

8th and 9th Grade ROC - Decision Point (January)

SESSION FIVE: THE BIBLE

Objectives

- To give a general introduction to the Bible.
- To demonstrate that the Word of God is a practical and powerful source of inspiration and direction in our lives.
- Develop the habit of reading the Bible regularly.

Prayer

Loving Father, thank you for this day and thank you for this opportunity to explore your Word in the Scriptures. Inspire me to live with passion and purpose. Help me to discover the genius of your ways. Quiet my mind and open my heart so that I can hear exactly what you are trying to say to me today. Give me wisdom to embrace your wars with joy; give me courage to walk with you at every moment; give me strength when the world makes me weary; and help me to remember that I can always find rest and renewal in the Scriptures. Amen. (Matthew Kelly)

Introduction: Unexpected Gifts



5.1 A Map for the Journey (Pages 112-115)



5.2 Introduction to the Bible (Pages 118-121)



5.3 How Should I Use the Bible? (Pages 124-128)



5.4 The Power of Habit (Pages 130-133)



5.5 Decision Point (Pages 136-138)



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SESSION SIX: RELATIONSHIPS

Objectives

- Establish the purpose of relationships and that the most important relationship in our lives is with God.
- Teach how to make good decisions in the area of relationships.
- Demonstrate that developing healthy relationships is essential to the life God is calling us to live.

Prayer

Lord of all pots and pans and things, since I've no time to be a great saint by doing lovely things, or watching late with thee, or dreaming in the dawnlight, or storming heaven's gates, make me a saint by getting meals, and washing up the plates. Warm all the kitchen with thy love, and light it with thy peace; forgive me all my worrying, and make my grumblings cease. Thou who didst love to give men food, in room, or by the sea, accept the service that I do, I do it unto thee. Amen. (Brother Lawrence)

Introduction: Bear Bait



6.1 What is the Purpose? (Pages 142-145)



6.2 Choose Your Friends Wisely (Pages 148-151)



6.3 What is Love? (Pages 154-157)



6.4 Your Quest for Love (Pages 158-160)



6.5 Decision Point (Pages 162-164)





Moving forward in faith in the spirit of radical hospitality.



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Although things are quite a bit different than they were last year, we are looking forward to journeying with you through the ROC (Rite of Confirmation) program as you prepare to be confirmed! This year at ROC, we will be using a program called Decision Point.

Decision Point consists of 12 sessions which we are asking you to complete throughout the school year (two sessions each month). Each session focuses on six short videos which can be found on the [Decision Point website](#) or in the links provided in the attached program outline. Your Decision Point workbook features discussion/journal questions along with some supplementary information and activities.

In addition to Decision Point, you can expect to receive some videos from us each month discussing the specifics of Confirmation and addressing some of the topics you will be learning about. There will also be some opportunities for you to ask questions about the Church which we will answer during these videos.

The most important part of our Catholic faith and the ROC program is Sunday Mass. We hope that you will either join us for our [11 a.m. Livestream Mass](#) or our Life Teen Mass, which is currently being held at 2 p.m. on Sunday afternoon on the lawn behind St. Helen's in Norwell.

Due to the current health restrictions, we are limited in the number of in-person activities that Life Teen is able to host. However, please consider joining us some Monday evening for Pizza-less Prayer at 7:15 p.m. at St. Mary's in Hanover or any of our other events, which can be found on [LifeTeenSMASH.com](#).

Know that we are praying for you and hope to see you soon!