

Lesson 15 – Live in the Truth

Grade 4 - Chapter 15 and Lent

KEY CONCEPT

Because God is truth, his people are called to live in the truth. The Eight Commandment forbids lying.

QUICK SESSION

OVERVIEW

STEP 1 - WELCOME

STEP 2 - INVITE

STEP 3 - DISCOVER

STEP 4 - LIVE

STEP 5 - CLOSING

Use Lent to Draw Deeper to the Lord

-Lent is a beautiful time to help us refocus on our relationship with Christ and what is truly important in our life

-Choose a fast to do during the time of Lent to help to sacrifice something for the Lord

-This should be something that you do regularly, brings you comfort, and is good!

-Offer this up to God to help you refocus on Him and not the things of this world that we get enjoyment from

-Also, during this time, prayer for the children of our church. Make a commitment to say an extra prayer for them during this time!

STEP 1 - WELCOME

TIP

Community Activity – word search

STEP 2 – INVITE

TIP

Pray Our Father

Let us Pray (pg. 209)

Use this story after the opening prayer, before explaining that it is important to tell the truth.

Chapter Story: It's the Truth

Some famous quotes of former presidents tell of the importance of telling the truth. Benjamin Franklin said, "Honesty is the best policy."

George Washington is given credit for the quote, "I cannot tell a lie." Legend says that when he was asked if he had chopped down a cherry tree, this was his reply.

James A. Garfield said, "The truth will set you free." The less famous full quote, however, is "The truth will set you free, but first it will make you miserable."

- **Read aloud the story.**
- **Invite the children to write a saying about the importance of telling the truth.**
- **Ask: Why do people sometimes not tell the truth?**
- **Transition back to the lesson instruction.**

Read scripture passage

Ask the What do you wonder questions.

STEP 3 – DISCOVER

TIP

Witness to the Truth

Ask: How do people show they value truth? Write answers on a poster board or a small white board.

Read about St. Thomas More

- **Ask the children the questions listed in the margin**

A martyr is a person who gives up his or her life to witness to the truth of Christ.

Discuss some Catholic martyrs from the catechist background section on pg. 211

Speak and Act the Truth

- **Read paragraphs**
- **Ask why Thomas More and others were willing to give up their lives to witness the truth.**

The Eighth Commandment (pg. 212)

- **Ask: What does the Eighth commandment call you to do?**
- **Read the paragraphs and discuss who is my neighbor.**

Activity – Gossip and Truth sheet

Jesus is the Truth

- **Read the paragraph.**
- **Read scripture verse and discuss what Jesus meant when he said “the truth will set you free.”**
- **Read the paragraph.**

Lent Insert (pg. 26)

- **An Unselfish Spirit**
- **Read paragraphs**
- **Do Activity on page 27**

Activity – Go over the Lent sheet. Have the children color the letters and then fold the paper so they can make a pamphlet to review.

Review what happens during Lent from the pamphlet. Encourage the children to do some small sacrifices or to give up things during Lent to help them prepare for Easter.

Ash Wednesday is on March 2nd this year and is the start of Lent.

STEP 4 – LIVE

TIP

Our Catholic Life

- **How can you live in the spirit of the Eighth commandment?**
- **Read the paragraphs**
- **Do the Choosing Truth activity.**
- **Talk about confrontation in the quick tip section (pg. 214)**

People of Faith

- **Discuss about Saint Joan of Arc**

STEP 5 – CLOSING

TIP

Pray:

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

Take Homes:

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

Chapter 15 Activity Master

Name _____ Date _____

Gossip and Truth

Gossip is one of the ways that people slip into habits that don't lead to truthful lives. Gossip can hurt people in many ways. Truth is the way to defeat gossip.

Design a comic strip that shows the terrible Gossip Monster and the harm it does. Draw a character that represents Truth fighting the monster.

The Gossip Monster attacks!



Who is hurt by the Gossip Monster?



Truth to the rescue!



The Gossip Monster is defeated!



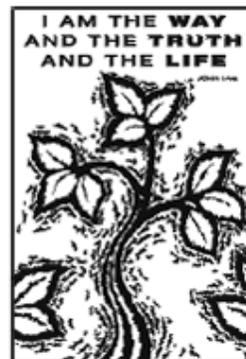
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What would you like to say to the Gossip Monster?

How can you help Truth fight the Gossip Monster?

Finding the Way

Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." John 14:6
 The puzzle is based on John 14:1-14 (NIV).



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ENOUGH	WAY	HEARTS	TROUBLED	TRUST
THOMAS	LIFE	MIRACLES	HOUSE	SEEN
SHOW	BELIEVE	KNOW	ROOMS	LIVING
FATHER	FAITH	PLACE	PREPARE	TRUTH



What is Lent?

- Liturgical season preparing us for the Easter Triduum, lasts 40 days
 - prayer
 - fasting
 - almsgiving
- Purple (violet) is liturgical color
- Time of conversion & turning back to God
- Pray for those in RCIA and prepare to renew our baptismal promises

How is Lent Different?

- Fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday
- Abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and all Fridays
- Do not say Gloria at Mass
- Never sing or say Alleluia
- Make special sacrifices
- Live simply
- Pray the Stations of the Cross
- date changes each year

- Ash Wednesday - Lent begins
- All Fridays - remember Christ's Passion
- Palm Sunday - Christ's Triumphant entry into Jerusalem
- Holy Thursday - The Last Supper
- Good Friday - Christ's Passion & Death
- Holy Saturday - Day before Easter
- * Depending on local culture & devotion, we still celebrate feast days like:
 - St. Patrick (3/17) St. Joseph (3/19) The Annunciation (3/25)

Important Days During Lent:

Scripture About Lent:

- "Return to me with your whole heart." ~ Joel 2:12
- "A clean heart create in me, O God." ~ Psalm 51
- "If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts." ~ Psalm 95
- "Take up your cross and follow me." ~ Matthew 10:25