

Lesson 14 – Respect Life

Grade 4 – Chapter 14

KEY CONCEPT

All human life is sacred because it comes from God. The Fifth Commandment forbids anything that takes a human life.

QUICK SESSION OVERVIEW

STEP 1 - WELCOME

STEP 2 - INVITE

STEP 3 - DISCOVER

STEP 4 - LIVE

STEP 5 - CLOSING

Always Address the “so what?” Question

- The tradition, doctrines, scripture and heritage we possess sit in a vacuum if they are not connected with real life experiences
- There is always a “why” behind each teaching of the Faith
- These are the most important things to explain to our youth because that is when true learning happens. They are able to connect it with a reason instead of just being told what to do.
- Don’t pass up opportunities to address these questions. If left unanswered, the lesson will be forgotten by the kids by the time they get into the car to go home!
- If you don’t the “why” behind a teaching, just ask! None of us are perfect to have each answer but that’s why we are called to community with those around to help each.

STEP 1 - WELCOME

TIP

Community Activity – word search

STEP 2 – INVITE

TIP

Let us Pray (pg. 199)

Chapter Story: A Change of Heart

Use this story after the opening prayer, before explaining that we are called to respect human life.

- Read aloud the story.
- Ask the children what the term *merchant of death* means. ***Nobel's invention, dynamite, killed many people.***
- Ask: If your death notice were accidentally written today, what could it say about your respect for the lives of others?

A Change of Heart

Nearly ninety years ago, Alfred Nobel picked up the morning newspaper and, to his horror, read his own death notice! The newspaper reported his death by mistake. Nobel read the bold heading, "Dynamite King Dies." In the article he was described as a merchant of death.

Nobel was saddened. Although he had made a fortune by inventing dynamite, he did not want to be remembered as a "merchant of death." From then on, he devoted his energy and money to works of peace and the good of humankind.

Today, Alfred Nobel is remembered as the founder of the Nobel Prizes, especially the Peace Prize. These prizes reward and encourage people who work for the good of others.

- **Ask What do you wonder questions**

STEP 3 – DISCOVER

TIP

All Human Life is Sacred (pg. 200)

- **Read paragraph**
- **Read about Blessed Margaret of Castello**
- **Ask the children if they know someone who has a disability and how do they get treated.**

Choose Life (pg. 201)

- **Read paragraphs and Scripture verse**
- **Ask the children what life and death decisions people have to make daily.**

Protect and Respect (pg. 202)

- **Read paragraphs.**
- **Ask the children how they keep the Fifth commandment.**
- **Discuss the meaning of the word Murder.**

Respect for the Body

- **Read paragraphs.**

Activity – Respect your Body sheet

Avoid Anger (pg. 203)

- **Read paragraph**
- **Read Scripture**
- **Discuss the question at the end of the Scripture story.**
Invite the children to share times when they have been able to avoid hatred or revenge, even when they were provoked.

Remind the children that forgiveness is a way to show love to others, even to enemies

STEP 4 – LIVE

TIP

Our Catholic Life

- **How can you follow God’s commandments in your family life? (pg. 194)**
- **How can you act in the spirit of the Fifth commandment? (pg. 204)**
- **Can do activity to Reach all learners on pg. 204 and have small groups act out situations.**

People of Faith

- **Discuss about Saint Gianna Molla**

STEP 5 – CLOSING

TIP

Pray:

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

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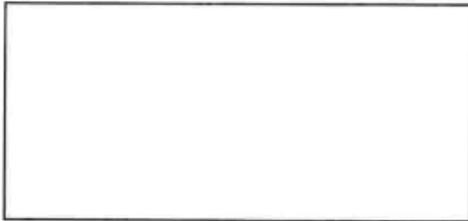
- **Family and Faith**
- **Chapter Reviews**

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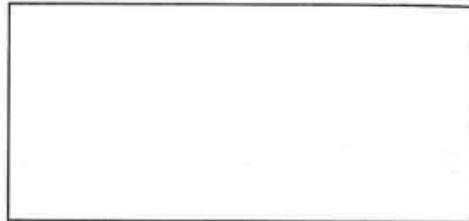
Respect Your Body

Think about the things that can harm your body. Draw a symbol for each of the following items, and then draw and color the barred circle "No" symbol over each drawing. Next, write a personal pledge saying what you will do to show respect for your body.

Junk food



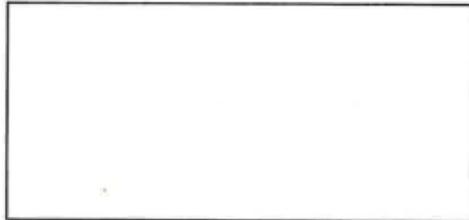
Smoking



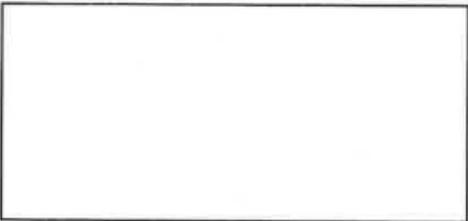
Not using safety equipment



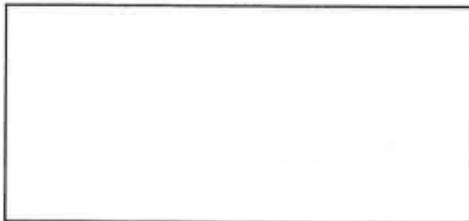
Fighting



Staying up too late



Alcohol



I will respect my body by
