Level II Lessons by Age: Easter

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- **Baptism Works**
  - **Synthesis of Baptism**: The gifts and signs of Baptism are introduced to children from the earliest time in Level I, so the presentation in Level II is reinforcement for those children who have been with us for a while. The sacramental signs and gestures are so rich and important that the children don't seem to tire from receiving them again. During this time we try to host a “field trip” to the church to visit the baptismal font, paschal candle, white garments, and holy oils used in our baptisms.
  - **Rite of Baptism**: Children in their second or third year of Level II receive a more complex presentation and work on creating a missal of the Rite of Baptism. In the missal they copy pictures of the rite and include prayers used for each of the blessings.

- **Eucharist Works**
  - **Eucharistic Presence International**: The Level I lesson which connects the Good Shepherd to the presence of Jesus in the Eucharist is expanded in Level II to show that Jesus is not just present to us, but to people throughout the world.
  - **Origin of the Eucharist**: From their earliest years in Level I, the children have received presentations about Jesus' Last Supper and Jesus' presence in our celebration of the Eucharist. This lesson explains how it is possible that we still celebrate the “last supper” today. Starting with the apostle’s continuing the supper, we ponder how the celebration could have developed into what we do today.
  - **Synthesis of the Mass**: The "Synthesis of the Mass" is a compilation of the main moments in the celebration of the Eucharist. This presentation is lengthy, and each child is asked to make his or her own Mass Missal (book). We give this lesson to all first communion candidates. Here some of the objects, moments and gestures of the Mass that we will review:
    - Listening to the Word (readings from the Bible)
    - The objects - cruets, that hold the water and the wine
    - The mixing of water and wine
    - The gesture of Epiclesis (when the priest gestures with his hands the "coming down" of the Holy Spirit on the gifts of bread and wine)
    - The moment when we profess our Mystery of Faith ("We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.")
- The gesture of the Offering (The priest gestures with his hands the people's offering back up to God and says the words "Through Him, with Him, in Him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, forever and ever.")
- The Lord's Prayer
- The gesture of peace where we shake each other's hands to spread and share Christ's peace
- The moment of Holy Communion where we receive Jesus in a special way

These are not new topics because the children have received presentations on these throughout their years of catechesis; however, this is the moment we bring all the elements together into a synthesized whole. In Level III they will spend even more time with the structure and prayers of the Mass.

- **Resurrection Works**
  - **Empty Tomb**: See notes in Level I lessons.
  - **Post-resurrection Narratives**: In this adaptable lesson we read stories from the gospels about the apostles encountering Jesus after the resurrection. Found in Matthew 28, Mark 16, Luke 24 and John 20-21, these stories help us wonder what it would be like to meet the Risen Christ.
  - **Resurrection Bible Studies**: Children in their third year in Atrium II have learned to look up scripture verses. During the Easter season we gather them to read and compare the four resurrection stories. This leads to discussion about how differences exist in the Bible. We ponder why these stories would be different and if they can still be true.
  - **Pentecost Narrative**: Third year students spend the second to last week reading and discussing Acts 2:1-4. We ponder what it means that the Holy Spirit comes down to us. This is to prepare for the Pentecost liturgy we will celebrate the final week.