

Welcome in the Kingdom

Grade 2 – Chapter 13

KEY CONCEPT

The Kingdom of God is the world of love, peace, and justice that is in Heaven and is still being built on Earth. Everyone is welcome in God's Kingdom and in the Catholic Church.

QUICK SESSION OVERVIEW

STEP 1 - WELCOME

STEP 2 - INVITE

STEP 3 - DISCOVER

STEP 4 - LIVE

STEP 5 - CLOSING

HELPFUL HINT OF THE DAY

Always Address the “so what?” Question

- The tradition, doctrines, scripture and heritage we possess sit in a vacuum if they are not connected with real life experiences
- There is always a “why” behind each teaching of the Faith
- These are the most important things to explain to our youth because that is when true learning happens. They are able to connect it with a reason instead of just being told what to do
- Don't pass up opportunities to address these questions. If left unanswered, the lesson will be forgotten by the kids by the time they get into the car to go home!
- If you don't the “why” behind a teaching, just ask! None of us are perfect to have each answer but that's why we are called to community with those around to help each of us learn more.

STEP 1 - WELCOME

TIP

Community Activity

STEP 2 - INVITE

TIP

Let us Pray

- **Say Our Father and Glory Be**
- **Do God's Word section on pg. 189**
- **Ask What do you wonder questions.**

STEP 3 – DISCOVER

TIP

Welcomed by Jesus

- **Read paragraph**
- **Read God's Word section**
- **Talk about the Accepting ourselves in the Reaching all learners section (pg. 191)**

Read The Surprise Ending paragraph

Ask: Why would Zacchaeus feel at peace after returning the money? (Knowing that he is doing the right thing relieves his conscience)

Explain that Jesus, by going to Zacchaeus' house, showed Zacchaeus that God loved him.

All are Invited (pg. 192)

- **Read paragraphs**
- **Read God's word**

In God's kingdom

- **Read paragraphs**
- **Do Connect your Faith section**

Activity – Have Faith worksheet

STEP 4 – LIVE

TIP

Our Catholic Life

- **Read paragraphs on pg. 194 and talk about What is God's kingdom**
- **Ask question about pictures.**

Talk about Saint Brigid of Kildare (pg. 195)

Take Homes

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

STEP 5 – CLOSING

TIP

Closing Prayer

Say Hail Mary

Chapter 13 Activity Master

Name _____ Date _____

Have Faith!

Jesus saw that Zacchaeus had faith in God. Color the sentences below that tell something about your faith in God.

God gives me a family who loves me.

God cares for me.
His love never ends.

God is always willing to forgive me.

God loves only the members of the Catholic Church.

God wants me to be happy with him forever.

God sent his own Son to save me from sin.

God gives me the Church to help me grow closer to him.

God's love will leave me when I make wrong choices.

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Don't Miss Church!

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" John 20:19 (NIV)

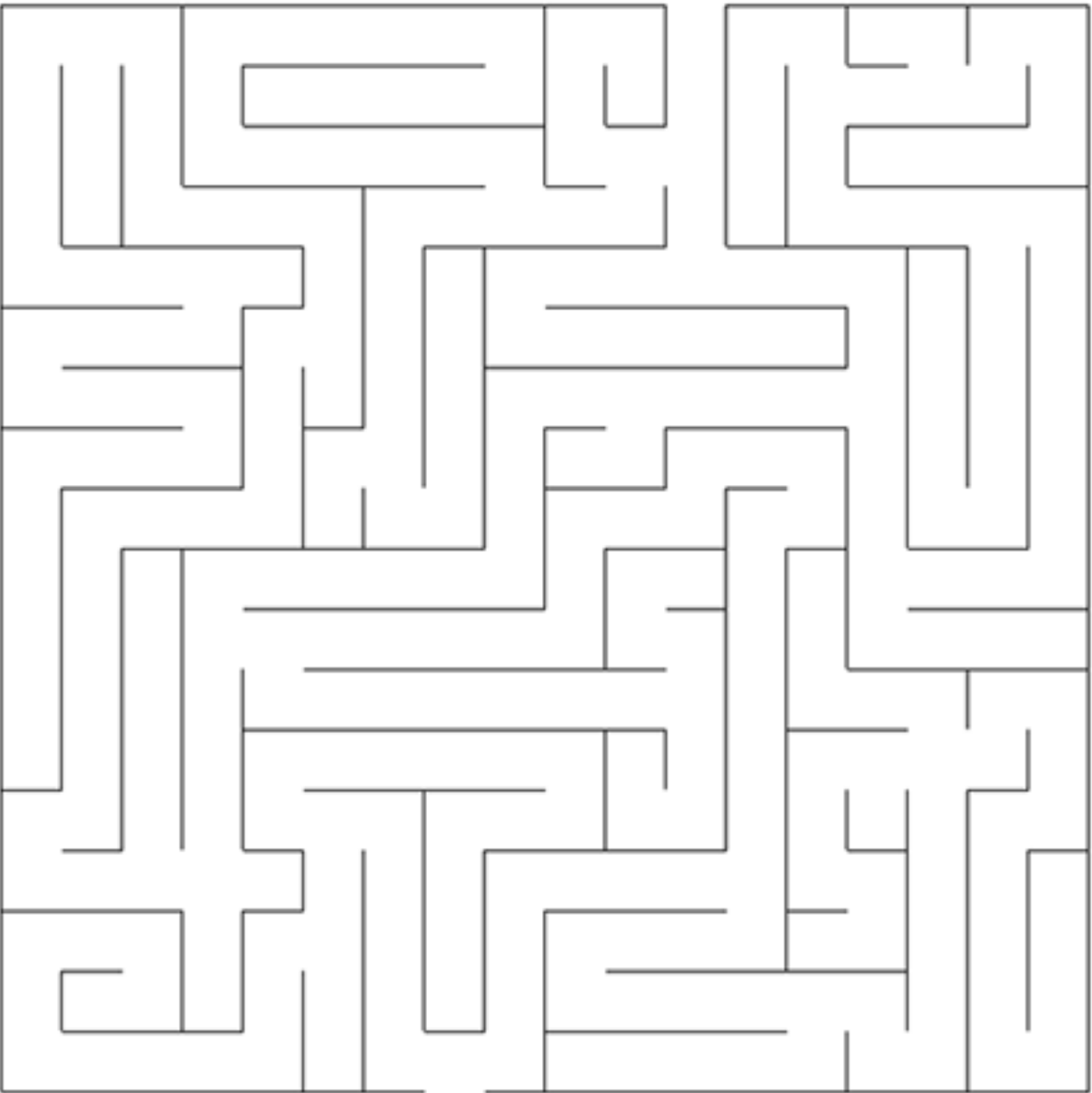
Based on John 20:19-31



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MIRACLES	SIGNS	JESUS	RECORDED
BELIEVED	LIFE	DOUBTING	LOCKED
SIDE	DISCIPLES	TOUCHED	HANDS

**From
Doubting**



**To
Believing**

