

Lesson 13 – Freedom and Responsibility

Grade 7 - Chapter 13

MAIN OBJECTIVE

*We are free to choose,
responsible for our choices,
and guided in our moral
decision-making*

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

- **Recite the prayer and read the Scripture passage.**
 - **Why did God create us with the freedom to choose?**
 - **How are freedom and responsibility connected?**
 - **Do topic warm up activity on pg. 213**

STEP 3 – DISCOVER

TIP

- **Read and discuss “Getting Started”**
 - **Use the activity to discuss about synonyms for freedom and responsibility (Freedom – Independence, self-determination, privilege, right to or entitlement to, self- legislation) (Responsibility – control, power, management, leadership, liability)**
 - **Use “write” section to discuss practical examples**
- **Read and discuss “Living is Thinking and Doing”**
 - **Use Name and Discuss section to get more practical**
 - **Watch Fr Mike Schmitz: Mortal vs Venial Sin**
 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eGghX65-9Zg>
- **Read and discuss “The Sources of Action”.**
- **Include reading Consider this section on pg. 217**
- **Review the steps in Making a Moral decision on pg. 219**
- **Activity Master 13: What’s Your Decision**
- **Read and discuss “Formation of Doing Right”**
 - **Use the “In Summary” to wrap up about what has been discussed**

STEP 4 – LIVE

TIP

Our Catholic Life

- **Read and discuss more about examining your conscience**

People of Faith

- **Read and discuss about Blessed Aloysius Stepinac**

“Practice” section

STEP 5 – CLOSING

TIP

Pray the Memorare together:

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thine intercession was left unaided.

Inspired by this confidence, I fly unto thee, O Virgin of virgins, my mother; to thee do I come, before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me.

Amen.

Name _____

Date _____

What's Your Decision?

For each moral dilemma described below, identify the object, the intention, and the circumstances of each situation. Use these elements to decide what you would do.

MORAL DILEMMA #1 You were directed to read six books over the summer. For most of the summer you did not do the reading and spent time with your best friend. It is now August, your best friend is on a trip, and so you begin the work. You realize that you probably won't have time to finish the book list. So, you find someone who has done the work and use his/her notes.

What is the object? _____

What is the intention? _____

What are the circumstances? _____

What is your decision? _____

MORAL DILEMMA #2 You want to give your mom a nice birthday present, but you don't have enough money. You would never steal anything from a store in the small town where you live because you know how that would hurt the store owners. But today you are in the mall. Many of the stores at the mall are owned by big corporations that get their merchandise at a discount and charge too much. The gift would really make your mom happy and she has had a really difficult year.

What is the object? _____

What is the intention? _____

What are the circumstances? _____

What is your decision? _____

MORAL DILEMMA #3 There is a group of students at your school who have singled out one person in the class. They constantly make fun of that person and now you hear that they are harassing this person online. You and your friends do not participate in the bullying but you also haven't taken any action to stop what is happening.

What is the object? _____

What is the intention? _____

What are the circumstances? _____

What is your decision? _____