

Lesson 8 – Love God and Neighbor

Grade 4 - Chapter 8 and Advent

KEY CONCEPT

The Great Commandment is to love God with all your heart, strength, and mind and to love your neighbor as yourself. The Theological Virtues of faith, hope, and charity help us to love God and grow closer to him.

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

STEP 2 - INVITE

TIP

Let us Pray

Hail Mary

Chapter Story: “Signs of Love”

- **Use this story after the opening prayer, before explaining that being a follower of Jesus means loving God and our neighbor.**

Signs of Love

Elena keeps a photo album. Some of the pictures are of times and places in which she showed God’s love to others. Other pictures show ways that other people showed God’s love to her.

- **Ask the children what the pictures in Elena’s album might show?**
- **Ask: If this were your album, what pictures would you include?**
- **Ask the children to name three ways they have shown God’s love to others. Then transition back to the lesson instruction.**

Read Scripture

Do What do you wonder questions.

STEP 3 – DISCOVER

TIP

The Great Commandment

- **Read and discuss the section.**
- **Ask: How is the Great Commandment like the Ten Commandments?**
- **Do the “Share Your Faith” section**

Read the Following Jesus paragraphs and the Scripture section on pg. 133

Love God

- **Read and discuss the section**
- **Talk about the Theological Virtues**
- **Read the Acts of Charity section**
- **Use the “Connect Your Faith” to help talk about practical ways to live**

Activity Master 8: Corporal Works of Mercy Mobile

Advent Intro

TIP

Change our Hearts (pg 16)

Talk about the color purple and how it is the color for Advent.

Ask: What do Catholics prepare for during Advent?

The Path of Love

Help the children understand what is meant by “small acts of sacrifice and penance.”

Ask: What changes can you make to straighten your path and bring you closer to Jesus?

Activity - Do the Prepare the Way activity on pg. 17

STEP 4 – LIVE

TIP

Our Catholic Life

- **Read paragraphs**
- **Go through the “Many Ways to Help” and discuss the practicality**

Quick Tip: Practice Empathy

- **Empathy is distinct from sympathy. Empathy requires you to identify with a person rather than only to feel sorry for him or her. When we empathize, we understand how something feels for someone else. Cultivate empathy in the children.**

People of Faith

- **Discuss about Saint Katherine Drexel**

Live Your Faith

- **Go through the activity to help them to focus on the next week**

Take Homes:

