



Junior Lesson



Junior Infants–Second Class (P1–P4)

Teacher's Notes

The Moment of November focuses on how we as followers of Jesus are a community of hope. We live in the hope that Jesus' promise will be fulfilled for us and all those we know and love.

Jesus promises that all who believe in him will return home to him in heaven when they die. Those we love who have died are now in heaven with Jesus and we can pray for them and to them.

Throughout the month of November and on the Feast of All Saints (1 November) and Feast of All Souls (2 November), we remember family and friends who have returned home to heaven.

Saints are people just like us. They lived good lives, cared for others, prayed and tried to make the world a better place. We know about St Patrick and St Brigid. Who are the saints of today? Who are the people who show us what the Kingdom of God looks like? (E.g. Br Kevin Crowley, Sr Stan, Fr Peter McVerry, etc.)

Note: Teachers should use their own discretion when covering this material as the content may be difficult for some children, especially if they have been recently bereaved.

This YouTube video of Lego characters explains the origins of Halloween and All Hallows Eve.
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Oy66_pgeORA

Consider

Explore with the class some of the features of each of the seasons using some of these key questions:

1. What is a saint?
2. Do we know any saints?
3. Does anyone know why we celebrate Halloween on October 31?

(It is the day before All Saints' Day. If the children are not sure, say: 'I will write a hint on the board'. Write 'All Hallows Eve'.)



Explore

November is a special month. The first of November is a special day called the Feast of All Saints. It is the day the Church celebrates with all the people who have died and are now with God in heaven. We go to Mass and remember that all these holy people are happy with God. Saints are people just like us, and they show us the way to live like Jesus taught us. Some of these people are members of our family, our friends, and our neighbours. We do not know the names of all the saints. Do you know the names of some of these saints?

Activity

In November, we remember the people we love who have gone before us. To help us remember those we love who have died, and illuminate our hope that they are now in heaven with God, we will write the name or draw a picture of someone we love who has died on the sheet on the Junior Activity Page. This could be a family member, a friend, a neighbor or a pet. It can also be for those people who have no one to pray for them.

Display these sheets in the class prayer space.





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