Dear woman, why do you involve me?" Jesus replied, "My time has not yet come."

His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you."

Nearby stood six stone water jars, the kind used by the Jews for ceremonial washing, each holding from twenty to thirty gallons.

Jesus said to the servants, "Fill the jars with water"; so they filled them to the brim.

Then he told them, "Now draw some out and take it to the master of the banquet."

They did so, and the master of the banquet tasted the water that had been turned into wine. He did not realize where it had come from, though the servants who had drawn the water knew. Then he called the bridegroom aside and said, "Everyone brings out the choice wine first and then the cheaper wine after the guests have had too much to drink; but you have saved the best till now."

This, the first of his miraculous signs, Jesus performed in Cana of Galilee. He thus revealed his glory, and his disciples put their faith in him.

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Psalm 121, I lift up my eyes to the hills—

where does my help come from? My help comes from the LORD,  
the Maker of heaven and earth. He will not let your foot slip—  
he who watches over you will not slumber; indeed, he who watches over Israel  
will neither slumber nor sleep. The LORD watches over you—  
the LORD is your shade at your right hand; the sun will not harm you by day,  
nor the moon by night. The LORD will keep you from all harm—  
he will watch over your life; the LORD will watch over your coming and going  
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1 Samuel 1:10-11 In bitterness of soul Hannah wept much and prayed to the LORD. And she made a vow, saying, "O LORD Almighty, if you will only look upon your servant's misery and remember me, and not forget your servant but give her a son, then I will give him to the LORD for all the days of his life, and no razor will ever be used on his head."

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Exodus 32:9-14, "I have seen these people," the LORD said to Moses, "and they are a stiff-necked people. Now leave me alone so that my anger may burn against them and that I may destroy them. Then I will make you into a great nation."

But Moses sought the favor of the LORD his God. "O LORD," he said, "why should your anger burn against your people, whom you brought out of Egypt with great power and a mighty hand? Why should the Egyptians say, 'It was with evil intent that he brought them out, to kill them in the mountains and to wipe them off the face of the earth'? Turn from your fierce anger; relent and do not bring disaster on your people. Remember your servants Abraham, Isaac and Israel, to whom you swore by your own self: 'I will make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and I will give your descendants all this land I promised them, and it will be their inheritance forever.' " Then the LORD relented and did not bring on his people the disaster he had threatened.

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