

# Lesson 20 – Forever with God

Grade 1 – Chapter 20

## KEY CONCEPT

*Jesus said those who die can have new life with him in Heaven. God invites all people to Heaven. All who follow Jesus and obey God's laws will go to Heaven.*

## QUICK SESSION OVERVIEW

*STEP 1 - WELCOME*

*STEP 2 - INVITE*

*STEP 3 - DISCOVER*

*STEP 4 - LIVE*

*STEP 5 - CLOSING*

## Thank You for a Great Year!

- Without your help, this program wouldn't be what it is. I know that each class might not have been the easiest for you, but these kids needed the example that you have set for them. They need to hear the good news of the Gospel and experience the Faith in the profound way.
- Thank you for all that you have done for the parish and for all that you will continue to do. We are blessed to have you as a part of this community!
- Please remember to fill out the Catechist Feedback Form!

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

### **TIP**

**Community Activity –coloring sheet**

## ***STEP 2 – INVITE***

### **TIP**

**Let us Pray**

- **Say the Our Father**

**Read God's word section**

- **Talk about What do you wonder questions.**

## **STEP 3 – DISCOVER**

### **TIP**

#### **Life Forever with God (pg. 262)**

##### **Ask: What is Heaven?**

- **Read paragraph**
- **Lead the children through a simple enactment of a flower's life cycle**
  - **Ask the children to curl up in a ball. Tell them that plants start out as seeds.**
  - **Have the children stand, and tell them that plants grow.**
  - **Ask them to stand on their toes with arms stretch up. Tell them that flowers bloom.**
  - **Ask the children to drop to the floor, and tell them that the flower dies.**
  - **Remind them that Jesus promised his followers life after death.**

**Read God's word and ask question: What do you think it is like with God the Father?**

#### **Happiness Forever (pg. 263)**

- **Read paragraph**
- **Do the Share your Faith section.**

#### **Happy Forever (pg. 264)**

**Ask: What do you need to do to be happy with God forever?**

**Read the paragraph**

**Look at the pictures of the saints and ask what the children know about each saint.**

**Explain that the Saints are among those who are in Heaven with Jesus.**

#### **The Way to Heaven**

**Read paragraph**

**Activity – The Way to Heaven worksheet**

## ***STEP 4 – LIVE***

### **TIP**

#### **Our Catholic Life**

- **Ask: What do we do when someone dies?**
- **Read paragraph**
- **Review the When Someone dies box and talk about the people and things you might see and the things you might do.**

**Talk about Saint Emily de Vialor**

**Activity – Do the Live your Faith section.**

#### **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**

### Saint Joan of Arc

When she was 17, she heard the voice of God calling her to drive the enemies of France from the land. She went to the King and asked for a small army of soldiers. She was given a small band. She carried a banner with the words "Jesus, Mary". This gave the soldiers courage and they drove the British army into retreat. Later, Joan fell into the hands of the British and was burned to death. While she was dying, she cried out "Jesus, Jesus".

### St. Francis of Assisi

Francis was born with rich parents but when he was sick, he heard God calling him so Francis began to visit the hospitals and to serve the sick. He put on clothes of a poor shepherd and began to preach to the people about peace with God, peace with one's neighbor, and peace with one's self. He started a new religious order called the Franciscans. He was very kind to animals.

### St. Jude

Jude was a nephew of Mary and Joseph and a cousin to Jesus. He must have known Jesus well in his boyhood. Jude left all to follow the Master (Jesus). He is sometimes pictures with an image of our Lord because he cured the King of Edessa from leprosy in the name of Jesus. God gave Jude a special power. When he ordered the devils in pagan idols to leave, the images fell to the ground, broken into pieces. He and Simon suffered martyrdom in Persia, where they labored as missionaries. He is very popular as the patron of desperate cases.

### St. Martin de Porres

He was born in Lima, Peru to a Spanish father and a black, or Indian, mother. He grew up poor and had a deep understanding and love for the poor. When he was young, he went to work for a surgeon-barber where he learned about medicine and how to care for the sick and wounded. At the age of 15, Martin entered the Dominican convent as a helper. He became a lay brother. With joy and generosity, he performed lowly tasks in the kitchen, laundry, wardrobe room, and infirmary. He loved all God's creatures, even the lowly mice which did so much damage to the convent linens. Blessed with the gift of healing, Martin once cured the ailing Archbishop of Mexico with a touch of the hand.

### St. Bernadette

Bernadette's parents were very poor. They lived near Lourdes, in France. One day, in 1858, while Bernadette was gathering firewood, a beautiful Lady stood in a cave before her. She was dressed in blue and white and there were roses at her feet. She smiled at Bernadette and asked her to say the rosary with her. Bernadette say the Lady 18 times. Once the Lady said, "I do not promise to make you happy in this world, but in heaven." Large crowds followed Bernadette to the grotto to say the rosary with her. They could not see the Lady. The Lady asked Bernadette to scrape the earth. The miraculous spring of Lourdes started to flow. Many pilgrims have been cured. When Bernadette asked the Lady her name, the Lady looked up to heaven and said, "I am the Immaculate Conception." Her message was: "Pray for sinners." She asked that a chapel be built near the grotto. Today this spot is a great shrine of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Later, Bernadette became a nun.

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

## The Way to Heaven

Jesus tells how to love. Showing love is the way to Heaven.  
Write the word from the Word Bank to fill in the blanks.

### Word Bank

share  
help  
forgive  
pray  
kind



1. I show love when I \_\_\_\_\_  
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\_\_\_\_\_ at home.



2. I show love when I \_\_\_\_\_  
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\_\_\_\_\_ with those who are poor.



3. I show love when I \_\_\_\_\_  
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\_\_\_\_\_.



4. I show love when I am \_\_\_\_\_  
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\_\_\_\_\_ and not mean.



5. I show love when I \_\_\_\_\_  
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\_\_\_\_\_ others and make up.

# A Happy Day

(Luke 8)

Jesus took hold of the dead girl's hand. He told her to get up. The girl did as Jesus said. She was alive again. How happy her mother and father were!

Use the code to color the picture.

1 - blue

3 - brown

5 - red

2 - green

4 - orange

6 - purple

