



Family Catechetics for First Holy Communion
“Lamb of God!”

Session 17 Coming to Mass #5

Aim: To help the child to learn about the “Lamb of God” at Mass

Room Setting:

All are seated in a circle in the room.

Parent: Welcome the child and the other members of the family. Invite all to become quiet and think of Jesus and say quietly and very slowly about 3 times the words “Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord”. Allow a few minutes for this.



Parent: Invite the child and the other members of the family to share how they felt when they said the words “Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord”.

Parent: Helped freely by the child and other members of the family:

- Last time we had a look at the “Holy, Holy, Holy”.
- Perhaps you can remember how we discovered it in the Bible?



Child and other members of the family freely contributing:

- We found it was in the vision the Prophet Isaiah had of God in the glory of Heaven.

Parent Today we are going to have a look at the “Lamb of God”.

- Can anyone tell us when we say or sometimes sing “Lamb of God”?
- Can we remember the whole of what we say? Maybe we can sing it.

Parent and other members of the family: (P=Parent, M=Family member)

- P. The most well-known story in the Bible is about the Passover Lamb, sacrificed on the night before the Israelites escaped from slavery in Egypt. This lamb became a symbol of their freedom.
- M. In the Gospel of John, John the Baptist calls Jesus the “Lamb of God.” Here is what John the Baptist said:
- P. Jesus came to John the Baptist at the River Jordan and asked to be baptised. The next day as Jesus was passing by, John the Baptist pointed to Jesus and said:
- P. “There he is, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world.”
- M. The people would have sensed that John the Baptist was making a prophecy about Jesus.
- P. Jesus would be like the Passover Lamb – he would die in order to save us.
- M. Jesus was lifted up on the Cross for everyone to see him dying’.
- P. At Holy Mass the priest breaks the Body of Christ and we call out or sing: (all join in...)
- ALL: “Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.”**
- “Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.”**
- “Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.”**

Parent: There is another time at Mass after this, where we call Jesus the “Lamb of God”. Maybe you know it too. We will look at this the next time.

Celebration

Parent: Let us imagine ourselves at Holy Mass The priest breaks the Sacred Host (the Body of Christ) for us to see.

- Let us say out loud:
- “Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.”**
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Now let us sing it as we sing it in Church.

- This can be repeated several times.

A glass of cool juice all round!

