

Lesson 12 – The Church Teaches

Grade 4 - Chapter 12

KEY CONCEPT

Jesus gave leaders of the Church the authority to interpret Scripture and Tradition for the faithful. The Holy Spirit directs the Church in teaching and guiding the People of God.

QUICK SESSION

OVERVIEW

STEP 1 - WELCOME

STEP 2 - INVITE

STEP 3 - DISCOVER

STEP 4 - LIVE

STEP 5 - CLOSING

HELPFUL HINT OF THE DAY

Emphasize Community

- Without having a school as a part of our church, Religious Ed becomes the main source of church community for our youth
- While in the classroom, emphasize the importance of being there for one another and that our Faith community builds up one another
- Continue to get the kids to know each other better so that even when they are outside of Religious Ed, they will desire friendships with others that share their Faith
- Allow for time for the relationships to form between them as they will continue to journey together with each other for the next few years to come

STEP 1 - WELCOME

TIP

Community Activity

STEP 2 – INVITE

TIP

Let us Pray

Hail Mary

Chapter Story: “A Good Teacher”

- **Use this story after the opening prayer, before explaining about how the the Church teaches us in different ways.**

A Good Teacher Is...

- **Someone who encourages you to think but allows you to learn from mistakes.**
- **Someone who cares about you and what you learn.**
- **Someone who has some truth to share.**
- **Someone who isn’t afraid to smile or cry.**

Encourage the children to share stories about their favorite teachers.

Ask: What are some other qualities of a good teacher?

- **What makes you like a certain teacher over another?**

Ask: Outside of school, who are your teachers?

- **Who else do you know that teaches you something?**

STEP 3 – DISCOVER

TIP

Jesus Chooses a Leader

- **Read and discuss the section with the prompts given**
- **Read about Peter and Jesus**
- **Use the “Share Your Faith” section to allow for discussion**

Can do coloring sheet of Pope Francis who is the current leader of the Catholic Church.

The Church and You

- **Read and discuss the section with the prompts given.**
- **Use the graphic organizer idea (pg. 178) to help the children learn where we fit in the organization of the Church. (Can draw this on a small whiteboard or poster board)**
- **Talk about the Precepts of the Church**
- **Use “Connect Your Faith” section to discuss about qualities of Mary that you want to model**

Activity Master 12: Precepts Poem

Word Search (if needed as an extra activity)

STEP 4 – LIVE

TIP

Our Catholic Life

- **Go through the ways to Support your Parish and discuss**

People of Faith

- **Discuss about Saint Mary Magdalen Postel**

Live Your Faith

- **Go through the activity to help them to focus on how they can use their time or talents to participate more in Church.**

STEP 5 – CLOSING

TIP

Pray:

- **Our Father**
- **Memorare**

Take Homes:

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

Name _____ Date _____

Precepts Poem

Color and decorate this mini-poster, and display it where you will see it often. The first letter of each line spells an important word for Catholics to remember.

Participate in Mass and observe all holy days.

Recconciliation calls you to change your sinful ways.

Easter is the time to receive Communion yearly.

Church members act to serve the Church that they all love so dearly.

Meat at no meat and fast when asked to show your true devotion.

Penance is a way to show your sorrowful emotion.

Talents, time, and treasure will help the Church grow strong.

So do your part and keep these rules to show that you belong.

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