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LITURGICAL YEAR

Board Game



FUN FOR AGES 9 AND UP

Let's Play!

- 1 A. How many colors of the liturgical year are there and what are they?
B. What is the most important feast of the liturgical year?
C. What is the liturgical color for Advent?
D. How many Sundays are there in Advent?

- A. Four: green, white, purple, and red.
B. Easter.
C. Violet.
D. Four.

2 **Bonus:** Go forward . . . one square.

- 3 A. Who was born without Original Sin?
B. What does Immaculate Conception mean?
C. When is the solemnity of the Immaculate Conception celebrated?
D. Who is Mary of Nazareth?

- A. Mary.
B. To be conceived without Original Sin.
C. December 8.
D. Mother of Jesus and our mother.*

- 4 A. Who baptizes Jesus in the Jordan River?
B. Who are the parents of John the Baptist?
C. Why was John called "the Baptist"?
D. Name some symbols used during Baptism.

- A. John the Baptist.
B. Zechariah and Elizabeth.
C. Because he baptized people.
D. Water, oil, shell.

5 **Challenge:** One member of your team acts out one of the following Gospel passages. The person may not speak or make noise. Your team has one minute to guess the passage.

- A. "Joseph, Son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife . . ." (Mt 1:20).
B. ". . . as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy" (Lk 1:44).
C. "The angel said to her, 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you . . .'" (Lk 1:35).

- 6 A. In what city was Jesus born?
B. Why did Joseph and Mary go to Bethlehem?
C. Which evangelists tell the story of Jesus' birth?
D. Bethlehem is the city of what great king of Israel?

- A. Bethlehem.
B. For a census.
C. Matthew and Luke.
D. David.

7 **Challenge:** All the members of the team create or act out a manger scene and sing at least one verse of "Silent Night."

- 8 A. What are the names of the parents of the Mother of God?
B. In what village did Mary live?
C. What are the liturgical colors used on Marian feast days?
D. By whose work did Mary conceive Jesus?

- A. Joachim and Anne.
B. Nazareth.
C. White with blue.
D. The Holy Spirit.

- 9 A. What liturgical color is used during the Christmas season?
B. When does Christmas end?
C. What is the name of the outer vestment a priest wears during Mass?
D. How many Gospels are there and who wrote them?

- A. White.
B. With the Feast of the Baptism of Jesus.
C. Chasuble.
D. Four: Matthew, Mark, Luke, John.

10 **Challenge:** The Magi brought Jesus three gifts. Like them, each member of your team must write on a paper three gifts you want to give to Jesus. At the end of two minutes your team captain will collect the papers and read your gifts aloud. Your team wins the challenge if you have at least five gifts that were not repeated.

- 11 A. In what river was Jesus baptized?
B. In what form did the Holy Spirit descend upon Jesus on the day of his Baptism?
C. Who said this phrase: "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased." (Mt 3:17)?
D. How does God the Father manifest himself at Jesus' Baptism?

- A. Jordan River.
B. Dove.
C. God the Father.
D. Like a voice from heaven.

- 12 A. What is the name of the place from which the word of God is proclaimed during Mass?
B. What is the name of the book that contains the readings for Mass?
C. What is recited after the homily during a Sunday Mass?
D. What is the name of the book that is placed on the altar for the priest to use during Mass?

- A. Ambo.
B. Lectionary.
C. Creed or Profession of Faith.
D. Roman Missal.

- 13 A. What was the profession of the first four disciples whom Jesus called?
B. What are the names of the sons of Zebedee?
C. On what lake or "sea" did Peter and his friends fish?
D. What are the names of the four fishermen Jesus called?

- A. Fishermen.
B. James and John.
C. Sea of Galilee or Lake of Tiberias.
D. Peter, Andrew, James, and John.

14 **Challenge:** Using at least one shoe from every member of your team, make the word "Gospel" or "Jesus." You have two minutes.

15 **Challenge:** In one minute, list five of Jesus' miracles. Possible answers: Loaves and fishes; Centurion's daughter; Raising Lazarus; Healing blind man; Cleansing the leper.

