

# Lesson 8 – Jesus Teaches Love

## Grade 1 – Chapter 8

### KEY CONCEPT

*A Commandment is a law that God made for people to obey. The Great Commandment teaches that you are to love God above all else and love others as you love yourself.*

### QUICK SESSION

#### OVERVIEW

STEP 1 - WELCOME

STEP 2 - INVITE

STEP 3 - DISCOVER

STEP 4 - LIVE

STEP 5 - CLOSING

### HELPFUL HINT OF THE DAY

#### Be Prepared

-Review the materials before class, mark the Scripture passages in your Bible, watch the videos, and ask the Holy Spirit to guide you

-Being prepared send so many messages to these young people:

“You matter”

“This is important”

“I want to make this a great experience for you”

## ***STEP 1 - WELCOME***

### **TIP**

**Community Activity – Stained Glass Angel sheet**

## ***STEP 2 – INVITE***

### **TIP**

#### **Let us Pray**

- **Say prayer on pg. 125**
- **Say Our Father**
- **Read God's word section.**
- **Talk about What do you wonder questions.**

## **STEP 3 – DISCOVER**

### **TIP**

#### **Show Your Love**

- **Read the 1<sup>st</sup> paragraph**
- **Do the Critical thinking section. The question asks the children to suggest what Brooke will give her grandpa. The children need to use the clues in the story to figure out a logical answer. Some children may give a general answer such as “candy”. These children need direction in thinking back to what they heard.**
- **Read the story (paragraphs)**
- **Discuss how Chores can be gifts. Discuss with the children how family chores can be seen as gifts to the whole family. Have the children ask family members about some of the things they do to help the family. Explain that family members should do their chores out of love for one another.**

**Activity – Have the children get a blank piece of paper. Have them draw a picture of how they could show love to someone else**

#### **Love God and Others**

- **Read paragraphs**
- **Read God’s Word**

#### **The Great Commandment**

- **Read section**

**Activity – Love God and Others sheet**

#### **Advent section**

**Review sheet on what Advent is and what it means.**

**Hand out Advent wreath sheet to students and talk to them about doing an activity listed on the calendar each day to help get them prepared for Christmas.**

**Activity – Advent Prayer Cards**

## ***STEP 4 – LIVE***

### **TIP**

#### **Our Catholic Life**

- **Read paragraphs and talk about commandments**
- **Do the Love God and Others section**

#### **Read about St Thomas of Villanova**

#### **Take Homes**

- **Remind the children to review the Faith and Family section with their parents**
- **Chapter Review.**

