

Lesson 20 – The Work of the Church

Grade 3 – Chapter 20

KEY CONCEPT

We can use our time, talent, and treasure to worship God, help others know about him, and respect and help others. The Church is a sign of the Kingdom of God.

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

STEP 2 - INVITE

TIP

Let us Pray

- **Our Father and Let us pray (pg. 267)**
- Use this story after the opening prayer, before explaining that we have a mission.
 - Ask the children to name some problems in the world.
 - Brainstorm with them ideas to solve the problems.
 - Invite the children to listen as you read “What Would You Do?”
- **What Would You Do?**
- “Imagine that you have the power to solve just one problem in the world,” Sister Lorraine said. “Which problem would you choose?”
- The children were silent for a moment. Then they started to make suggestions.
- “I would end wars,” Ernesto said.
- “I would make sure that nobody was poor,” Anna said.
- “I would stop pollution,” said Jen.
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- **Ask the children to name some problems in the world. Brainstorm with them ideas to solve the problems.**
- **Read God’s word section**
- **Talk about What do You Wonder questions.**

STEP 3 – DISCOVER

TIP

Doing Jesus' Work (pg. 268)

- **Ask: What is the Church called to do?**
- **Read the paragraph**
- **Summarize the paragraph and emphasize the idea that as baptized members of the Church, the children are called on to perform positive actions and work for the Kingdom of God.**

Read the God's Word section

- **Remind the children that Jesus sent the Holy Spirit to help the disciples on their mission.**

Called to Work (pg. 269)

- **Read paragraph**
- **Fill in the chart for Time, Talent, and Treasure**

The Church in the World (pg. 270)

- **Ask: How does the Church do Jesus' work in the world today?**
- **Read the paragraphs**
- **Emphasize the idea that all members of the Church are called on to work for the Kingdom of God.**
- **Review the Working for God's Kingdom chart and see what things the children can do now to be a part of the work of the Church.**

Sharing a Mission

- **Read paragraphs**

Why Help with the Church's Work?

- **Read paragraph**
- **Do the Connect your Faith activity**

Activity – A Certificate of Honor sheet

STEP 4 – LIVE

TIP

Our Catholic Life

- **Ask: How do you give witness?**
- **Read paragraphs**
- **Do the Get Involved box.**

Pentecost

Talk about review sheet on Pentecost attached. (This feast is celebrated on May 23rd this year)

Talk about St. Peter Claver

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**

Pentecost

Pentecost is the celebration of the person of the Holy Spirit coming upon the Apostles, Mary, and the first followers of Jesus, who were gathered together in the Upper Room. According to church tradition, Pentecost is always about seven weeks after Easter Sunday, or **50 days** after Easter, including Easter Day.

A “strong, driving” wind filled the room where they were gathered, and tongues of fire came to rest on their heads, allowing them to speak in different languages so that they could understand each other. It was such a strange phenomenon that some people thought the Christians were just drunk - but Peter pointed out that it was only the morning, and that the phenomenon was caused by the Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit also gave the apostles the other gifts and fruits necessary to fulfill the great commission - to go out and preach the Gospel to all nations. It fulfills the New Testament promise from Christ (Luke 24:46-49) that the Apostles would be “clothed with power” before they would be sent out to spread the Gospel.

It was right after Pentecost that Peter, inspired by the Holy Spirit, preached his first homily to Jews and other non-believers, in which he opened the scriptures of the Old Testament, showing how the prophet Joel prophesied events and the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost.

He also tells the people that the Jesus they crucified is the Lord and was raised from the dead, which “cuts them to the heart.” When they asked what they should do, Peter exhorts them to repent of their sins and to be baptized. According to the account in Acts, about 3,000 people were baptized following Peter’s sermon.

For this reason, Pentecost is considered the birthday of the Church - Peter, the first Pope, preaches for the first time and converts thousands of new believers. The apostles and believers, for the first time, were united by a common language, and a common zeal and purpose to go and preach the Gospel.



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The Day of Pentecost

All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.
Acts 2:4 (NIV)

Based on Acts 2:1-21



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HEAVEN	FIRE	TONGUES	LANGUAGE	OTHER
DAY	HOLY	SOUND	SPIRIT	SPEAK

Name _____ Date _____

A Certificate of Honor

Complete this certificate for a person whose abilities and actions help make the world a better place and spread the news of the Kingdom of God. After filling in the blanks, decorate the certificate appropriately.

Then cut along the lines below, and present the certificate to the person you named.

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