- 16 A. What is the liturgical color used during Lent?
B. What do we call the first day of Lent?
C. How many Sundays are there in Lent?
D. What are the three requested practices for every Christian during Lent?

- A. Violet.
B. Ash Wednesday.
C. Six.
D. Fasting, praying, and almsgiving.

*3D Other possible answers: Joseph's wife or daughter of Joachim and Anne.

17	<p>A. Where was Jesus when he was tempted after his Baptism? B. After Jesus' Baptism, who led Jesus to the place where he was tempted? C. Who is known as the tempter? D. How many times was Jesus tempted and what were the temptations?</p>	<p>A. Desert. B. Holy Spirit. C. The devil. D. Three: transform stones into bread, throw himself down from the Temple, adore or worship the devil.</p>
18	<p>A. Who appears next to the transfigured Jesus? B. On what mountain did the Transfiguration occur? C. Which disciples were present with Jesus at the Transfiguration? D. In what event, in addition to the Transfiguration, did the Father manifest himself as a voice?</p>	<p>A. Elijah and Moses. B. Tabor. C. Peter, James, and John. D. Baptism in the Jordan River.</p>
19	Bonus: Go forward . . . to square twenty-one.	
20	<p>A. During Mass on the Sundays of Lent, what hymn is not recited or sung? B. During the Masses of Lent, what is not sung right before the Gospel? C. What do we call the part of the Mass in which we hear the Bible readings? D. With what sign does Mass begin?</p>	<p>A. Gloria. B. Alleluia. C. Liturgy of the Word. D. Sign of the Cross.</p>
21	<p>Challenge: You have two minutes to complete one of the following biblical phrases. One minute without help, then one more minute with some help. **</p> <p>A. "Lord, if you had been here, my brother B. "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me C. "Unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if D. "When I am lifted up from the earth, [I] will draw E. "Let anyone among you who is without sin be the first F. "Neither do I condemn you. Go your way, and from now on</p>	<p>A. . . . <i>would not have died</i>" (Jn 11:21). B. . . . <i>even though they die, will live</i>" (Jn 11:25). C. . . . <i>it dies, it bears much fruit</i>" (Jn 12:24). D. . . . <i>all people to myself</i>" (Jn 12:32). E. . . . <i>to throw a stone at her</i>" (Jn 8:7). F. . . . <i>do not sin again</i>" (Jn 8:11).</p>
22	<p>A. In what city did Jesus enter acclaimed as Son of David? B. On the back of what animal did Jesus enter the Holy City when he was welcomed as king? C. What two things did the inhabitants of Jerusalem throw on the streets as Jesus passed? D. What did the people in Jerusalem shout when Jesus entered Jerusalem on a donkey?</p>	<p>A. Jerusalem. B. Donkey or foal. C. Cloaks and palm branches. D. Hosanna.</p>