- **Family and Faith**
- **Chapter Review**

STEP 5 – CLOSING

TIP

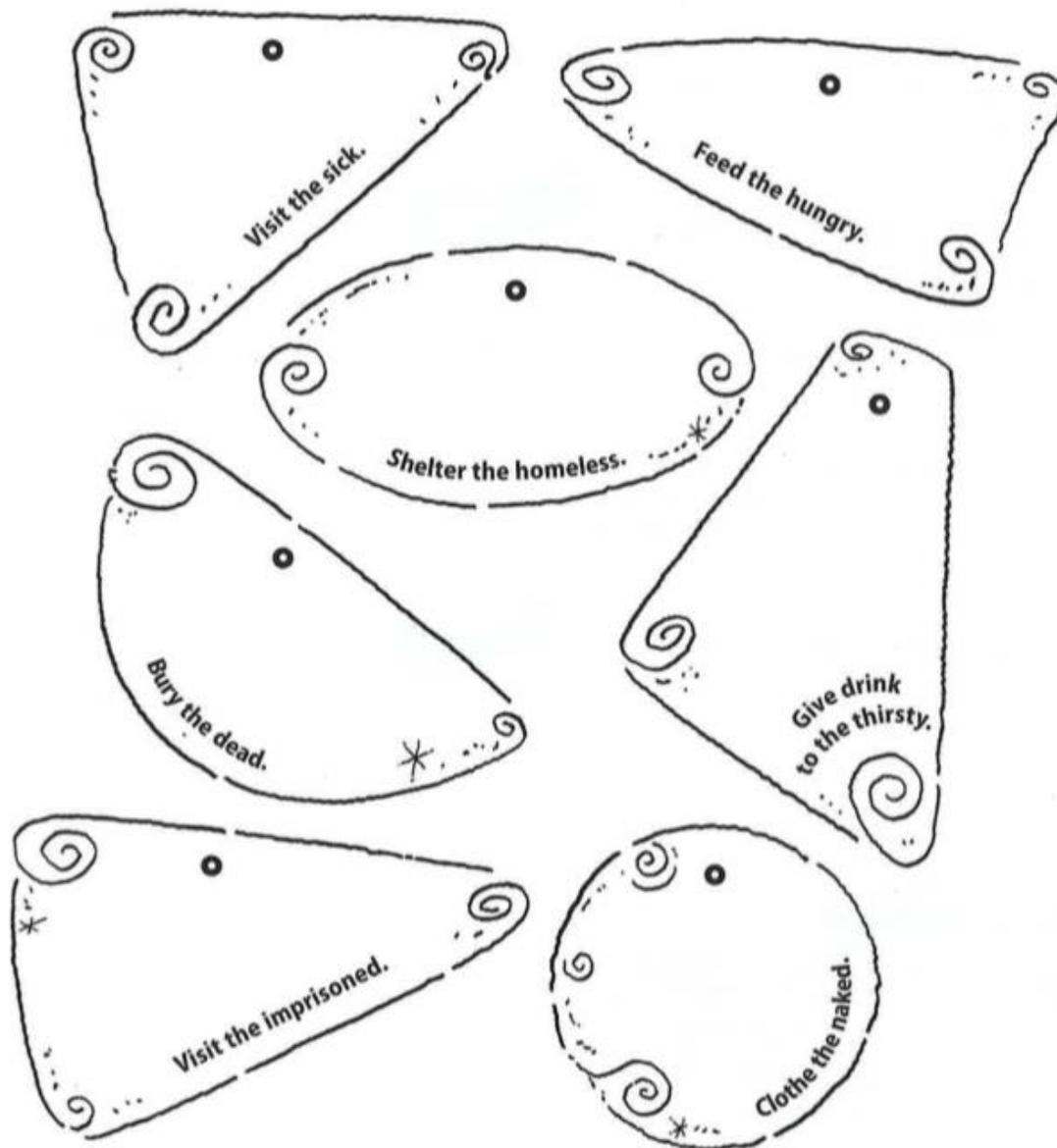
Pray:

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

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Corporal Works of Mercy Mobile

Think of a symbol to represent each of the Corporal Works of Mercy. Draw and color your symbols in the shapes below. Then cut out the shapes and glue them to pieces of cardboard. Use different lengths of string or yarn to hang the symbols from a clothes hanger.



worship

C B W W E V V J E S U S O U W E S
A X E B C R P H B I B L E E S N E
K K E K T W D S I G U X H P V Z A
A C S O O S G T L W V H B O I O F
L B I G O T D U L N W L C J L Y L
J V A R I B W D Q O B E H A T Y T
G F R M B O E Y R Y V T G S E R L
M T P U R W O T S C Z N E Q B R O
O P R S G F H G I V E U V E Z G P
P L H I H Y V E Z V Q X G R J M I
Y I X C V C G C L E W V T A N F B
P T C H I C G J R P E D D H U F J
K N A H T H B P U E B Q C S S V G
P J T S K P C K P Q A R L D W Q N
C R A Y H T S R I F U T D O L F I
J P A T M M S A P H W I O G V E S
K Z V Y C Y O S C J H L U R S G E

study	love	creator	worthy
share	preach	music	help
request	thank	church	holy
give	first	jesus	praise
sing	bible	pray	God
worship			

The Tradition of **Advent**

Advent is the period of four Sundays and weeks before Christmas (or sometimes from the 1st 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**.

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