

# Lesson 13 – Evil in the World

Grade 5 – Chapter 13

## KEY CONCEPT

Jesus brings a new law of love and freedom rooted in the Great Commandment and Ten Commandments. The Beatitudes and the Precepts of the Church help the faithful live holy and dutiful lives.

## 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 – word search**

## **STEP 2 – INVITE**

### **TIP**

#### **Let Us Pray**

- **Use Memorare and prayer from book**

#### **What Do You Wonder?**

- **Break into small groups to discuss these questions and share answers**

#### **Chapter Story:**

- **Use this story after the opening prayer, before discussing evil.**
- **Ask the children to name other destructive forces in nature, and have them share their own experiences with natural disasters.**
- **Tell the children that God wants us to care for one another during times of crisis.**
- **After connecting physical “evil” with moral evil, or sin, transition back to the lesson instruction.**

#### **A Path of Destruction**

**Even if the only tornadoes you’ve ever seen were the ones from the movie *Twister* or the one that swept Dorothy and Toto away in *The Wizard of Oz*, you know that a tornado is one of the most destructive of all weather-related events. A tornado can cut a path of destruction up to one mile wide and 400 miles long! If you live in an area that experiences many tornadoes, radio and television channels will give you regular updates to help you be safe during dangerous weather.**

## **STEP 3 – DISCOVER**

### **TIP**

#### **The Source of Sorrow**

- **Read and discuss about sin in the world**
- **Use the Catechist Background to talk about natural forces in our world**  
**Destructive natural forces cause suffering and death. In this sense they are evil but not sinful. The life God chooses to create is in a constant state of change, or “in a state of journeying.” Just as human life develops from birth to death, so nature manifests the passage from life to death. The whole of god’s creation is always in the process of becoming perfect.**

#### **Share Your Faith**

- **Use this section to discuss about Genesis and what it means**

#### **Activity Master 13: Real-Life Situations**

##### **Turning from God**

- **Read and discuss about mortal and venial sin**

##### **Connect Your Faith**

- **Have them dive into practical things they have seen in their lives about sin and the consequences of it**

##### **Examination of Conscience**

- **Below is an Examination of Conscience that should be used before Confession to help to call to mind our sins and how we have distanced ourselves from God**
- **Encourage the kids to reflect upon this**

## ***STEP 4 – LIVE***

### **TIP**

#### **Our Catholic Life**

- **Discuss Prayer of Lamentation**

#### **People of Faith**

- **Discuss about Saint Gemma Galgani**

#### **Live Your Faith**

- **Use their personal experiences of what they've heard about others to discuss real life experiences and how people have turned back to God after and corrected their mistake**

#### **Catholic Social Teaching (if time)**

- **Use pages 294-295 Rights and Responsibilities of the Human Person to discuss further**

## ***STEP 5 – CLOSING***

### **TIP**

#### **Close in prayer together**

- **Encourage them to utilize the Memorare and Glory Be**

#### **Take Homes:**

- **Family and Faith sheet**
- **Chapter review**

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Date \_\_\_\_\_

## Real-Life Situations

Below are two stories, each followed by three questions. Read the stories, and then answer the questions.



Roman and Jay were at Jay's house after school. They saw Jay's younger sister Zoe playing with a doll. "Hey, watch this!" Jay said, and he grabbed the doll away from Zoe. "She always gets upset when you do this."

Zoe immediately cried out, "Give it back!"

"Give what back?" Jay asked, hiding the doll behind his back. Roman laughed and took the doll from Jay, showed it to Zoe, and then held it out of her reach when she asked for it. The two boys continued to do this, laughing at Zoe while she cried and begged them to give back her doll.

What did Roman and Jay do? \_\_\_\_\_

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Is what Roman and Jay did sinful? Explain. \_\_\_\_\_

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What would you have done if you were Roman? \_\_\_\_\_

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Teri and Mya were supposed to be completing a reading assignment in class. Instead, they were writing notes to each other. Both girls meant to do their work, but they lost track of time. Suddenly they heard their teacher, Ms. Gaustino, announce that they should hand in their completed activity sheets. Teri and Mya hadn't even started the assignment!

Mya raised her hand and said, "I couldn't do it. The story was too hard to understand."

Ms. Gaustino replied, "I saw you and Teri writing notes."

"No, we didn't!" Mya snapped back angrily. "The assignment was too hard! You're not being fair!"

Is what Mya did sinful? Explain. \_\_\_\_\_

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What should Ms. Gaustino do? \_\_\_\_\_

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What would have been the right thing for Mya to say to Ms. Gaustino? \_\_\_\_\_

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## **Examination of Conscience for Children – Based on Ten Commandments**

- 1. I am the Lord your God. You shall not have strange gods before me.**
  - Do I give time every day to God in prayer?
  - Do I put my trust in superstitions, good luck charms, rather than God alone?
  - Have I rejected any Church teaching or denied that I was a Catholic?
  
- 2. You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.**
  - Have I used the words “God” or “Jesus” in anger or irreverently?
  - Have I used foul or ugly language? Have I wished evil on another?
  
- 3. Remember to keep holy the Lord’s day.**
  - Have I missed Mass on Sunday or any holy day of obligation?
  - Do I arrive at church late or leave early?
  - Do I try to be reverent and pay attention during Mass?
  - Do I avoid unnecessary work on Sunday?
  - Do I make Sunday a day of prayer or rest?
  
- 4. Honor your father and your mother.**
  - Do I respect and obey my parents?
  - Have I dishonored or mistreated them by word or deed?
  - Am I willing to help around the house or must I be nagged a hundred times?
  - Do I try to get along with my brothers and sisters?
  - Am I a tattletale or bully?
  - Do I give a good example, especially to younger siblings?
  - Do I respect others in authority: priests, nuns, police, old people, baby-sitters?
  
- 5. You shall not kill.**
  - Do I beat up others or hurt their bodies?
  - Do I say cruel things, or make fun of others to hurt their feelings?
  - Do I say mean things about others behind their backs?
  - Have I stopped speaking to anyone?
  - Do I encourage others to do bad things?
  - Do I try to love all people, born and unborn?
  
- 6. You shall not commit adultery.**
  - Do I treat my body and other people’s bodies with purity and respect?
  - Do I look at television shows, movies, or pictures that are bad?
  
- 7. You shall not steal.**
  - Have I taken things that were not mine from a store or another person?
  - Have I destroyed or misused another person’s property for fun?
  - Do I return things that I borrow? In good condition?
  
- 8. You shall not commit false witness against your neighbor.**
  - Am I honest in my school work?

- Do I tell lies to make myself look good?
- Do I tell lies to protect myself from punishment?
- Do I tell lies that make another person look bad or get them in trouble?

**9. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife.**

- Do I allow my parents to spend time with one another, or do I get jealous and want them to pay attention only to me?
- Do I get mad when I have to share my friends?
- Are there kids I will not play with or be mean to because they look different?

**10. You shall not covet your neighbor's goods.**

- Am I jealous or envious of the things or abilities that others have?
- Am I thankful to God and my parents for what they have given me?
- Do I share the things I have with my family, friends and poor people?

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## Kinds of Sin

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

hypocrisy

jealousy

envy

clamor

malice

wrath

anger

bitterness

backbiting

deception

unrighteousness

unbelief

slander

idolatry

disobedience

cursing

stealing

lying