23	<p>A. What sacraments did Jesus institute during the Last Supper? B. What is the sacrament that is celebrated for a man to become a priest? C. John's Gospel does not have the institution of the Eucharist during the Last Supper. What other gesture occurs during the Last Supper in John's Gospel? D. What elements did Jesus consecrate during the Last Supper?</p>	<p>A. Eucharist and Holy Orders. B. Holy Orders. C. Washing of the feet. D. Bread and wine.</p>
24	<p>A. On what day do the faithful venerate the cross during the liturgy? B. What do we call Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter? C. What liturgical color is used on Good Friday? D. What is the name for the long Gospel passage that is read during the liturgy of Good Friday?</p>	<p>A. Good Friday. B. Holy Triduum. C. Red. D. Passio or Passion of the Lord.</p>
25	Challenge: Your whole team must reconstruct the scene of the Crucifixion and—along with the other teams—observe a minute of silence remembering Christ's love for us. If a team is unable to remain quiet, the team will move back two squares.	
26	<p>A. What was not sung during Lent that is sung again beginning with the Easter Vigil? B. The Easter candle is blessed and lit during the Easter Vigil. What does it represent? C. What word is "Easter" translated from? What does it mean? D. Who was the first witness of Jesus' Resurrection?</p>	<p>A. Alleluia and Gloria. B. The resurrected Jesus who is the Light of the World. C. Paschal. It means "passage." D. Mary Magdalene.</p>
27	<p>A. When the resurrected Jesus appeared to the Apostles for the first time, which Apostle was absent? B. Where were the Apostles during the first apparition of the resurrected Jesus? C. What is a common nickname of the Apostle Thomas and why? D. What sacrament does the resurrected Jesus institute Easter evening?</p>	<p>A. Thomas. B. In the Upper Room. C. Doubting Thomas, because he said he would not believe that Jesus rose from the dead unless he put his fingers in Jesus' wounds. D. Reconciliation or Confession.</p>
28	Challenge: Members of your team must pair off. Each pair must hop together on one foot and follow the established path. At the end of the path there are papers with letters. Each pair must pick up a letter and return to the start so that the next pair can hop. If one person on the team puts two feet on the floor, they must restart. Once all the letters are collected the team must recompose the secret word. Your team has three minutes to complete the task. The words could be: Emmaus; Upper Room; Risen; Forgiveness.	
29	Challenge: You have two minutes to draw a picture of Jesus the Good Shepherd. You may use one of your team member's smart phones as a reference.	
30	Bonus: Go ahead one square.	
31	Challenge: Write the Ten Commandments in order. You have three minutes.	
32	<p>A. What does the word "ascension" mean? B. Which Apostle was absent when Jesus ascended to heaven? C. How many days is the Easter season? D. What feast brings the end of the Easter season?</p>	<p>A. Go up. B. Judas Iscariot. C. Fifty. D. Pentecost.</p>

