

## FOLLOWERS – LESSON PLAN

Age	Term	Mod.	Module Theme	Module Title	Lesson Number and Title
5	2	4	CELEBRATIONS	CELEBRATIONS	15: Feasts of the Church

Use the syllabus framework to complete above. Infants: 20 minutes; Juniors: 30 minutes; Middles & Seniors: 45 minutes  
(Mod. = Module Number, Module Theme - in the heading, Module Title - uppercase in the cell, Lesson Num [NO. column] and Title)

Verbal V <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Logical L <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Spatial S <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Kinaesthetic K	Musical M	Intra - personal P1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Inter - personal P2 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Natural N

Tick the appropriate box(es) above [ copy this:  ] for the modes of learning being used in this session.

**Prayer:** Glory be to God on high, and on earth, peace, good will among men. We praise Thee. We bless Thee. We worship Thee. We glorify Thee. We give thanks unto Thee for thy great glory. Amen

**Starter:** Give God the glory. A matching game that teaches children to give glory to God. Children will be invited to match sentences from the doxology prayer, Every day will I bless Thee and I will praise Thy name forever, use same coloured paper for a full sentence to help children reconstruct the line, other sentence will be printed/ written on a different coloured paper.

### Learning objectives:

To learn that we give thanks to God the Father for the blessings of grace given to us and we return those blessings with our love. To learn about the 12 Great Feasts of the Church as happy times in church when we recall and relive the joy of being God's creation. To learn that we express our gratitude with songs of glory to the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

### Core Activities and Learning

The children will be told that they will be learning about the Great Feasts of the Church.

The teacher will tell the children that in all of the Orthodox Church services we continually thank the Almighty Lord for the blessings of grace given to us and we return those blessings with our love. We also express our gratitude with songs of glory to the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. It reminds us of who we are in God's eyes made from dust to rise in glory and live with God for eternity. In this sense, all our prayers represent a meditation about this profound mystery. The teacher will tell the children that the Orthodox Church has established thirteen major celebrations during the church year. At the centre of the year is Easter, the Feast of Feasts, celebrating the Resurrection of Christ and therefore the greatest of Christian celebrations. The other Twelve Great Feasts all relate to the Resurrection, marking the major events leading up to it and after it.

**Read** with the children (in appropriate language) the material in Resource Sheet 15.

**Game:** Divide the children into 2 teams. Show them the icons in order from September to August. The children call out what they think they are seeing (1 point) and what is happening in more detail (2 points). Alternate between the teams for 6 icons each. The final icon (Pascha) is a bonus score of up to 5 points offered to each team (private working and reporting) for all the things they can say about the resurrection of Christ. Give them 5 minutes for this last question).

### Resources:

Icons of the major feasts of the church, (12GreatFeasts.jpg) - but preferably larger actual icons for display purposes)

### Review:

In the Church's Year, we celebrate the great events of our salvation.

### Follow Up:

In the next session we will learn more about Christian living - ears, mouths and hearts.