

Grade 7 Unit 1 Lessons

Lesson 1: Universal Mission

Opening Prayer: [Begin and end with the Sign of the Cross and remind students that when we make the Sign of the Cross, we are inviting God into our minds (thoughts and will), into our hearts (desires and emotions) and into the areas in our lives where things have gone wrong, and asking God to bring them to right]

Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and enkindle in us the fire of your love. Amen

1. Intro:

We will be using videos from the Decision Point program in our Online Lessons. Please note that there are 5 videos associated with the link provided. Please ensure you are watching the correct video.

2. Watch and Learn: DP Session 1.0 Navigation

<https://dynamiccatholic.com/confirmation/program-view/session-1/>

The Church is for everyone. The Mission of the Church is to invite *everyone* into relationship with God, even and especially those who are or have made wrong choices. Like this guy named Saul... Watch what happened: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rLZ67inPx-4> Saul became one of the greatest Saints ever (He even has churches named after him – like ours!).

3. Explore: Life is Choices

Watch 1.1 Your Choices Matter. <https://dynamiccatholic.com/confirmation/program-view/session-1/> Then complete the ‘My Choices Matters’ sheet below by writing 3 choices you made today and underneath each choice explain how that choice helped you to be either a better or lesser version of yourself

Choices of the Early church leaders changed the world. At the Council of Jerusalem, Peter (the first Pope), helped by the Holy Spirit, used reason and conscience, and chose to allow Gentiles (Non-Jews) to become Christians. Some Jews wanted to only allow those who followed Jewish rules to be Christians. Peter had to make a choice, and the Holy Spirit guided Him.

The Holy Spirit can guide you too. Watch the following short video called ‘The Advocate’ <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hR7tb1eEP4>

Write down one choice that the main character made in which he listened to the Holy Spirit and how that made him a better person.

My Choices Matter

Choice #1: _____

Explain:

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Explain:

4. Final Prayer:

Find a quiet place to sit and take a few deep breaths and bring yourself into the presence of God. Reminder to begin and end with the Sign of the Cross.

Dear God, please send your Holy Spirit to guide me and help me make good choices so I can become the best version of myself. [If there is a choice that you need to make, take a few minutes and ask God for His help with that situation].

Amen.

Lesson 2: Human Dignity

Opening Prayer: Find a quiet place to sit. Make the Sign of the Cross and put Yourself in the presence of God. Open your Bible to Matthew 25:40 and read the verse slowly. Pray:

God, help me to see You in every person I meet. Amen

1. Intro:

Read p. 24 & 25 of your Life in Christ textbook and write your answer to the Faith Connection question on the bottom of p. 25 here:

2. Watch DP 1.3 God's Dream for you: <https://dynamiccatholic.com/confirmation/program-view/session-1/> (you will need to scroll right when you click this link until you come to the correct video)

Watch DP 1.4 Be a Rebel : <https://dynamiccatholic.com/confirmation/program-view/session-1/> (you will need to scroll)

Spend some time thinking about what the best-version-of-yourself looks like. What's holding you back from being the best-version-of-yourself? Write your answers on the sheet below.

3. Explore:

Watch the following video on Jesus' way to happiness:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wxWCspyE7lg&t=22s>

