

Lesson 19 – The Call to Serve

Grade 5 – Chapter 19

KEY CONCEPT

Through Baptism, all of us are called to spread the Gospel and build up the Body of Christ. The Sacraments at the Service of communion are Holy Orders and Matrimony.

QUICK SESSION

OVERVIEW

STEP 1 - WELCOME

STEP 2 - INVITE

STEP 3 - DISCOVER

STEP 4 - LIVE

STEP 5 - CLOSING

3 Helpful Tips to Finish the Year Strong

1. Don't coast through the finish line – be even more intentional than before about teaching these kids the beauty of the Faith
2. Draw on the relationships you built – you've built relationships with these kids and they respect you, use that to challenge them to live out their faith more
3. Choose to enjoy the little moments that might be even more profound to these kids than you will ever know

STEP 1 - WELCOME

TIP

Community Activity

TIP

STEP 2 - INVITE

Let Us Pray

- **Our Father and Prayer from book (pg. 257)**

Use the story after the opening prayer, before talking about being a disciple of Jesus. Have you ever left or been unavailable when someone needed your help? After connecting our sacrifices with the sacrifice of Jesus, transition back to the lesson.

Chapter Poem: Fair Weather Friends

“Hey, Ty,” Bart called out to his friend as he grabbed his books, “you still coming over tonight to help me with my science project?”

“Yeah, of course,” Ty replied.

“I can’t do it without you,” said Bart. “You know it’s not my best subject, and I’ve got to make a good grade on this.”

“Don’t worry. I’ll be there.” Ty said as he hurried off.

That night, after dinner, Bart went into the garage and flipped on the lights. He had been putting off getting started because Ty hadn’t come over yet.

“I wonder where Ty is,” he said to himself as he pulled wires and electrical tape out of a drawer.

His phone chimed with an incoming text. It was Ty: “can’t make it 2nite; best movie ever on tv.”

Bart tossed his phone back on the workbench. “When am I going to learn,” he mumbled with disgust. “Ty’s fun to hang out with, but you just can’t count on him when it matters.”

Read Scripture passage

Ask What do You Wonder questions.

STEP 3 – DISCOVER

TIP

Responding to God's call (pg. 258)

- **Ask: How do vocations serve God and others?**
- **Explain that a vocation is a particular way of serving God and others.**
- **Ask the children to think about what their parents or guardians do for a living and whom they may be serving.**
- **Read paragraphs.**
- **Read Scripture passage**

Serve God and Others

- **Read paragraph**

Activity – Your Vocation sheet

Saints Isidore and Maria

- **Read paragraph**
- **Clarify what it means to “offer” one's work to God, and what this might look like for young people. (They should do their best for God – at school, at home, etc. they can think of God when they do their chores and do them willingly and to the best of their ability)**
- **Ask: What activities do you offer to God? How does doing this help you?**

Activity – Share your Faith section

First reflect on the question and then discuss it.

Building Up the Body of Christ (pg. 260)

- **Ask: How do people live the Sacraments at the Service of communion?**
- **Read the paragraphs.**
- **Ask the question at the bottom of the paragraphs.**

- **Everyone has a vocation, which is what God calls each of us to be in our lives here on Earth.**
 - **Clergy (Leaders in the Church)**
 - **Pope – head of the Church, the Vicar of Christ guided by the Holy Spirit**
 - **Cardinals – second-highest office in the Church, responsible for electing a new pope**
 - **Bishops – third-highest office in the Church, leaders of a particular Diocese. Our bishop is Bishop Hying.**
 - **Priests – parish leader. Fr. Donn Heiar is our parish priest.**
 - **Deacons – assist parish priests, can be married. Deacon Joe Stafford is our parish deacon.**
 - **Religious (Live in community in monasteries or missionary work)**
 - **Monks (Brothers)**
 - **Nuns (Sisters)**
 - **Laity**
 - **Married**
 - **Single (Includes Consecrated Celibacy, in which a person officially commits their single life to God.)**

Review the Sacraments at the Service of Communion chart (pg. 261)

- **Read the paragraphs**
- **Explain to the children that a vow is a solemn, deliberate and free promise made to God. Husbands and wives vow to be faithful to each other. Priests vow to act in persona Christi, in the person of Christ, to the Body of Christ, the Church. Priests and deacons promise to be obedient to their bishops. People become full members of some religious communities only by taking vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience.**

Watch this video about vocations:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=125phYGeNWA>

- **Discuss: What are some of the good things about a religious vocation? What are some of the challenges?**
- **Getting involved at Mass is a good way to help discern your vocation.**

- **There are many roles that people help with at Mass: (Things look a little different right now with COVID-19 but will go back to normal after the pandemic is over)**
 - **Lector – reads the Bible passage**
 - **Cantor – leads the congregation in songs**
 - **Hospitality staff – greets people when they arrive**
 - **Sacristan – prepares the bread and wine for consecration before Mass**
 - **Altar server – Assists the priest during Mass.**
- **If the students would like to get involved as an altar server or another role at Mass, they can talk to the music director, Cecile. We are always asking for new servers and providing training!**

STEP 4 – LIVE

TIP

Our Catholic Life

- **Ask: What does a religious vocation require?**
- **Read paragraphs**
- **Explain to the children the meaning and concept of charism (a gift or a spiritual talent. Examples are wisdom, knowledge, faith, healing, working miracles)**
- **Review Many Ways to Serve chart.**

Review the Ascension (pg. 39) This Feast is celebrated on May 13th this year.

Talk about what the feast of the Ascension celebrates (see Catechist background section on pg. 39A)

The Commission (pg. 40)

- **Read paragraphs**
- **Evangelization paragraph**
- **Disciples paragraph**

People of Faith

- **Discuss about Saint Francis Xavier**

STEP 5 – CLOSING

TIP

Close in prayer together

- **Memorare and Glory Be**

Take Homes:

- **Family and Faith sheet**
- **Chapter Review**

Chapter 19 Activity Master

Name _____ Date _____

Your Vocation

This activity will help you reflect on the vocation to which God is calling you. Start by identifying some of the gifts God has given you.

Name two things that you can do especially well. Why are you good at them?

Name two things that you particularly enjoy doing. (These may or may not be the same things that you listed above.) Why do you enjoy doing them?

Name the one thing that you would most like to accomplish in life. Why is this goal so important to you?

Circle ways in which you would like to help people. (Circle as many responses as you like.)

teaching protecting or rescuing caring for people
giving advice making or repairing things

Name some vocations that involve helping people in these ways.

How can you learn more about the vocations that interest you?



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The Ascension of Jesus

While he was blessing them, he left them and was taken up to heaven. Luke 24:51 (NIV)

Based on Luke 24:44-53



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