



Leo XIV at the Sagrada Familia (June 10, 2026)

TEACHING GUIDE

What? A major trip by Pope Leo XIV to Spain, which included a giant Mass in Madrid before more than a million people and the inauguration of the Tower of Jesus Christ at the Sagrada Familia in Barcelona. 🏛️

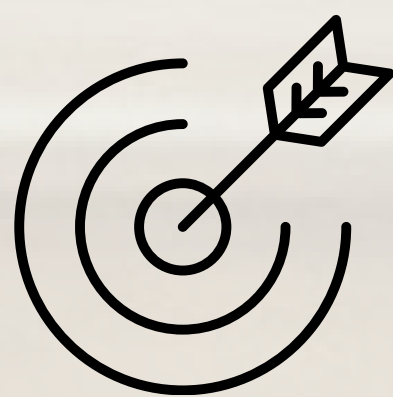
Who? Pope Leo XIV, head of the Catholic Church, welcomed by King Felipe VI, Queen Letizia, and millions of Spanish faithful. 🇪🇸

Where? In Spain, with three stops: Madrid (the capital), Barcelona (in Catalonia), and the Canary Islands (in the Atlantic Ocean).

When? From Saturday, June 6 to Friday, June 12, 2026.

Why is it important? Because this is Pope Leo XIV's fourth trip abroad, and he's come to celebrate the faith with the Spanish people while inaugurating a new tower of the famous Sagrada Familia basilica.

🎯 **For this activity, your goal will be to learn more about Leo XIV and the Sagrada Familia.**



OBJECTIVES

- Discover Pope Leo XIV and his life story
- Understand the history and significance of the Sagrada Família
- Read and interpret an infographic
- Closely observe the details of a monument
- Use an online translation tool (Google Translate)
- Describe a building in your own words



SUBJECTS

- **Social Studies / Religion and Culture**

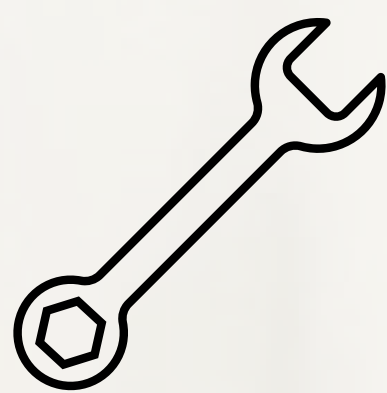
- History of the Papacy
- World Architectural Heritage
- Catholic and Catalan Cultures

- **English**

- Reading and Comprehension
- Descriptive Writing
- Translation of a Liturgical Formula (Etymology)

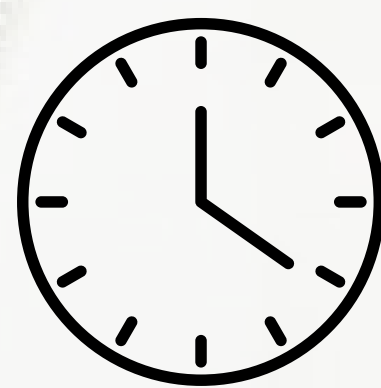
- **Arts / Architecture**

- Observation of a Monument
- Reading an Infographic



COMPETENCIES

- Search for and interpret information (text, image, video)
- Read and interpret an infographic
- Use digital tools (Vikidia, Google Translate)
- Organize ideas
- Produce short and precise answers



DURATION

- Approximately 45 minutes



GETTING STARTED

- Ask the students if they know who the current Pope is.
- Ask them if they have ever seen the Sagrada Família, in a photo or in person.
- Show them an exterior picture of the basilica and gather their reactions.
- Discuss: What purpose does a large church serve, in their opinion?
- Ask: Do they think monuments this large are still being built today?



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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

STEP 1 — A Brand New Pope. Research of biographical information on Pope Leo XIV using Vikidia and completion of an identity card.

Real name — Robert Francis Prevost

Date of birth — September 14, 1955

City and country of birth — Chicago, United States

Pope Since — May 8, 2025

His Motto — “In the One, [we are] one”

STEP 2 — A Papal Blessing. Observation of the Sagrada Família infographic and answers to four comprehension questions.

Q1 — It measures 172 meters. It is the tallest tower of the basilica.

Q2 — There are 18 towers.

Q3 — They are each 135 meters tall.

Q4 — They represent the 12 disciples of Jesus.

STEP 3 — The Tower of Jesus Christ. Virtual tour of the tower using a video, translation of a Latin inscription with Google Translate, and description of the monument.

Q5 — SANCTUS, DOMINUS et ALTISSIMUS

Q6 — You alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord, You alone are the Most High.

Q7 — Answer may vary.



WRAPPING UP

- Conduct a group discussion to reflect on what the students have learned.
- Discuss what surprised them (the Pope's life, the duration of the construction, the height of the tower).
- Ask: Why can a monument take more than 140 years to build?
- Make connections with other major monuments known to the students (cathedrals, castles, skyscrapers).



FURTHER EXPLORATION

Who is Pope Leo XIV? for Kids | All About Robert Francis Prevost

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<https://youtu.be/1Yu8zF1x57A?si=5BTpAja7X8CNN5jb>