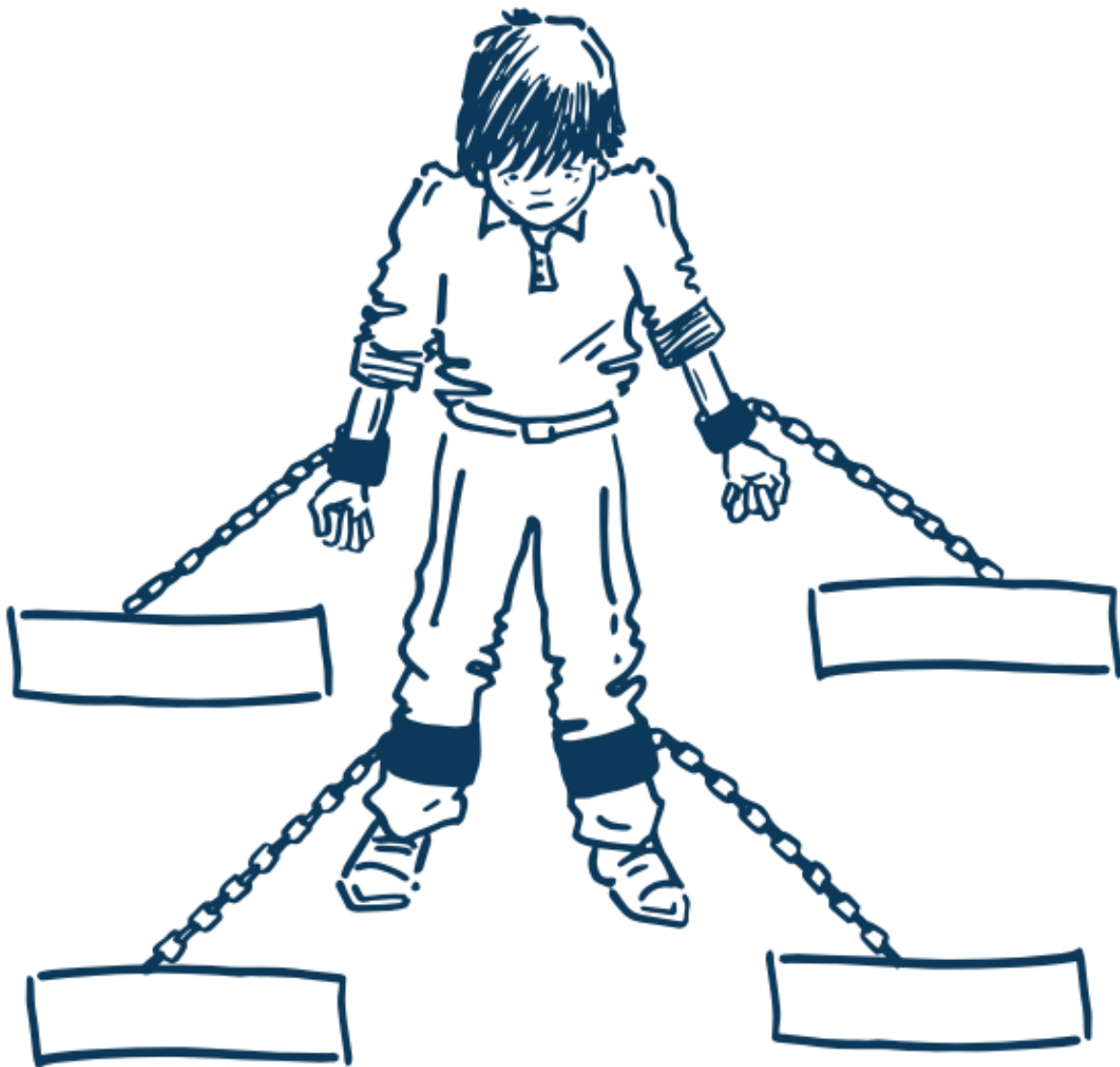
Then complete the Faith Connection box on page 28 of your textbook.

3. Final Prayer

Then make the Sign of the Cross, think about the things that you want in life that you think will make you happy. Then ask God what He wants for you, and just spend some time listening.

What I heard:

WHAT'S ENSLAVING YOU?



Lesson 3: To Follow Jesus

Opening Prayer: [Begin and end with the Sign of the Cross]

Dear God, help us to better understand what it means to follow Jesus. Amen

1. Intro:

Read p. 36 & 37 in your Life in Christ textbook and answer the following:

What is the Kingdom of God? (Hint: check p.174)

2. Watch and learn:

Watch DP 2.0 What are you doing? <https://dynamiccatholic.com/confirmation/program-view/session-2/>

Is there someone in your life that you need to apologize to? Is there someone in your life that you need to forgive? Take a minute and talk to God about it.

If we want to help bring about the Kingdom of God, we need to start by loving God and loving our neighbor.

3. Explore:

Using the green box on p. 41 of your Life in Christ text, write out what you are doing right now to love God. Use the space below if you need more space.

4. Final Prayer:

When we love one God and one another we are being our best versions. One woman who did this and became her best self was Mother Theresa. Watch this video about how she says we can create a Revolution of Love.

Revolution of Love: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RYex8kpB-OY>

Ask God what you can do today to share His love in your family. Write what you hear below.

Lesson 4: Guided by Conscience

Opening Prayer: Find a quiet place with your Bible, make the Sign of the Cross and quietly read Matthew 5:14. Thank God for His Words. End with the Sign of the Cross.

Intro:

Read p. 48 & 49 in your Life in Christ textbook.

Either in your own words or with the help of the glossary on p. 260, define what Sin is:

Watch and Learn:

DP 2.1 The Quest for Happiness (Scroll right)

<https://dynamiccatholic.com/confirmation/program-view/session-2/>

What are you doing right now to try to be happy?

Watch DP 3.2 The Problem and the Solution (Scroll Right)

<https://dynamiccatholic.com/confirmation/program-view/session-3/>

Explore: Elements of Moral Actions p. 51

Pick a choice that you or someone you knew made recently. Break it down into the Elements of Moral Actions as explained on p.51

What was chosen? (Moral Act)

Why was that chosen? (Intention)

Details Surrounding the Act (Circumstances)

Final Prayer: Pray the Our Father slowly, really listening to the words and ask God to help you make good decisions this week.

