



CONQUEST 7TH & 8TH GRADE ACTIVITY

INSTRUCTIONS: Print out a copy for the team leader to ask the teams when they land on the game board squares.



QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

START SPACE:

Use the bible to look for a gospel passage where Jesus calls one of his twelve apostles, and note that he calls us in the same way to build up the Church.

BLUE COLORED SPACES CHRISTIANITY SPREADS

1. Look up the passage where Jesus names Peter as Pope. Choose from the following three options:
Lk. 5:14-16 Mt. 5:8-12 **Answer: Mt. 16:18-19**
2. Pictionary: Where was John the apostle when he saw Christ for the first time? **Answer: By a river.**
3. Pictionary: Where was Nathaniel the apostle when Philip spoke to him about Jesus? **Answer: Under a tree.**
4. Pictionary: What was Andrew's profession before he became an apostle? **Answer: Fisherman.**
5. State the names of the twelve apostles. You can look them up in Mt. 10:2-4. **Answer: Peter, Andrew, James and John, Philip and Bartholomew, Thomas and Matthew, James son of Alpheus, Judas Thaddeus, Simon the Zealot, and Judas Iscariot.**
6. At the end of the Gospel of Matthew look up the phrase, "Go, then, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." What is the chapter and verse of this passage? **Answer: Mt. 28:19.**
7. Pictionary: What did James the apostle, have in his hands when Jesus called him? **Answer: Some nets.**
8. Name one city that Peter preached in. You can find the answers in the Acts of the apostles. **Answers: Jerusalem or Rome.**



GREEN-COLORED SPACE THE PERSECUTIONS

1. Look up the following passage and explain what relation it has to persecutions: Jn. 16:33. **Answer: In spite of difficulties, tribulations, and persecutions, Christ will always be with us.**
2. Look up Jn. 15:20, read it aloud, and answer the following: Do you believe that it seemed strange to the apostles that they were persecuted? Why or why not? **Answer: No, because Jesus had foretold that they would be.**
3. Many of the apostles who became martyrs gave themselves over to martyrdom peacefully because they recalled the following phrase of Jesus (which you must complete): "No one has greater _____ than he who gives his life for his _____." **Answer: Love, friends.**
4. PICTONARY: What were Christ's sentiments when he saw his Church persecuted? **Answer: Sorrow and sadness.**
5. PICTONARY: What did Christ do before he died to help his apostles to be strong in times of persecution? **Answer: He prayed.**
6. PICTONARY: What did the Roman emperors cling to that made them hate Christianity? **Answer: Other gods.**
7. PICTONARY: How did Peter die? **Answer: Crucified upside down.**
8. During this turn, memorize the names of the six emperors of the time of persecution, and wait for your next turn to state them. **Answer: Nero, Domitian, Trajan, Marcus Aurelius, Commodus, Severus, Maximus, Detian Decius, Valerian, and Diocletian.**
9. The first apostle to be killed as an apostle was St. John's brother. Do you remember his name? You can look it up in Mt. 4:2. **Answer: James.**
10. St. Stephen was the first Christian martyr. Do you remember how he was killed and who was present to approve the killing? You may look it up in Acts of the Apostles 7:58. **Answer: He was stoned, and Saul of Tarsus (St. Paul) was present.**
11. How many Christians do you think were martyred during the persecutions – scores, thousands, or millions? **Answer: Millions.**
12. Which of the following three saints were not martyred during the persecutions: St. Cecilia, St. Pancratius, or St. Joseph? **Answer: St. Joseph.**



PURPLE COLORED SPACES: FREEDOM

1. Explain what you know about Constantine, the emperor of Rome who dominated the known world throughout this time. Read the following aloud: "How was I converted? My mother prayed hard for my conversion, and at one point when I was enduring a very tough battle, I dreamed that someone was showing me a cross and telling me, „In this sign you will conquer.“ I was so impressed by the dream that the following day, before going to battle, I had a standard made with a cross and the words I had heard inscribed on it. I won the battle, and so I decided to become Christian and to have my whole empire adore Christ." Who was Emperor Constantine's mother? **Answer: St. Helen.**
2. What happened when Christianity was liberated? Read the following aloud: "Many young people who wanted to offer their lives to Jesus could no longer do so through martyrdom, since there were no longer persecutions. So, they decided to offer their virginity to him, and thus, consecrated life began." Explain to the others what an "edict" is by reading the following aloud: "An edict is an order from the emperor that is made public." Which edict proclaimed the freedom of the Church, and which emperor promulgated this edict? **Answer: The Emperor Constantine promulgated the Edict of Milan.**
3. Many of these Popes were saints. They spilled their blood for Christ, and they were therefore called... **Answer: Martyrs.**
4. What was the name of the first Pope, and who named him Pope? **Answer: His name was St. Peter, and it was Christ who named him.**
5. PICTONARY: Draw St Peter's Basilica in Rome and have your team guess (Answer can also be the Vatican or where the Pope lives.)

