

A LESSON PLAN without a TEXTBOOK

I. PRAYER – Trisagion Prayers

II. GOSPEL READING –

Antiochian Gospel Program: <http://www.antiochian.org/1448> Click onto *Antiochian Gospel Program* - Each Sunday's Gospel, plus discussion questions, are on a single page. Five grade levels - Preschool, K-2, Grades 3-5, Middle School and High School. Pages for younger students feature a line icon to color and paraphrase of the Gospel. Grades 3-5 presented the Gospel as it will be read during the Liturgy.

III. SAINT OF THE DAY – Sources for the lives of Saints

- A. God Is Wonderful In His Saints - <http://www.abbamoses.com/>
- B. Prolog Of Ochrid - <http://www.westsrbdio.org/prolog/prolog.htm>
- C. Greek Archdiocese - <http://www.goarch.org/en/chapel/search.asp>
- D. OCA - <http://www.oca.org/FSlives.asp?SID=4>

IV. THEME LESSON – Instead of using Textbooks, or for a unit of study, consider

- A. OCA Focus Units: <http://dce.oca.org/>
- B. Church Architecture - <http://www.aroundomaha.com/sschool/>
- C. Divine Liturgy - <http://www.aroundomaha.com/sschool/>
- D. 10 Q&A on the Gospel Readings: Sundays, Feast Day, Lenten, Saints
<http://www.orthodox.net/questions/index.html>
- E. 10 Q&A on each Stanza of the Creed
<http://www.orthodox.net/questions/index.html>
- F. **LITTLE FALCONS** children's magazine – each issue focuses on a different topic. The entire church school meets for the lesson, then breaks into smaller groups to talk more and do hands-on activities. For example, if the lesson is on Candles, everyone makes candles and lights them the following Sunday. Order form at www.phyllisonest.com
- G. **Focus on You** published by the Orthodox Christian Education Commission [OCEC] 800-464-2744 Six topics offer one ready-to-go lesson for each of five or six grade levels.
<http://www.orthodoxed.org>
 - 1. The Beatitudes
 - 2. Witness and Martyrdom
 - 3. Membership in the Church
 - 4. The Church Building and its Contents
 - 5. Penance and Confession
 - 6. Creation and Creating

V. CRAFT RELATED TO THEME [OPT]

VI. ONLINE LESSONS

- A. Orthodox Education Center (David Elfering)
<http://www.aroundomaha.com/sschool/>
- B. Printable Weekly Lessons (Eve Tibbs) <http://www.orthodoxonline.com/lessons.htm>

VII. PLANNING CALENDAR – Available online and in the Fall Newsletter. Lists the Major Feast Days and the Sundays of the Triodion. Permits Teachers to plan the lessons for the year.

VIII. FEAST DAY TRACT MASTERS Set #5

Information on the feast days published by the *Orthodox Christian Publications Center*. Thirteen leaflets for the Major 12 Feasts plus Pascha. The format includes the hymns of the day, Scripture references, background information and family activities. Permitted to make as many copies as desired for parish/personal use. Suggestion: each teacher needs a set for reference in the classroom (Place in Teachers' Notebook). Available from the Archdiocese Department of Religious Education. (\$15.00) 800-566-1088 / <http://www.religioused.goarch.org>

IX. CLOSING PRAYER – Troparion of Patron Saint/Feast Date; English & Greek Phonetics [opt]