**21 Note to catechist/teacher: the part in italics is not to be read aloud. It is the answer the team should provide. After one minute, give Bible citation and let kids look it up.

33	<p>A. Which book of the New Testament retells the events of Pentecost? B. How many Apostles receive the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost? C. Where are the Apostles on the day of Pentecost? D. In what city are the Apostles on the day of Pentecost?</p>	<p>A. Acts of the Apostles. B. Eleven. C. Upper Room. D. Jerusalem.</p>
34	<p>A. Who are the three Persons named in the Sign of the Cross? B. What is the liturgical color for the feast of the Holy Trinity? C. What sign is made during Mass before hearing the Gospel? How many times is it made? D. Where do we sign ourselves at the moment of the proclamation of the Gospel?</p>	<p>A. Father, Son, Holy Spirit. B. White. C. Cross, three. D. Forehead, lips, chest.</p>
35	<p>Challenge: Your team must reconstruct a phrase from Saint Paul's first letter to the Corinthians. After reading a part of the letter, you will receive an envelope with words on papers. You will have two minutes to complete the task. Teacher/catechist reads 1 Cor 11:23–26 and then hands the team an envelope with the words inside for one of the following:</p>	<p>A. "This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me" (1 Cor 11:24). (Fourteen words.) B. "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me" (1 Cor 11:25). (Twenty-one words.) C. "For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes" (1 Cor 11:26). (Twenty words.)</p>
36	<p>Bonus: Move to square thirty-eight.</p>	
37	<p>A. What liturgical color is used during Ordinary Time? B. What liturgical color is used for the commemoration of the dead? C. In which sacrament is the oil of the catechumen used? D. In what sacraments is chrism used?</p>	<p>A. Green. B. Black or white. C. Baptism. D. Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Orders.</p>
38	<p>Challenge: I will read a list of twelve names. Eleven of the names are Apostles; one is not. Identify in under a minute which name is not one of Jesus' original twelve Apostles.</p>	<p>Possible names to add: Joseph of Arimathea, Nicodemus, Mark, Luke, or Gamaliel.</p>
39	<p>Challenge: One team member at a time, run a short distance, then fish from a container a paper on which is written one of the words that compose a Gospel phrase. The next team member can go when the preceding member returns to base. Once all the words have been fished from the container your team must reconstruct the phrase. You have four minutes.</p>	<p>Phrases A. "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?" (Mk 4:41). B. "He asked them, 'But who do you say that I am?'" (Mk 8:29). C. "Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another" (Jn 13:34).</p>
		<p>N.B.: Make them in a way that there would be a number of papers that correspond to the number of team members, adding blank sheets or merging words.</p>
40	<p>Challenge: You have three minutes to form a cross using anything at your disposal.</p>	
41	<p>Misstep: Go back to square thirty-nine.</p>	
42	<p>A. What do we call the stories Jesus told in order to teach? B. Who is the evangelist whose passages we read during the Sunday Mass in year A? C. Who is the evangelist whose passages we read during the Sunday Mass in year B? D. Who is the evangelist whose passages we read during the Sunday Mass in year C?</p>	<p>A. Parables. B. Matthew. C. Mark. D. Luke.</p>
43	<p>Challenge: Your team has two minutes to find one of the following Gospel passages and tell us the story.</p>	<p>A. Mt 13:24–43 (the grain and the weeds)—year A. B. Mk 6:30–34 (sheep with no shepherd)—year B. C. Lk 10:38–42 (Martha and Mary)—year C.</p>
44	<p>A. What is the prayer Jesus taught his disciples? B. In what part of the Mass do we recite the prayer Jesus taught us? C. What do we call the sacred vessel that contains the hosts? D. What do we call the sacred vessel that contains the wine?</p>	<p>A. Our Father or Lord's Prayer. B. Communion Rite. C. Ciborium. D. Chalice.</p>
45	<p>A. Where do we conserve the Eucharist at the end of Mass? B. When does the consecration of the bread and wine happen? C. What does the word "eucharist" mean? D. Where does the consecration of the bread and wine happen?</p>	<p>A. Tabernacle. B. At the words "... this is my Body" and "... this is the chalice of my Blood," respectively. C. Thanksgiving. D. Altar or eucharistic table.</p>
46	<p>A. On what mountain did God give Moses the Ten Commandments? B. What is the Decalogue? C. What does the name Moses mean? D. How many tablets of the Law are there?</p>	<p>A. Sinai. B. Ten Commandments. C. Drawn from water. D. Two.</p>
47	<p>Challenge: Sing a song about peace. Your team passes this challenge if you are able to sing together the chorus and one verse.</p>	
48	<p>Challenge: You have two minutes to reconstruct Mary's words in the Magnificat. Catechist/teacher gives the team papers with parts of the Magnificat on them.</p>	
49	<p>A. How many tribes of Israel were there? B. How many Apostles were there? C. How many evangelists are Apostles? Your team gets a bonus if you can name them. D. How many theological virtues are there? Your team gets a bonus if you can name them.</p>	<p>A. Twelve. B. Twelve. C. Two: Matthew and John. Bonus: move ahead one square. D. Three: Faith, hope, and love. Bonus: move ahead one square.</p>

