

# Lesson 6 – Making Good Choices

Grade 4 – Chapter 6

## KEY CONCEPT

*God's grace helps us use reason and free will to make good choices. Conscience is our God-given ability that helps us judge right from wrong*

## QUICK SESSION OVERVIEW

STEP 1 - WELCOME

STEP 2 - INVITE

STEP 3 - DISCOVER

STEP 4 - LIVE

STEP 5 - CLOSING

## HELPFUL HINT OF THE DAY

### Redirect Behavior

-Kids don't always hear what you say but how you say it. A firm, confident voice is different than just a frustrated, angry one.

-Tell them to stop. If you find yourself yelling, you are losing control of the group.

-Being specific about your directions lets them know what is needed. Being prepared and stating this upfront will help you lead effectively.

-Sometimes we all just need to move around, so lead them in an activity that might get them out of their seats or the classroom.

## **STEP 1 - WELCOME**

### **TIP**

**Community Activity**

## **STEP 2 - INVITE**

### **TI**

**Let us Pray**

**Chapter Poem: "Too Many Choices"**

- **Use this poem after the opening prayer, before explaining that God created us with the ability to make choices**

#### **Too Many Choices**

**A scoop of ice cream,**

**which will it be?**

**Peppermint Bon Bon,**

**or Rocky Road**

**Chocolate Almond,**

**or Cherry nut,**

**Neapolitan,**

**or Orange Sherbet**

**So many choices.**

**Too many it seems!**

- **Ask: What is an important choice you have made?**
- **Ask: What helps you make a choice? What makes it harder?**
- **Ask: Who or what helps you choose what is right and just?**
- **Ask: What are some ways you can form your conscience in order to choose what is right and just?**

## **STEP 3 – DISCOVER**

### **TIP**

#### **Choices and Consequences**

- **Read and discuss the section with the prompts given**
- **Ask the kids what their definition of “freedom” is**
  - **Saint John Paul II’s definition: “Freedom consists not in doing what we like, but having the right to do what we ought.”**
  - **Having the ability to choose to do the right thing, is what true freedom looks like**
- **Emphasize that the Ten Commandments allow us freedom to live, not restrict our lives**
  - **They are there to keep us safe and drawing closer in relationship to God**

#### **Go Back to Chapter 3 to review Ten Commandments (pg. 77)**

- **Activity – Do the Ten Commandment sheet**

#### **God’s Gift of Conscience**

- **Read and discuss the section and the Scripture passage**
- **Ask the children, “How would you feel if you were helping the hurt person? If you were the hurt person, how would you feel while you were being helped? How would you feel if you were hurt like the man in the parable and no one stopped to help you? What do you think Jesus meant when he said, ‘Love your neighbor as yourself’? What can you do to help others in need?”**

#### **Finish discussion about conscience on pg. 111**

#### **Activity Master 6: Word Puzzle**

## ***STEP 4 – LIVE***

### **TIP**

#### **Our Catholic Life**

- **Go through the “Making Good Decisions” table and discuss things they can specifically do at home**

#### **People of Faith**

- **Discuss about Saint Charles Lwanga**

#### **Live Your Faith**

- **Allow for Time to go through this section. Have them use relevant examples from their lives**

#### **If time:**

- **Use the Catholic Social Teaching section on pg. 294-295**

#### **Take Homes:**

- **Review Family and Faith section with your parents.**
- **Chapter Review and Unit review if not done in class**

## ***STEP 5 – CLOSING***

### **TIP**

#### **Pray:**

- **Act of Contrition**
- **Memorare**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

## Word Puzzle

Complete each sentence, and write the answer on the lines provided. Then transfer the letter to the numbered spaces at the bottom of the page. You will discover a sentence that gives some good advice.

1. You can use the gift of free will to make _____ choices	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>							
	13	5	5	14							
2. _____ weakens your relationship with God.	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>								
	15	10	9								
3. Prayer and _____ help you think things through.	<input type="text"/>										
	15	3	6	14	4						
4. Disobeying a _____ can have unfortunate consequences.	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>							
	7	6	1	11							
5. God will give you a second chance to make a _____ choice.	<input type="text"/>										
	12	2	3	3	2	7					
6. You can _____ on the Holy Spirit to help you.	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>							
	7	2	1	4							
7. Good choices help you grow _____ to God.	<input type="text"/>										
	8	1	5	15	2	7					
	<input type="text"/>										
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7				
	<input type="text"/>										
	8	5	9	15	8	10	11	9	8	11	
	<input type="text"/>										
	12	2	4	5	6	7	13	6	10	14	11



