

Family Faith Formation Unit 3

Overview

Unit 2 – How do we live what we believe? The Faith Lived

DECEMBER Unit 2 Continued

5 Class Day Lesson 10 – How are we strengthened for service to God and other?

Lesson 10 explores the Essential Question “How are we strengthened for service to God and others?” This lesson begins with a wonderful Scripture verse: “Serve the LORD with gladness” (Psalm 100:2). Authentic acts of service are not done to serve one’s ego or as a sort of penance. When we take humble pride in our service, we recognize the grace that comes with being generous, compassionate, and caring. Reflect on the gladness that you experience in serving others.

Lesson Summary

This lesson aims to help the children understand that we share in Jesus’ work in the world through our calling to a particular vocation. The activities should develop skills for defining and using the faith words as part of their vocabulary. In doing so, they should identify how people are called to serve God and the Church through the Sacraments of Service and name ways that they can serve others. All of these build an understanding of what it means to serve Christ and his Church as well as how we celebrate what we believe.

Who helped you discern your vocation? Although they are young, how might you help the children begin to consider their call to serve others, perhaps as ordained clergy or married people?

- Common Priesthood of the Faithful
- Sacraments at the Service of Communion
- Holy Orders
 - Bishops
 - Priests
 - Deacons
 - Matrimony

DECEMBER

12 At Home Lesson 11 – How Do We Know God Loves Us?

Lesson 11 asks the Essential Question “How do we know God loves us?” The first line of this lesson is from Psalm 139:14, “I praise you, because I am wonderfully made.” When we look at ourselves in a mirror, it is tempting to pick out our flaws and deficiencies. Try doing so without any self-judgment. Take the psalm verse to heart by seeing your physical and inner self. God made you. Make a conscious effort to truly accept this truth.

Lesson Summary

This lesson will focus on helping the children to recognize their own unique qualities and gifts that make them special. God made every living thing, but people are very special to him. People

are God's most important creation. All people are special because God made them in his image. God made us to be good and loving like he is. Sometimes we choose to do things that are good and loving. At other times we do not. God wants us to do what is good. God lets us choose to do good. God gives us rules to help us make good choices. These rules help us love each other.

How do you see yourself made in the image and likeness of God?

- Great Commandment
- Sacred
- Cardinal Virtues
- Chosen People
- Conscience
- Free Will
- Justification
- Morality
- Mortal Sin
- Natural Law
- Precepts of the Church
- Sanctifying Grace
- Sin
- Society
- Solidarity
- Theological Virtues
- Venial Sin
- Vice
- Virtue

19 Class Day

Christmas Party!!