

Lesson 3 – Jesus, Sign of God’s

Love

Grade 7 – Chapter 3

KEY CONCEPT

Jesus is the fulfillment of the Law and he perfectly reveals God the Father to us

QUICK SESSION OVERVIEW

STEP 1 - WELCOME

STEP 2 - INVITE

STEP 3 - DISCOVER

STEP 4 - LIVE

STEP 5 - CLOSING

HELPFUL HINT OF THE DAY

Engage the children constantly. They may resist, but in truth they yearn for this.

-Understand that they might be quiet during these sessions and this is natural. They are concerned about what “others will think” but they are truly searching for intimacy and depth. This is offered in the Faith and it is our job to teach them about these answers.

-Be patient with responses. They might not flow in right away but keep persistent in wanting engagement out of them.

-Don’t lose hope that you aren’t getting through to them. Continue to push forward and speaking the Truth.

-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

STEP 2 - INVITE

TIP

Begin in prayer

- **Ask God to reveal himself in a special way during this class**
- **Continue asking to grow in faith this year with open hearts to the truth we will be exposed to this year**

Jesus Showed Signs of God's Love

- **Use The Beatitudes for this activity – Matthew 5:1-11**

Define Love

- **Give students a Youcat to look up the definition and discuss. (If they cannot find it, it is on page 219)**

STEP 3 - DISCOVER

TIP

*****You don't need to do the prayers before each page for "Discover"*****

Discuss Positive Natural Laws after reading the "Laws That Point to God" section. Ask: What are some other positive natural laws?

- **Page 526 of Catechism speaks to this. Use this as a resource as questions come up. Also, feel free to write questions down that you do not feel comfortable answering or do not know the answer to and our staff can find a way to answer them. 😊**

STEP 4 – LIVE

TIP

Show me the Love activity

- **Encourage students to think about how the idea of God's Love can be applied into their everyday lives.**

STEP 5 – CLOSING

TIP

Close in Prayer together focusing on God's love. If time, take a trip to the chapel to pray silently.

Matthew 5:1-11 NRSV

Introduction to the Sermon on the Mount

The Beatitudes

⁵ When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. ²Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

³ “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴ “Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

⁵ “Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

⁶ “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

⁷ “Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

⁸ “Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

⁹ “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

¹⁰ “Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹ “Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.