

Fifth Grade: Lesson 20
Living My Love for Jesus

Lesson Objective:

This lesson explores service and works of mercy in the context of missionary discipleship. The love that children have for Jesus spills over to others in the form of service. Children are encouraged to participate in works of mercy with their parish and/or families and be reminded that these things are things they should do throughout their lives out of love for Christ. Catechists should remind children that God has given them special gifts in Baptism to be used to help other people become friends with Jesus. As they grow in faith, they will discover the gifts they have been given.

Learning Outcomes: Students will ...

- Recognize that the ways we serve reflect our love of God and love of neighbor. Explain to a peer his/her personal experience of Jesus.
- Demonstrate ways to apply the Beatitudes to everyday life.
- Discuss and display appropriate attitudes toward the unborn, sick, handicapped, aged, and dying, as each person is created in the image and likeness of God and each person is unique and unrepeatable (CCC 2268-2283, 2407).
- Demonstrate obedience to rules, regulations, and legitimate authority.
- Describe the ways the saints model the spiritual and corporal Works of Mercy (CCC 2447; CCC Glossary: 2447).
- Engage in service learning that applies to the Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy (CCC 2447; CCC Glossary: Works of Mercy).

Materials Needed:

- Prayer space items, Bibles, pencils, markers, crayons, large poster board or construction paper, Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC)
- Copies: 5 Habits of Christian Life, Stewardship Storyboard, Attitudes Toward the Vulnerable

As Student Enter Class:

- Have a large posterboard displayed with the title: 5th Grade Discipleship Class or some other appropriate heading.
- Have students write and/or draw topics they have learned throughout this year. Students can sign their names as well.

Beginning of Class:

- Gather around your prayer space and select a prayer of your choosing.

Lesson Order	Implementation Ideas
Lesson 20 Video	<p>This video is 1:38 in length.</p> <p>Highlights: In our last class, we talked about how God is calling you to live out your life through a vocation. We are all called to be disciples of Christ through serving others. When we share our experiences and give our time, talent, and treasure, we share our Christian identity.</p> <p>Stewardship is the giving of oneself to care for self, the world, and others. When we study the lives of saints, we see how they live out the spiritual and corporal works of mercy.</p> <p>How can you serve others at school, at Church, and in your community?</p>
Living a Good Life With 5 Habits	<p>This video is 6:19 in length.</p> <p>Highlights: “You reap what you sow” is talking about habits. If you can develop good habits as a follower of God, then your life will go well for you.</p> <p>5 Basic Habits Every Christian Needs to Know:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Reading the Bible – you need to put God’s timeless truth from His word in your mind. <div data-bbox="630 1352 1417 1761" data-label="Text"> <p>2 Timothy 3:16</p> <p>All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right.</p> </div> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2) Prayer – Prayer is communicating with God. You cannot have a good relationship

with anyone without communicating.
Therefore, prayer is very important.

1 Thessalonians 5:17

Never stop praying.

- 3) Connecting – aka Fellowship: Connecting with other believers who can strengthen your walk with God

Hebrews 10:25

And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another...

- 4) Giving – If you are a pursuer of God you need to give to your local Church and other charities that evangelize for God.

2 Corinthians 8:7

Since you excel in so many ways—in your faith, your gifted speakers, your knowledge, your enthusiasm, and your love from us—I want you to excel also in this gracious act of giving.

- 5) Mentoring – Disciple making. Jesus commissioned:

Matthew 28:19-20

Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations.... Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you....

	<p>Mentoring is purposefully working with someone to help them pursue God.</p> <p>Discuss: What are your thoughts about the 5 Habits? Which ones are you doing regularly currently? Reflect upon which habits you can continue to grow and develop.</p>
Guided Meditation on Serving Others	<p>This meditation is 2:01.</p> <p>It has real pictures that students can look at while they quietly listen.</p> <p>Discuss: What are ways you can serve others? Consider passing out an index card and ask students to write one or two ways they can commit to serving others. Students can take this card home.</p>
See you next year!	Carla encourages students to pray, go to Mass, and read the Bible.
The 5 Habits of Christian Life	This activity connects with the video.
Stewardship Storyboard	Students are asked to read from the Bible and illustrate how each passage relates to stewardship.
Attitudes Towards the Vulnerable	Students are asked to look at the CCC to complete this activity.

Thank you, catechists and aides, for mentoring your students this year by sharing your time and talents! You are great stewards for Christ. May God bless you and keep you in his loving care.