

Lesson 4- Heroic Witnesses of Faith

Introduction:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oiVAbkINtRU> – Acts of the Apostles- Part 2

The teacher will begin the class with how the journey of Faith continued.





Saints for this Chapter:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Cmbhtgu8xIk> – Story of St. Perpetua and St. Felicity

They are Saints from the Early Christian Era. Their life must be discussed in order to inspire the children.

Martyrdom of the Apostles:

WHAT HAPPENED TO THE APOSTLES AND WHERE ARE THEIR REMAINS TODAY?

 st. JAMES THE GREATER DEATH Stabbed with a sword REMAINS St. James Church Compostela, Spain	 st. JAMES THE LESSER DEATH Stoned to death REMAINS Holy Apostles Basilica Rome, Italy	 st. JUDE THADDEUS DEATH Filled with arrows REMAINS St. Peter's Basilica Rome, Italy	 st. PHILIP DEATH Crucified by soldiers REMAINS Holy Apostles Basilica Rome, Italy	 st. THOMAS DEATH Thrust with a spear REMAINS Basilica of St. Thomas the Apostle, Ortona, Italy	 st. PAUL DEATH Beheaded in Rome REMAINS St. Paul's Church Rome, Italy	 st. PETER DEATH Crucified upside down REMAINS St. Peter's Basilica Rome, Italy
 st. JOHN DEATH Died a natural death REMAINS Basilica of St. John Ephesus, Turkey	 st. MATTHEW DEATH Stabbed with a sword REMAINS Cathedral of Salerno Salerno, Italy	 JUDAS ISCARIOT THE TRAITOR DEATH Committed suicide after betraying Jesus	 st. SIMON DEATH Crucified REMAINS Altar of the Crucifixion Vatican City	 st. BARTHOLOMEW DEATH Flayed and beheaded REMAINS St. Bartholomew Church Rome, Italy	 st. ANDREW DEATH Crucified on X shaped cross REMAINS Cathedral of Amalfi Amalfi, Italy	 st. MATTHIAS DEATH Crucified in Judea REMAINS St. Matthias' Abbey Trier, Germany

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Reasons for persecution:

1. Jews
2. Romans

Roman Emperors and Religious Persecutions:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GizkGSTxhmk> Show the video first

- The teacher must explain how they persecuted the Christians.

Martyrs: (Activity)

There are many martyrs mentioned in the text. The teacher could ask the students to prepare chart on any 5 saints.

Or

As preparation for the chapter, the teacher can allot few names from the text to the children and they could narrate their stories in class.

What Spirit must the children imbibe from this Chapter?

Courage of the Martyrs: That we must practice and preserve our faith.

Meditate: Mt 10:16-23 Gist- We are called to be strong and proclaim our faith

Little ways in which we can do that: (Habit Formation)

1. No lies
2. Do not copy or encourage such practice
3. Avoid filthy talks
4. Say no to abusive language
5. Respect everyone
6. No bullying
7. Be faithful in little things
8. Participate actively in your family prayer
9. Be active in your parish- Spiritually as well
10. Frequent confessions