Lesson 8

The Saints

Lesson Objectives

- Connect the ancestors of our Maronite Church directly with Jesus.
- Realize that saints are followers of Jesus who lead lives of heroic virtue.
- Grow in our desire to imitate Maronite saints in following the way of Jesus.

Lesson Summary

Did you know that we are all called to be saints? In this lesson we'll learn what it means to be a saint.

Lesson Plan

Introduction (Minutes 1-10)

- Pray the Opening Prayer together.
- Review the introduction.
- Show a video or song.

Review Point 1: Jesus and the Phoenicians (Minutes 10-15)

- Ask the students: What would you have said to Jesus if you were in Lebanon when he visited?

Review Point 2: Following Jesus (Minutes 15-20)

Ask the students: Do you have a favorite saint? Do you know their feast day?

Review Point 3: What We Believe (Minutes 20-25)

Recite the creed with the students.

Activities: Choose 1 or 2

Activity 1: Patron Saints

Share with the class if you're named after a saint and what you know about them. If not, share a saint you admire and why!

Answer key:

- Answers will vary.

Activity 2: Find a Saint

Find a statue or image of a saint in your Church and find out who it is. Ask that saint to pray for you.

Answer key:

- Answers will vary.

Prayer and Role Model (Minutes 30-35)

• Pray From the Maronite Tradition (Together)

Complete Recall Section (Minutes 35-40)

Use the words in the Word Box to complete the sentences.

Answer key:

1. The **creed** is a profession of faith.
2. Jesus is one **person.**
3. Jesus has two **natures**.
4. God is a **Trinity**.
5. Jesus is both God and **man**.

Review Weekly Journal (Minutes 40-44)

For Additional Reflection:

Look up the story of a Maronite saint and reflect on his or her life.

Write: Compose a prayer for that saint.

Closing (Minutes 45)

- Pray the Concluding Prayer together.

Optional

- Use the Climbing Mountain Section and Reaching the Summit Section.