

All Saints and All Souls

One family joined in Christ

Ages about 7-11 | Video 3:27 | Group lesson about 25-35 minutes

Central truth Through Christ, the Church on earth, the saints in heaven, and those being purified belong to one communion of love.

Learning goals Distinguish All Saints from All Souls; explain prayer for the dead with hope; choose a simple act of prayer and kindness.

Gather Video access, one handout per child, pencils or crayons, and a Bible.

Watch online [Open this video on Servus Dei](#)

Before watching | 2 minutes

Ask how a family can care for someone who is far away. Introduce the Church's communion in Christ as more than what we can see.

Watch and notice

Notice the saints whose names are famous and unknown, prayers for the dead, and the three groups united through Jesus.

Talk together | 6-8 minutes

1. Whom do we celebrate on All Saints?

All the saints in heaven, both famous and unknown. God's call to holiness is for us, too.

2. What do we especially do on All Souls?

Pray for the faithful departed, especially those being purified. We entrust them to God's mercy.

3. What does purification mean here?

God completes the holiness of those who die in his friendship. They are assured of heaven; this is different from hell.

4. How can we share in this communion now?

Pray, receive God's gifts, and love our neighbors. We honor saints and ask their prayers; we worship God.

Then respond and pray Allow 6-8 minutes for a handout or the activity on page 2; finish with the closing prayer.

Lead the response

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Short family lesson Watch the video, choose one recall question and one application question, then pray. About 12-18 minutes; the handout is optional.

Choose a handout

Draw & Tell Use hopeful symbols; personal names and bereavement disclosures are optional.

Read & Write Distinguish the feasts, explain unity, and offer hopeful prayer and care.

Adapt by readiness

Ages 7-8: label circles with adult help and offer a general prayer.

Ages 9-11: explain purification as God's completion of holiness and distinguish honoring saints from worship.

Three circles, one communion | Optional 4 minutes

Draw three circles: Church on earth, saints in heaven, and those being purified. Join them with a large heart labeled Christ. Add a general prayer for the departed and one kind action for a living neighbor.

Look for understanding Look for correct feast distinctions and hope in God's mercy. Avoid assigning a particular deceased person to purgatory or promising an exact result from a counted prayer.

Closing prayer Jesus, thank you for your great family. Receive the faithful departed in your mercy and help us grow in holiness and love. All you saints of God, pray for us. Amen.

At home With an adult, offer a general prayer for those who have died. If desired, share a happy memory without pressure to speak.

Handout answer notes Days: saints in heaven versus prayer for the faithful departed. Communion: united in Christ. Accept hopeful general prayers and safe kindness; no claims about a particular soul's state.

Teach with care

The video discusses death and missing loved ones. Allow passing or a general prayer; do not ask children to reveal a bereavement or judge where someone is after death. November 1 celebrates All Saints; November 2 commemorates the faithful departed. The video's washing and letter images are comparisons. Purgatory is real final purification, distinct from damnation; saying it is not punishment needs that distinction rather than denying all purifying suffering. Saints are perfected by grace, not merely people who tried hard. Use a battery candle if needed.

Words to explain Communion of saints: the Church's sharing in Christ's holy life and gifts. Purgatory: final purification for those assured of heaven. Intercession: praying to God for another.

Sources for the leader

Story source: [Servus Dei video and English transcript](#)

Catholic teaching: [Catechism 946-962: communion of saints](#)

Catholic teaching: [Catechism 1030-1032: final purification](#)

One family in Jesus

All Saints and All Souls

We celebrate saints and pray for the faithful departed with hope.

Name _____

Adult helper Read aloud. Invite drawing, pointing, or spoken answers. Writing is optional.

1 Draw a symbol for God's family joined through Jesus.



2 Draw a kind action for someone living; add a prayer symbol for the departed.



Tell Who connects this family? How do prayer and kindness show love?

Pray Jesus, bring the faithful departed into your joy and help us love. Amen.

At home Share your picture and one thing you learned about God or following Jesus.

Celebrate and remember

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Think about the two November observances and communion in Christ.

Name _____

1 Distinguish the days

What is one difference between All Saints and All Souls?

All Saints celebrates ...

2 Explain communion

How are the Church's three groups united?

They are united through ...

3 Pray and care

Write a general prayer for the departed and a kind action for today.

Jesus, please ...

Pray Jesus, bring the faithful departed into your joy and help us love. Amen.

Go deeper How does belonging to Christ's family help us care for people we cannot see?