

Overview

In Chapter 4 the children learned that Jesus worked among the people. In this chapter the children will learn about love and how Jesus wants us to live our daily lives.

Doctrinal Content

For Adult Reading and Reflection
Catechism of the Catholic Church

The children will learn:	Paragraph
• Many people wanted to follow Jesus.	544–546
• Jesus taught the Great Commandment.	2055
• Jesus taught us to love God, ourselves, and others.	1931
• Jesus taught us that all people are our neighbors.	1931

Key Word

commandments
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Catechist Background

What does Jesus teach about love?

During his public mission on earth, Jesus often used parables to teach God’s message of love. The people who came to Jesus heard simple stories drawn from daily life that served as invitations to enter God’s Kingdom. For example, he spoke of the person who sells all he has in order to buy the field in which a treasure is buried (Matthew 13:44).

At the heart of Jesus’ life and teaching was the Great Commandment requiring love of God, of oneself, and of one’s neighbor. His disciples were to express that love by obeying the commandments and by living the Beatitudes.

This requirement to love means that followers of Jesus must treat everyone as a neighbor. In the parable of the good Samaritan, the lawyer who asks Jesus “And who is my neighbor?” is led to the

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- Six Tasks of Catechesis
- Catholic Social Teaching.

conclusion that the neighbor is the one who treated the victim with compassion. Jesus says, “Go and do likewise” (Luke 10:29, 37). Christians may not discriminate against any person or group in serving those in need.

In the Gospel of John we are reminded that living Jesus’ teaching about love is the very identity of his disciples. Jesus declares, “This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another” (John 13:35).

How will you become more conscious of those in need? What will be your response?

Lesson Planning Guide

Lesson Steps

Presentation

Materials

1 WE GATHER

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Prayer



Focus on Life

- Pray for Jesus' blessing.

- Identify people that you like to spend time with and discuss why.

For the prayer space: a large poster with the Great Commandment printed on it, statue or picture of Jesus, Bible

2 WE BELIEVE

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Many people wanted to follow Jesus.



- Read and talk about what people learned from spending time with Jesus.
- Circle ways of spending time with Jesus.

- yellow crayon or highlighter

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Jesus taught the Great Commandment.



Matthew 22:37, 39



- Introduce the commandments.
- Read the Scripture story and text.
- Do the activity about showing love for God.
- Read and discuss the *As Catholics* text.

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Jesus taught us to love God, ourselves, and others.



- Present the text about loving God, ourselves, and others.
- Do the identifying activity.

- crayons or colored pencils

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Jesus taught us that all people are our neighbors.



Luke 10:30–35

- Read and discuss the Scripture story about the good Samaritan.

3 WE RESPOND

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- Discuss being good neighbors.
- Sing a song about being a neighbor.

- Grade 1 CD
- copies of Reproducible Master 5, guide page 51C

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Project Disciple

- Complete the **Project Disciple** activities.
- Explain the *Take Home* activity.
- Discuss/send home **Sharing Faith with My Family** reproducible master for this chapter.

- pencils, crayons or colored pencils
- copies of **Sharing Faith with My Family** reproducible master, Chapter 5 (back of book)

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Chapter 5 Test

- Complete **Chapter 5 Test**.
- Work on *Alternative Assessment* activity.

- optional: copies of Scripture reproducible master, *What's the Word?*, Chapter 5 (back of book)

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