Journey through Lent
FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Upper and Middle Elementary

Materials
- Handout A: Gospel Reading for March 14, 2021
- Handout B: The Kerygma Pre-Reading Questionnaire
- Handout C: The Kerygma

Learning Goals
The Gospel for the fourth Sunday of Lent contains some of the best-known words of the Bible: “For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life” (John 3:16). This passage is so well-known for good reason – it summarizes the entirety of the Gospel message, or, the Kerygma. In this lesson, students will analyze the basic proclamation of the Gospel and consider how they can share the Good News with others.

Gospel Reflection
A. Have students read the Gospel passage, or read it aloud to your students, and then answer the focus questions. You may have students answer them on their own or you may discuss them together as a class.

B. Review and discuss the correct answers when finished

Activity
A. Have your students respond to the questions on Handout B: The Kerygma Pre-Reading Questionnaire. When finished, call on students to share and discuss their answers.

B. Introduce and define the word Kerygma to your students. (The Kerygma is a Greek word for “preaching” from the New Testament. We use it today to refer to the basic proclamation of the Gospel message.) Then, have your students read Handout C: The Kerygma and answer the questions. Discuss the answers when finished.
Handout A: Gospel Reading for March 14, 2021

1. The Son of Man must be lifted up. He is referring to His own Crucifixion and Death.

2. He gave His only Son so that everyone who believes in Him would not perish (die) but have eternal life.

3. God did not send His Son to condemn the world. Instead, God sent His Son to save the world.

4. Because their works are evil and the light will expose their evil works.

5. So that their works may be clearly seen as done in God.

Handout B: The Kerygma Pre-Reading Questionnaire

Accept reasoned answers for all questions. The goal of this activity is to get students thinking about what they already know and think about Jesus and the basic Gospel message.

Handout C: The Kerygma

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2. Accept reasoned answers.