

# Lesson 13– Choose Love

Grade 3 – Chapter 13

## KEY CONCEPT

*Jesus' New commandment is to love one another as he loves each of us. The Beatitudes are teachings of Jesus that show the way to true happiness and tell how to live in God's Kingdom.*

## 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 - coloring sheets**

## ***STEP 2 - INVITE***

### **TIP**

#### **Let us Pray**

- **Say prayer on pg. 189**
- **Say Our Father**
- **Read God's word section**
- **Talk about What do you wonder questions.**

## **STEP 3 – DISCOVER**

### **Learning to Forgive (pg. 190)**

### **TIP**

- **Read paragraphs**
- **Read God’s Word section on the story of Joseph**
- **Ask the question: Have you ever done something you knew was wrong because you were jealous of your brother, sister, or friend?**
- **Do the clarify concepts in the quick tip section on pg. 191. It is important to point out that everyone needs help with making choices at some time. Remind the children not to be afraid to ask for help when difficult problems or confusing situations arise. Point out that parents, guardians, teachers and other trusted adults are happy to help. Prayer also helps.**

### **The Way of Love (pg. 192)**

- **Read paragraph**
- **Read God’s word section**
- **Read about the New Commandment (pg. 193)**

### **Do the Connect Your Faith activity**

#### **Activity – Crossword Puzzle**

## **STEP 4 – LIVE**

### **TIP**

#### **Our Catholic Life**

#### **Read paragraph**

**Refer to the Catechist Background section on pg. 194 to tell the children more about the sign of peace.**

#### **Activity – Loving God Always sheet**

#### **Do Live Your Faith section**

#### **People of Faith**

- **Read about Saint Peter Canisius**

#### **Tell them some facts about St. Peter:**

- **His mother died shortly after his birth**
- **He taught at the university and was confessor at the hospital and prison in Vienna.**
- **St. Peter defended Catholic truths by writing about them.**
- **He was obedient to those he worked for and caring to those who worked for him.**

#### **Take Homes**

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

## **STEP 5 – CLOSING**

### **TIP**

#### **Closing Prayer**

- **Say Our Father and Hail Mary**

# Loving God Always

Name \_\_\_\_\_



**1**

Put God first  
in all you do.

**2**

Say God's  
name with love.

**3**

Always keep  
God's day holy.

The first three commandments are about loving God every minute of every day of your life. You must never forget them.

Complete these sentences by filling in the blanks from the Word List.

## Word List

AFRAID	FRIENDS
BIBLE	GIFTS
CHURCH	LISTEN
COMMANDMENTS	THANK YOU
DECISIONS	PRAYERS

1. Remember to say your \_\_\_\_\_.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ to God's Word.
3. Read the \_\_\_\_\_.
4. Go to \_\_\_\_\_ with your family.
5. Obey the \_\_\_\_\_.
6. Tell your \_\_\_\_\_ about God.
7. Don't forget to say \_\_\_\_\_ to God.
8. Turn to God when you are \_\_\_\_\_.
9. Ask God to help you make \_\_\_\_\_.
10. Enjoy the trees and flowers and other \_\_\_\_\_ of God.

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

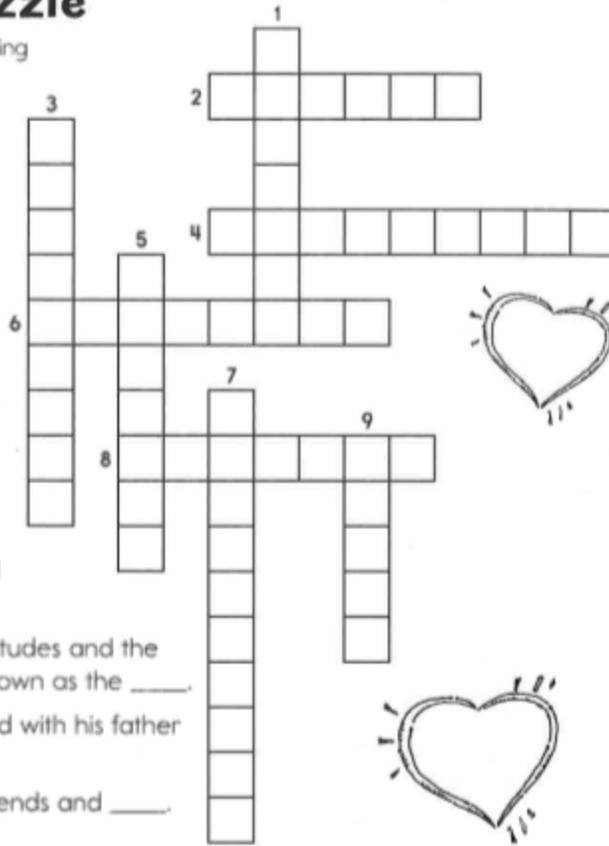
## Crossword Puzzle

Complete the crossword puzzle using words in the Word Bank.

**Word Bank**

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Beatitudes	Joseph
decisions	law of love
Egypt	perfect
enemies	shepherd
forgave	

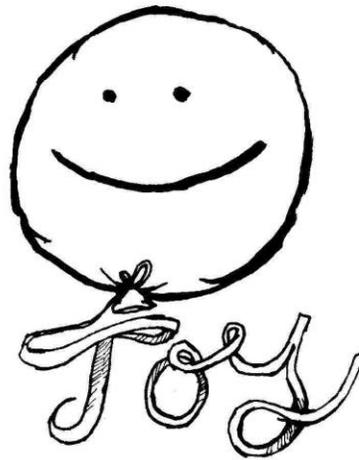


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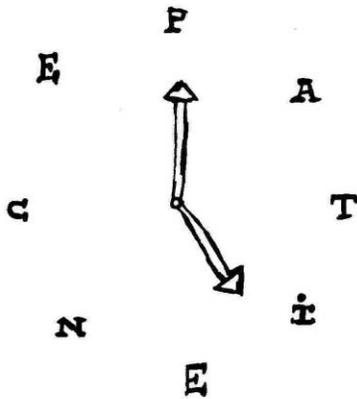
2. The brother who was sold as a slave was \_\_\_\_\_.
4. The summary of the Beatitudes and the Ten Commandments is known as the \_\_\_\_\_.
6. Joseph's job when he lived with his father was that of a \_\_\_\_\_.
8. Jesus said to love both friends and \_\_\_\_\_.

### Down

1. Joseph \_\_\_\_\_ his brothers for selling him.
3. Jesus' law of love can help you make good \_\_\_\_\_.
5. You must try to be perfect as God is \_\_\_\_\_.
7. Teachings of Jesus that show the way to happiness are called \_\_\_\_\_.
9. After Joseph was sold, he lived in \_\_\_\_\_.



Goodness



faithfulness Gentleness

