

Lesson 14 – Justice and Peace

Grade 6 – Chapter 14 and Intro to Lent

KEY CONCEPT

God's grace makes it possible for us to live a life of virtue, respecting the human dignity of all. Justice is giving what is due to God and others. Where justice is absent, peace is not possible.

QUICK SESSION

OVERVIEW

STEP 1 - WELCOME

STEP 2 - INVITE

STEP 3 - DISCOVER

STEP 4 - LIVE

STEP 5 - CLOSING

HELPFUL HINT OF THE DAY

Use Lent to Draw Deeper to the Lord

- Lent is a beautiful time to help us refocus on our relationship with Christ and what is truly important in our life
- Choose a fast to do during the time of Lent to help to sacrifice something for the Lord
- This should be something that you do regularly, brings you comfort, and is good!
- Offer this up to God to help you refocus on Him and not the things of this world that we get enjoyment from
- Also, during this time, prayer for the children of our church. Make a commitment to say an extra prayer for them during this time!

STEP 1 - WELCOME

TIP

Community Activity

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:

- **Encourage the children to talk about injustices they have seen or read about in the world around them.**
- **Ask: Can you think of actions to achieve justice in those situations?**

Can There Be Justice?

**When people act out of hate or ignorance,
can there be justice?**

**When cheating and lying become the norm,
can there be justice?**

**When poverty and suffering are ignored,
can there be justice?**

No, no, and no!

**As Christians we must
act out of love,
seek the truth,
and show mercy
to the oppressed.**

**We are called to serve;
we are called to work
for justice and peace
for all.**

STEP 3 – DISCOVER

TIP

Seeking Justice

- **Read and discuss what it means to act justly**

Share Your Faith

- **Use this section to discuss about personal experiences of justice**

Peace

- **Read and discuss about how peace plays a role with justice**
 - **Hit on the Common Good and what our duty is to them**

Connect Your Faith

Activity Master 14: Promoting Justice and Peace

Lent Review

Ask the children some general questions to see what they remember about Lent

How long is Lent, when does Lent start, what is the week before Easter called, what are the 3 days right before Easter called, what are those 3 important days and what happens on each of them. Ash Wednesday is on Feb 17th this year.

Lent Insert (Time for Scrutiny)

- **Read Lenten Preparation section (pg. 26)**
- **Read Scrutinies section (pg. 27)**
- **Ask the children to discuss how adults become members of the Catholic Church. (Can talk about the RCIA program that is described in the liturgy link on pg. 29 of the teacher book)**
- **As you read the scrutinies paragraphs, explain that elect means “to choose”. The word scrutiny comes from a Latin word meaning “to look closely”. During Lent, the elect and the community look closely into their own lives.**

STEP 4 – LIVE

TIP

Our Catholic Life

- **How do we promote human dignity?**

People of Faith

- **Discuss about Blessed Maria Vicenta**

Live Your Faith

- **Relates back to Chapter 13!**

STEP 5 – CLOSING

TIP

Close in prayer together

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

Take Homes:

- **Family and Faith sheet**

Name _____ Date _____

Promoting Justice and Peace

Use the chart below to identify how you and your friends can help promote justice and peace.

The problem: You observe kids teasing someone about his or her clothes.	
Possible Solutions:	
Resources Needed:	Action Step(s) to Take:

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The problem: You observe kids bullying someone.	
Possible Solutions:	
Resources Needed:	Action Step(s) to Take: