

Grade 8 - Lesson 8

St. Michael the Archangel Parish

Proclamation:

The Works of Mercy express our love for Christ by helping our neighbor and will lead us to beatitude.



Catechetical Points

- The Spiritual Works of Mercy
- The Corporal Works of Mercy
- The Beatitudes

Materials

- Catechism Board Game
- YouTube (Please bring your own laptop or tablet)
 - Wi-Fi: StMichaelGuest
 - Password: 6084375348
 - Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy by Allison Low
 - <https://youtu.be/qaDnlz1KNn4>
 - **The Beatitudes** by Bob Perron
 - <https://youtu.be/7iwBwFcq1Ik>

[5 min] **Opening Prayer**

- Pray the Anima Christi (student text page 185, teacher's manual page 351)

[25 min] **The Corporal Works of Mercy**

- Watch Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy by Allison Low
 - <https://youtu.be/qaDnlz1KNn4>
- Read the first paragraph on page 112 in the section on the Corporal Works of Mercy. (Page 185 in the teacher's manual).
- Divide the class into groups and assign one of the 7 Corporal Works of Mercy to each group (the first 3 can be combined into one).
 - Feed the hungry
 - Give drink to the thirsty
 - Clothe the naked
 - Visit the imprisoned
 - Shelter the homeless
 - Visit the sick
 - Bury the dead
- Instruct the groups to read the section in the book on their corporal work of mercy, then plan a skit demonstrating their corporal work of mercy. After performing the skit for the whole class, the group should explain what their corporal work of mercy is about and discuss as a class. (See the notes in the teacher's manual on pages 176-177.)
- After each group has performed their skit, assign another corporal work of mercy to each group, until all 7 have been covered.

[15 min] **The Spiritual Works of Mercy**

- Read the first 3 paragraphs on page 110 in the student text.
- Just like the Corporal Works of Mercy, divide the class into small groups and assign one of the 7 Spiritual Works of Mercy to each group.
 - Admonish the sinner
 - Instruct the ignorant
 - Counsel the doubtful
 - Comfort the sorrowful
 - Bear wrongs patiently
 - Forgive all injuries
 - Pray for the living and the dead

- Instruct the groups to read the section in the book on their spiritual work of mercy, then plan a skit demonstrating their spiritual work of mercy. After performing the skit for the whole class, the group should explain what their spiritual work of mercy is about and discuss as a class. (See the notes in the teacher's manual on pages 174-175.)
- After each group has performed their skit, assign another spiritual work of mercy to each group, until all 7 have been covered.

[10 min] **The Beatitudes**

- Read the last 3 paragraphs on page 114.
- Discuss the Beatitudes using the notes in the teacher's manual on pages 178-183.
- Watch **The Beatitudes** by Bob Perron
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[10 min] **Catechism Board Game**

- Split the class into teams and play the Catechism board game, using the easy set of questions.

[10 min] **Silent Prayer**

- Bring the class into church for a few minutes of silent prayer.
- Before praying, give the students some ideas of what to pray for:
 - Is there something troubling you this week?
 - Is there someone you know who needs God's help?
 - What are you grateful to God for?