

Lesson 2 – The Church Gathered

Grade 3 – Chapter 2

KEY CONCEPT

The Bible is the Word of God written in human words. The Church is the community of all baptized people who believe in God and follow Jesus.

QUICK SESSION OVERVIEW

STEP 1 - WELCOME

STEP 2 - INVITE

STEP 3 - DISCOVER

STEP 4 - LIVE

STEP 5 - CLOSING

HELPFUL HINT OF THE DAY

Focus on learning your children's names

- This is the simplest way to demonstrate they matter to you
- Greet them at the door as they arrive
- Continue to let them know you better and use your personal experiences to relate into the curriculum
- Remember what Theodore Roosevelt wrote: “People don’t care how much you know, until they know how much you care.”

STEP 1 - WELCOME

TIP

Community Activity – word search or coloring sheet

STEP 2 – INVITE

TIP

Prayer

- **Read the Let us Pray section.**
- **Say Our Father together**

Use this story after the opening prayer, before you tell the children that Jesus called people to follow him.

- Read aloud “Here’s the Church.” Help the children recall this rhyme and its actions, or teach the actions to the group.
- After discussing why your parish is blessed to have many types of people as members, transition back to the lesson instruction.

Here’s the Church

Megan was teaching her younger friend Emily a rhyme she had learned when she was Emily's age. "It's easy," she told Emily. "Just do this." She folded her hands a certain way.

"Here's the church.

Here's the steeple.

Open the doors,
and see all the people."

"Let me try!" said Emily.

God's Word and What do you Wonder questions

STEP 3 – DISCOVER

TIP

Serving the Community

- **Read paragraph**
- **Read about St. Andre Bessette and discuss**

God Teaches You

- **Read paragraph and then God's word.**
- **Ask: What did Jesus's followers do? Write answers on the white board**

Share your faith

- **Have the children break up into groups of 3 or 4 and discuss how it is difficult to share.**
- **Do the Kindness Explorer sheet. Have them take the 2nd page home to work on doing the scavenger hunt at home and school.**

God's People

- **Ask the question – Why is being part of the Church community so important?**
- **Read the paragraph**

Gathered in Jesus' Name

- **Read the paragraph**
- **Activity**
 - **Go to Church and discuss what you see in the Church**
 - **Where are we greeted, where do we hear God's word spoken, where is Jesus?**

STEP 4 – LIVE

TIP

Our Catholic Life

- **Read paragraph.**
Do Communities in Action worksheet. (Can have children work in small groups)

People of Faith

- **Read about St. Francis of Assisi**

Do Catholic social teaching of Call to Community (pg 292 – 293)

Take Homes:

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

STEP 5 – CLOSING

TIP

Hail Mary



BECAUSE I AM HIS CHILD, I WILL SERVE GOD WITH ALL MY HEART, MIGHT, MIND, AND STRENGTH.

“Therefore, O ye that embark in the service of God, see that ye serve him with all your heart, might, mind and strength, that ye may stand blameless before God at the last day” (D&C 4:2).

Kindness Explorer

KIND/UNKIND

The boy laughed when his sister fell down.



KIND/UNKIND

He shared his snack with a friend.



KIND/UNKIND

The kids on the playground wouldn't let anyone else use the swings.



KIND/UNKIND

Mary helped the new student find the bathroom.



KIND/UNKIND

Emma pushed everyone so she could be first in line.



KIND/UNKIND

Max donated his old toys that he didn't play with anymore.



KINDNESS SCAVENGER HUNT

School Edition



Directions: Try and complete as many acts of kindness as you can over the next seven (7) days.

- Push in someone's chair
- Make a gift for someone in your class
- Play with someone you don't usually play with at recess
- Help your teacher clean up
- Hold a door open for someone
- Give someone a compliment
- Let someone get in front of you on line
- Write a 'Thank You' note or draw a picture for your teacher
- Pick up trash and put it where it goes
- Leave a nice note in someone's cubby or locker




Name: _____

KINDNESS SCAVENGER HUNT (Home Edition)

Directions: Check off the acts of kindness as you complete them



 SHARE WITH SOMEONE <input type="checkbox"/>	 DO SOMEONE'S CHORES <input type="checkbox"/>	 HUG SOMEONE <input type="checkbox"/>
 TAKE CARE OF A PET <input type="checkbox"/>	 HELP MAKE A MEAL <input type="checkbox"/>	 DRAW A PICTURE FOR SOMEONE <input type="checkbox"/>
 CLEAN UP SOMEONE'S MESS <input type="checkbox"/>	 WRITE SOMEONE A THANK YOU NOTE <input type="checkbox"/>	 PLAY A GAME WITH SOMEONE <input type="checkbox"/>
 DONATE OLD TOYS <input type="checkbox"/>	 VISIT A NURSING HOME <input type="checkbox"/>	 READ A BOOK TO SOMEONE <input type="checkbox"/>
 DONATE BOOKS YOU ALREADY READ <input type="checkbox"/>	 MAKE SOMEONE LAUGH <input type="checkbox"/>	 GIVE SOMEONE A HIGH FIVE <input type="checkbox"/>

Name _____ Date _____

Communities in Action

Below are pictures of communities of people that are cooperating. Choose your favorite, and write or tell a story about it.



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Family Word Search

Can you find all the family words in the grid below?