50	<p>A. What does the bread and wine become after consecration?</p> <p>B. What does the ciborium contain before consecration?</p> <p>C. What does the chalice contain before consecration?</p> <p>D. What do the cruets contain?</p>	<p>A. Body and Blood of Jesus.</p> <p>B. Hosts.</p> <p>C. Wine with a few drops of water.</p> <p>D. Wine and water.</p>
51	<p>A. When in the liturgical year is the color violet used?</p> <p>B. List at least three feasts in which red is the liturgical color.</p> <p>C. How many readings are there during Sunday Mass?</p> <p>D. What position do our bodies take during the proclamation of the Gospel?</p>	<p>A. Advent and Lent.</p> <p>B. Palm Sunday, Good Friday, and Pentecost.</p> <p>C. Four (first reading, second reading, responsorial psalm, and Gospel).</p> <p>D. Standing.</p>
52	<p>Challenge: Team members must stand in a line. I will give the first person a word. That person must say a word that begins with the last letter of the word I said. Each team member must do the same using the word that the person before him or her said. For example: love, eucharist, thanksgiving. . . .</p>	<p>All the words must be religious words! You have two minutes to complete the task without making a mistake. If a mistake is made we will start over using a new word.</p>
53	<p>Misstep: Go backward . . . one square.</p>	
54	<p>A. What is the symbol for the evangelist Matthew?</p> <p>B. What is the symbol for the evangelist Mark?</p> <p>C. What is the symbol for the evangelist Luke?</p> <p>D. What is the symbol for the evangelist John?</p>	<p>A. Man with wings.</p> <p>B. Lion.</p> <p>C. Bull or ox.</p> <p>D. Eagle.</p>
55	<p>Challenge: You have one minute to put the syllables on these papers in order to form a biblical phrase.</p>	<p>Phrases to have written beforehand:</p> <p>A. "They will respect my son" (Mt 21:37).</p> <p>B. "Let the little children come to me" (Mt 19:14).</p> <p>C. "I am with you always, to the end of the age" (Mt 28:20).</p>
56	<p>A. How many books are there in the Pentateuch, the first group of books in the Old Testament?</p> <p>B. How many books are in the Old Testament?</p> <p>C. Which book of the Old Testament contains one hundred and fifty prayers?</p> <p>D. Which book of the Old Testament tells the passage of the Israelites through the Red Sea?</p>	<p>A. Five.</p> <p>B. Forty-six.</p> <p>C. Book of Psalms.</p> <p>D. Exodus.</p>
57	<p>A. What are the sacraments of initiation?</p> <p>B. How many sacraments are there and what are they?</p> <p>C. What are the sacraments of healing?</p> <p>D. What are the sacraments at the service of the communion and the mission?</p>	<p>A. Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist.</p> <p>B. Seven: Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist, Reconciliation, Holy Orders, Matrimony, Anointing of the Sick.</p> <p>C. Reconciliation and Anointing of the Sick.</p> <p>D. Holy Orders and Matrimony.</p>
58	<p>Bonus: Go forward . . . to square sixty.</p>	
59	<p>A. How many books are in the New Testament?</p> <p>B. What is the last book of the Bible?</p> <p>C. Who wrote the Acts of the Apostles?</p> <p>D. Who wrote Revelation (the Apocalypse)?</p>	<p>A. Twenty-seven.</p> <p>B. Revelation or Apocalypse.</p> <p>C. Luke.</p> <p>D. John.</p>
60	<p>Challenge: You have two minutes to find the biblical citation and retell us the story.</p>	<p>A. Mt 22:34–40 (the two commandments)—year A.</p> <p>B. Mk 10:46–52 (the blind man Bartimaeus)—year B.</p> <p>C. Lk 18:9–14 (the Pharisee and the tax collector)—year C.</p>
61	<p>Challenge: Team members must pair off. Each pair sits on the floor, back to back, and interlocks their arms. Working together and supporting one another, each pair must stand up. Your team has two minutes for every pair to be standing.</p>	
62	<p>A. Name the first woman, Moses' sister, and queen in Old Testament.</p> <p>B. Name the following women: John the Baptist's mother, Herod's wife, and the daughter who danced for Herod.</p> <p>C. Name the following women: Lazarus' sisters, the prophetess that was in the temple at the same time as Simeon.</p> <p>D. The names of the three women at the tomb.</p>	<p>A. Eve, Miriam, Esther.</p> <p>B. Elizabeth, Herodias, and Salomé.</p> <p>C. Mary and Martha; Anna.</p> <p>D. Mary, Mary Magdalene, and Mary Salome.</p>
63	<p>A. How many letters are there in the New Testament?</p> <p>B. How many letters are attributed to the Apostle Peter?</p> <p>C. How many letters are attributed to the evangelist John?</p> <p>D. How many letters are attributed to the Apostle Paul?</p>	<p>A. Twenty-one.</p> <p>B. Two.</p> <p>C. Three.</p> <p>D. Thirteen.</p>
64	<p>Congratulations, champions!</p>	