RED COLORED SPACES: HERESIES AND COUNCILS

1. Fill in the blanks to complete the definition of HERESY: Opinion of beliefs _____ (different) with the accepted Church _____ (doctrine)
2. Do you think that it is a heresy to say that the Pope is not Christ's representative on earth? Why or why not? **Answer: Yes, because to state such contradicts the truth that Christ himself named Peter as his representative in the Gospel in order to leave a representative within the Church.**
3. Do you think heresies can do much harm? Why or why not? **Answer: Yes, since they contradict what the Church teaches and therefore confuse many people. They can lead people away from Christ and the Church.**
4. Fill in the blanks to complete the definition of a Church Council: An assembly of _____ (theologians) and bishops of the _____ (church) that is convened to decide on matters of _____ or _____ (faith or doctrine)
5. Do you remember what the latest Council of the Church was called? **Answer: Vatican Council II.**



BROWN COLORED SPACES MONASTIC ORDERS

1. Where did monks live? **Answer: In monasteries.**
2. Pictionary: **Draw a nun and have the team guess what it is.**
3. St. Bernard was a very good monk in the Cistercian order. He was called the "Singer of _____. "
Answer: The Blessed Virgin.
4. To imitate Christ, who had no material goods, monks make a _____ of _____. **Answer: Vow, poverty.**
5. Who inspired St. Anthony the Abbot to found the first order of monks? The answer begins with a "J" and ends with an "S." **Answer: Jesus.**
6. Pictionary: To what do monks dedicate their time? **Answer: To work and prayer.**

PINK-COLORED SPACES: SCHISM AND THE EVANGELIZATION OF AMERICA

1. What was the church that Michael Cerularius created when he separated from the Catholic Church? Starts with an O and ends with an X **Answer: The Orthodox Church.**
2. What were the reasons why Michael Cerularius separated from the Catholic Church? **Answer: He did not want to submit to the Pope of Rome.**
3. Pictionary: How did the evangelizers travel to America? **Answer: On ships.**
4. What woman contributed most to the evangelization of Mexico? **Answer: The Blessed Virgin of Guadalupe.**
5. What method did the missionaries use to teach the indigenous peoples who could not read the faith? **Answer: Through drawings.**



ORANGE-COLORED SPACES PROTESTANTISM

1. Who began the Lutheran Church? **Answer: Martin Luther began the Lutheran Church.**
2. What differences were there between Martin Luther and the person who founded the Catholic Church? **Answer: Martin Luther was just a man, whereas Christ is God and man.**
3. True or False: Martin Luther and Martin Luther King Jr are related. **False. They lived about 700 years apart and lived on different sides of the world.**
4. True or false: The Protestants spend long periods of time in adoration of Jesus in the Eucharist. **Answer: False. They do not believe in Christ's real presence in the Eucharist.**
5. True or false: Protestants do not go to confession because they do not believe in this Sacrament. **Answer: True.**
6. John Calvin founded the protestant Church in France. Is he related to the fashion designer Calvin Klein? . **Answer: No.**
7. True or false: According to Calvin, our good works are worthless, for God has already decided ahead of time whether we will be saved or condemned. **Answer: True – this is one of Calvin's teachings.**
8. Why did Henry VIII found Anglicanism? Clue: had to do with Anne Boyelyn. **Answer: He wanted to get a divorce from his wife, an act not permitted in the Catholic Church.**
9. Henry VII had divorced and remarried several times. How many wives did he have? Multiple choice: A- two; B- four; C- six; D- ten **Answer: C- Six.**
10. A great saint who died in England was St. Thomas More. He died during the reign of Henry VIII because he refused to acknowledge him as the head of the Church. How did the king order him executed? Multiple Choice: A- Tarred and Feather; B- Throw in a pit of snakes; C- Beheaded; D- Shot with a machine gun. **Answer: C.**
11. True or false: The Protestants have many altars in honor of the Blessed Virgin. **Answer: False. The Protestants do not believe in the Blessed Virgin.**
12. Does God like it when so many Catholics leave the Church? You may look up the answer in the Jn. 17. **Answer: No, this hurts him a lot, since he longs for unity.**
13. What is the word for bringing the Churches back together and unifying them? Fill in the letters to come up with the answer (3 letters are missing: CU en sm. **Answer: ECUMENISM.**
14. Does the Pope support Ecumenism? **Answer: Yes, he is the number 1 promoter of unifying the Church.**



YELLOW COLORED SPACES: “NEW AGE”

1. Pictionary: A lot of New Age people think that God can be found in these. **Answer: Trees.**
2. According to people in New Age, must we follow the Ten Commandments? **Answer: No, they teach that we do not need to follow the Ten Commandments.**
3. True or false: People in New Age converse personally with God because God is a person, a friend, for them. **Answer: False. They do not believe in a personal God, but rather a force or energy that unites everyone.**

LIGHT BLUE COLORED SPACES: “THE POPES”

1. How many Popes have there been in history so far? Multiple Choice: A- 40; B- 265; C-2000; D- 4000. **Answer: B-265 Popes.**
2. Who instituted the Papacy in the Church, and whom does the Pope represent? **Answer: Christ founded the Papacy, and the Pope represents Christ.**
3. Name the real name of the current Pope Benedict XVI. **Answer: Josef Ratzinger.**
4. Where was Pope John Paul II born? **Answer: In Poland.**
5. Pictionary: Draw the pope mobile and have your team guess.

SPECIAL BLACK SPACES:

LOSE A TURN

MOVE BACK FIVE SPACES

LOSE A TURN SPACE: If someone on your team can recite the Creed you do not lost a turn.

MOVE BACK FIVE SPACES: If someone can recite the Hail Holy Queen Prayer to Mary you don't need to move back.