

Lesson 17 – Sacraments of Initiation

Grade 7 - Chapter 17

MAIN OBJECTIVE

As Christ first welcomed and fed his followers, we are welcomed and belong to the Church through the three Sacraments of Christian Initiation

QUICK SESSION OVERVIEW

STEP 1 - WELCOME

STEP 2 - INVITE

STEP 3 - DISCOVER

STEP 4 - LIVE

STEP 5 - CLOSING

HELPFUL HINT OF THE DAY

Continue to be Patient

- **Keep in mind you have these children for little over an hour once a week**
- **You might see very little improvement of understanding of their faith, but never fear**
- **You are laying a base for them for the rest of their lives**
- **What you may say in class might have no impression then, but maybe years from now, they will remember and act on it**
- **For many, this will be the only hour in the week that they talk and learn about Jesus and the Church.**
- **That is insanely hard, so if you manage to get one major point across, that is a major accomplishment!**

STEP 1 - WELCOME

TIP

Community Activity

STEP 2 - INVITE

TIP

- **Recite the prayer and read the Scripture passage.**
 - **How is it that because of Baptism we have new life in Christ?**
 - **What helps you feel at home with your family, with your friends, with God?**

STEP 3 - DISCOVER

TIP

- **Read and discuss “Getting Started”**
 - **Use the activity to discuss about the initiation Sacraments**
 - **Use “Illustrate” section to discuss practical examples**
- **Read and discuss “Baptism”**
 - **Watch: “Why Does the Catholic Church Baptize Babies?” – uCatholic**
 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YK43-yVOPtE>
 - **Encourage questions if the kids have them!**
 - **Use “Fill in the Blanks” section**
- **Read and discuss “Confirmation”**
 - **Watch: “Session 10.1 – Confirmation” – From Dynamic Catholic**
 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PFsKLRLzxZw>
 - **Use “Identify” section**
 - **Activity Master 17: The Gifts of the Holy Spirit**
- **Read and discuss the “Eucharist”**
 - **Use the “In Summary” to wrap up about what has been discussed**

STEP 4 – LIVE

TIP

Our Catholic Life

- **Read and discuss more about grace in our lives**

People of Faith

- **Read and discuss about Saint Catherine of Genoa**

“Explain” section

STEP 5 – CLOSING

TIP

Do Prayer of Praise together (pg. 45)

Name _____

Date _____

The Gifts of the Holy Spirit

The Holy Spirit gives us many different gifts to help us on our faith journey:

WISDOM: Helps us see things more like God sees them. We can make decisions with clear thinking.

UNDERSTANDING: Helps us know why people say and do things. We can “stand with them” even if we don’t agree with them.

KNOWLEDGE: Helps us learn the teachings of our faith and of our world. We gain facts and information we need.

REVERENCE (PIETY): Helps us show respect for God and all of God’s creation.

RIGHT JUDGMENT (COUNSEL): Helps us seek good advice and give good advice before decisions are made.

COURAGE (FORTITUDE): Helps us stand up for what we believe in and live our faith without fear of what others think.

WONDER AND AWE (FEAR OF THE LORD): Helps us know our place before God. We see God’s power and his great love for us.

In the chart below, write about a time or situation when you need each gift. List one person you have seen use each gift and tell how they used it. Write on a separate sheet of paper if necessary.

| | I need this gift when: | Who I saw use this gift: | How the person used this gift: |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------------|
| WISDOM | | | |
| UNDERSTANDING | | | |
| KNOWLEDGE | | | |
| REVERENCE (PIETY) | | | |
| RIGHT JUDGMENT (COUNSEL) | | | |
| COURAGE (FORTITUDE) | | | |
| WONDER AND AWE (FEAR OF THE LORD) | | | |