

Grade 4: Lesson 4: Sharing the Good News

Lesson Objective:

This lesson helps the children understand that it is normative for Catholic Christians to share their faith with others and tell people about their experience of Jesus. Children should be encouraged to role play sharing the good news and share their personal experience of Christ.

Learning Outcomes:

- Recognize that God wants them to share the “good news” with others (Matt 28:19-20)
- Recognize that God’s gift of the Holy Spirit in Baptism helps them to live as disciples (John 14:16-18, Acts 2:38, 1 Cor 12).
- Explain to a peer his/her personal experience of Jesus.

Materials Needed:

- Prayer space items, pencils, crayons, scissors, glue, construction paper
- Copies: Good News Heart activity, Sharing the Good News Prayer Card or Prayer Journal, Traditional Catholic Prayers (2 pages)

As Students Enter Class:

- One idea is to use the Scripture Reflection Page from Lesson 3 as an opening activity for today’s class. Encourage students to select one of the verses, look it up in the Bible, and provide a reflection.
- Another idea is to have students look at some Saint Cards and read the back of the cards. Ask students to make a connection as to how that particular Saint was a Disciple of Christ.

Beginning of Class:

- Opening Prayer – Invite students to gather around your prayer space. Model a spontaneous prayer that invites the Holy Spirit into your hearts and lead your mind into opening and understanding today’s material. Share some personal prayer intentions and invite students to share any intentions they may have.
- Offer students who completed the opening activity to share their thoughts/work.

Lesson Order	Implementation Ideas
Lesson 4 Video	This video is 2:56 in length.

	<p>Highlights: Review that last week we learned about our ongoing conversion to choose to live for Jesus and be his Disciples.</p> <p>Question: What are some ways we, as 4th graders, can be a Disciple of Jesus?</p> <p>Jesus is always ready to spend time with you. God has given us the Holy Spirit as our helper. We know this because Jesus tells us in the Bible. Read <u>John 14:16-18</u> (p. 1689). Invite students to find this passage and follow along as you read. This passage says that I will ask the Father and He will give you another helper that will stay with you forever. The Holy Spirit reveals the truth about God. We need the Holy Spirit to guide us as we grow and learn about our Catholic Faith. Jesus wants you to share the good news with others. He tells us in <u>Matthew 28:19-20</u>. Read this to the students. It says that we are to go to all people everywhere to make them my Disciples. Baptize them in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit and teach them to obey what I commanded you.</p> <p>The good news is something we call Kerygma. Kerygma means proclamation. We are proclaiming that Jesus is our Savior; he died on the cross for our sins so that we can live with God forever in heaven.</p>
Go and Make Disciples Video	This video is 1:59 in length. It is a silent video and students will need to read the words that are accompanied by very nice graphics. This is thought provoking. Students may ask to see it again. Take time to talk and encourage students to share what they think the message is about?
God is Calling You	This video is 3:20. It is narrated by a young priest that students may find more relatable. Highlights: There are so many reasons NOT to answer God's call. It is easy to see and say what we can't do and hope someone else, someone

	better than us, will answer God's call. But God uses ALL types of people (examples given from the Bible). Having a call from God is NOT about us; it's about what God wants to accomplish in us.
Intro to the Activities	This is .39 in length. Catechists don't have to show this, as it is mostly more home study. However, some ideas to share are: Praying for someone who needs to hear the Kerygma, the Good News, is a great way to figure out what words to share with that person. Who in your life needs to hear the Good News? Ask the Holy Spirit to guide your prayer so you can figure out the best way to share the Good News.
The Good News Heart Activity	**Please note*** These would look great posted on our bulletin board. Please think about collecting these at the end of class so they can be displayed. Instead of newspaper, I suggest you have the students paste them on a piece of construction paper.
Sharing the Good News Prayer Card	Provide some prompts and then quiet time for students to reflect on someone they think needs to hear or be reminded that Jesus loves them and died on the cross for their sins. Encourage students to fill out this prayer card and say the prayer at home over the next week.
Prayer Journal	If you prefer, you can use the Prayer Journal instead of the Prayer Card activity above.
Final Activity – Reciting Prayers	One suggestion is to have students write their name on this sheet and keep it with you for use throughout the year; send it home towards the end of year. Encourage students to find a partner and pick some prayers to practice. Remind them to whisper read. If students really want to take this home, please send it home and make more copies.
Closing Prayer	Gather around your prayer space and ask a student to pick a traditional Catholic prayer to recite.