## ***STEP 5 – CLOSING***

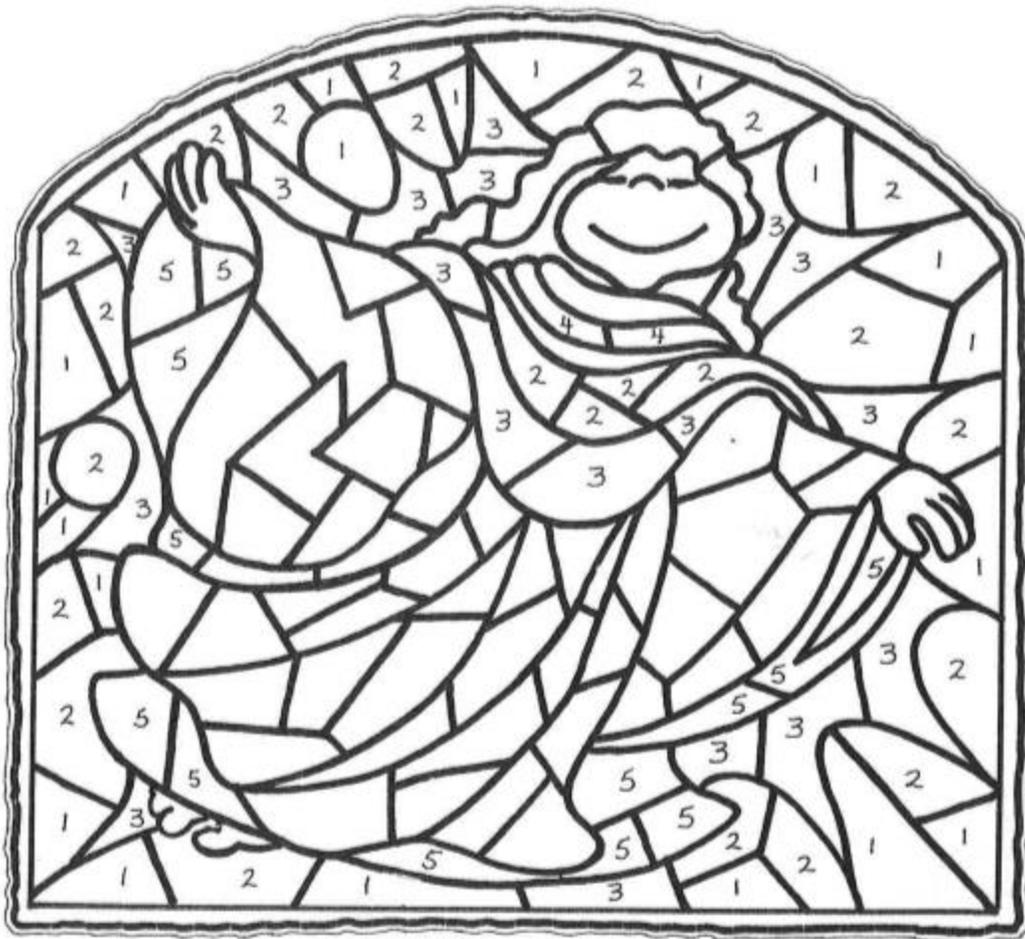
### **TIP**

#### **Closing Prayer**

- **Review Our Father and Hail Mary**

# STAINED-GLASS ANGEL

Color the stained-glass window below with the correct color for each number listed. See a beautiful angel appear before your eyes!



**1 = red**  
**2 = blue**  
**3 = yellow**

**4 = green**  
**5 = purple**

**All unnumbered sections should be left white.**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

## Love God and Others

Listen to each sentence. Draw a happy face next to some ways to love God and others.

1. Say "I'm sorry."

2. Pick up your toys.

3. Tell someone they can't play.

4. Pray.

5. Make your brother or sister cry.

6. Help at home.

7. Go to Mass.

8. Help a classmate who is sad.

9. Take something that does not belong to you.

10. Push or shove someone.

## The Tradition of Advent

Advent is the period of four Sundays and weeks before Christmas (or sometimes from the 1<sup>st</sup> of December to Christmas Day!). Advent means 'Coming' in Latin. This is the coming of Jesus into the world.

Many Advent wreaths also have a white candle in the center to symbolize the arrival of Christmastide, sometimes known as the "Christ candle." It is lit on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day. ... One interpretation holds that purple means hope and waiting, which aligns with the seasonal meaning of Advent.

The first candle of the Advent Wreath, the Prophecy Candle or Candle of Hope, is purple. The second, called the Bethlehem Candle or the Candle of Preparation, is also purple in color. Likewise, the fourth Advent Candle color is purple. It's called the Angel Candle or the Candle of Love.

One of the candles surrounding the Christ Candle in the Advent wreath is rose colored, for Gaudete Sunday or Joy Sunday, the beginning of the third week in Advent.

To mark each of the Sundays of Advent, cut out one of the flames and glue it on the candle. On the Third Sunday of Advent, glue a flame on the rose-colored candle. On the First, Second, and Fourth Sundays of Advent, glue a flame onto the appropriate violet colored candle. (The four Sundays of Advent are labeled on the sheet)

Use the calendar for examples of things to do each day in Advent to help prepare for the coming of Jesus.

Advent Prayer Cards

Color and cut out these prayers for Advent. Place your prayer cards by your bed to remind yourself to say the prayers.

Week 1

O God, during this Advent season, help me prepare for the coming of your Son.

May I remember to show kindness to those around me. Fill my heart with love for you.  
Amen.



LOVE

Week 2

Jesus, when you came you brought peace to the world.

Show me how to love my brothers, sisters, and friends. May I always be a sign of your peace. Amen.



PEACE

Week 3

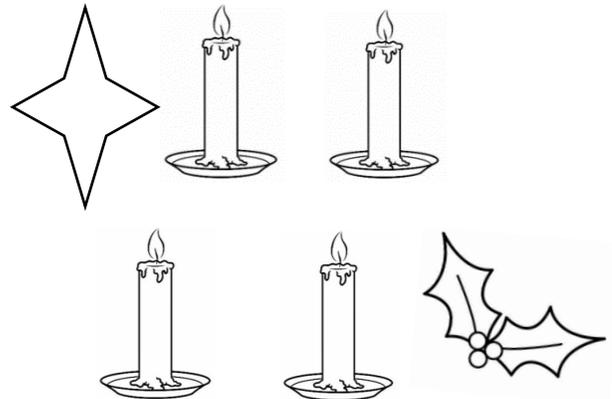
Dear Lord, Advent is a season of joy. Help me serve you always with a happy heart. Amen.



JOY

Week 4

Heavenly Father, when you sent your Son to our world, everyone rejoiced in hope. During Advent and Christmas renew my hope in you. Amen.



HOPE

