

First Grade: Lesson 17

Behavior Matters

Lesson Objective:

This lesson builds upon and reinforces the previous lesson. Children are encouraged to make good choices, not because they are afraid of punishment, but because they love God and want to please Him.

Learning Outcomes: Students will ...

- Recognize that true freedom comes by choosing the good.
- Recognize that their behavior affects their relationship with God.
- Discuss the difference between right and wrong.
- Demonstrate obedience to rules, regulations, and legitimate authority.

Materials Needed:

- Prayer space items, Bible, pencils, crayons
- Copies: Coloring Sheet (optional), How we Treat Others Activity, The Golden Rule Game (optional)

As Students Enter Class:

- As students wait for class to begin, consider having a coloring sheet available, such as the one linked below.
- [We are kind to each other coloring sheet](#)

Beginning of Class:

- Gather around your prayer space and pray a traditional Catholic prayer you have been working on.

Lesson Order	Implementation Ideas
Lesson 17 Video	<p>This video is 1:27 in length.</p> <p>Highlights: God wants to be with you forever in Heaven, where we can experience our greatest happiness.</p> <p>Sometimes, we do something that hurts our relationship with Jesus. Sin separates us from God. Sin is saying no to God's law in our thoughts, word, deeds, or by omission.</p> <p>God gave us rules to live by to help us understand right from wrong: The 10 Commandments. Jesus tells us that we should love God and each other. When we don't live by these laws and say mean things or do things that are wrong, we commit a sin.</p> <p>Romans 6:23: For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.</p> <p>The good news is that Jesus loves us and died on the cross for our sins so that we can go to Heaven.</p>
Song of the Golden Rule	<p>This video is 1:39 in length.</p> <p>Students will be engaged in this learning song. It will help them memorize the Golden Rule.</p> <p>Discussion Question: What is the Golden Rule? Why is it important?</p>
Right or Wrong Song	<p>This video is 2:17 in length.</p> <p>Highlights: Examples of right or wrong behaviors are sung and students give a thumbs up if it's right or thumbs down if it's wrong behavior.</p>
Meditation of God's Love for You	<p>This video is 2:52 in length.</p>

	<p>Highlights: Consider dimming the lights and encourage students to sit quietly, look at the pictures and listen to the voice.</p> <p>Follow Up Suggestion: Give students a piece of blank paper or use your prayer journals if you have them. Encourage students to draw and/or write what stuck out to them from the video.</p> <p>Suggestions: God loves you. God will always love you, no matter what you do. God loves you so much, just the way you are. God knows you better than anyone else. You are a child of God.</p>
<p>Ethics for Kids: Right and Wrong</p>	<p>This video is 6:42 in length.</p> <p>Highlights: This video is animated. Melfyn the Magic Scout is on an extraordinary quest to reach Mount Moral and win the trophy! On her journey, she will encounter tricky situations that will test her ability to make the right choice. This magical Miniclip takes students on an ethical journey to learn about right and wrong, and what consequences are. They will learn about how their choices impact others as well as themselves and may even discover that in the end it's not winning a prize that counts, but how they feel inside when they do the right thing.</p> <p>Catechists are encouraged to relate the scenarios back to the Golden Rule and following God's laws.</p>
<p>Activity: A Good Friend Should</p>	<p>This can be done as a whole group. Each student has a paper, and the Catechist reads the statement. Students decide if it is an important good quality or not.</p>
<p>The Golden Rule Game</p>	<p>Depending on the abilities of your first graders, decide if this game is a good fit.</p> <p>You can always read some of the questions and have students answer true or false.</p>

	<p>One idea: Divide students into two teams and then keep a tally of correct answers for each, just to make it a fun competition. This will also encourage all students to answer.</p>
<p>Closing Prayer</p>	<p>Gather around your prayer space and model a prayer of Thanksgiving, thanking God for the 10 Commandments and the Golden Rule, all great ways to help us live a life modeled by Jesus.</p>