

Second Grade: Lesson 19

Living as a Disciple of Christ

Lesson Objective:

This lesson reminds children that they are called to live their faith in the world. Catechists can help children gain an appreciation for the fact that people live in various cultural and economic circumstances. Children should be taught to treat these differences with respect but also stand up for any injustices that they see.

Learning Outcomes: Students will ...

- Recognize that all creatures are a sign of God's gift in love.
- Discuss how the character of a person is embodied in the way that he interacts with others.
- Compare loving choices to selfish choices in community.
- Demonstrate an attitude of respect and reverence for one's background and toward people of different cultural and economic backgrounds.
- Demonstrate care and respect for all of God's creation.
- Demonstrate reverence during liturgical celebrations.

Materials Needed:

- Prayer space items, Bible, pencils, crayons, scissors, glue, magazines or something that can be used to find pictures of people from around the world
- Copies: Disciples Word Search, God's Creation Art Activity, Bullying: How Does God Call Us to Respond, Respecting and Honoring the Dignity of all People

As Students Enter Class:

- While waiting for class to begin, consider having an activity ready, such as the Disciple Word Search linked below.
- [Disciples Word Search](#)

Beginning of Class:

- Gather around your prayer space and pray a traditional Catholic prayer that you have been focusing on this year.

Lesson Order	Implementation Ideas
<p>Lesson 18 Video</p> <p>You could stop and discuss now, or at the end of the video.</p>	<p>This video is 3:59 in length.</p> <p>Highlights: In our last session we learned how important your family is and how it can be modeled after the Holy Family and the Holy Trinity.</p> <p>The Holy Family serves as an example of when we love each other, we share God's love. Each of us are a very special part of God's creation and you matter so much to God. God loves you because of who you are, not because of anything you do.</p> <p>When you realize how much God loves you, you begin to understand that this means God loves all people so much.</p> <p>Genesis 1:26: God says, "Humans will be created like us." This means you are made in the image and likeness of God.</p> <p>How is your family like the Holy Family? Do you pray together? Do you talk about Bible stories and Jesus? Do you share your love of God with others?</p> <p>We share God with others when we make loving choices. We have an attitude of respect for all people, including people from different backgrounds and cultures than us. Treating all people we meet with kindness and care is how we can live in the image and likeness of God.</p> <p>Just like Adam and Eve's sin had consequences for all humanity, your decisions and choices have consequences, too. Remember, also, that you are a part of the Body of Christ, and sharing Christ's love with all people you meet is very important.</p> <p>Have you even had your feelings hurt? Have you ever seen someone being bullied or picked on? When these things happen, it takes away people's joy and does not reflect God's love.</p>

	<p>The video ends with a discussion about cultural differences.</p>
<p>Meditation: Creation and the Family</p> <p>Please note: You may prefer to show the Genesis: The Story of Creation video first, then show this mediation video.</p>	<p>This video is 2:43 in length.</p> <p>Highlights: This video is not narrated. Soothing music plays as pictures of creation and families move across the screen.</p> <p>Discussion: Using the learning objective, consider the following discussion prompts:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) How does this video help us understand that all living creatures are a sign of God's love? 2) How can we care and respect God's creation?
<p>Genesis: The Story of Creation</p>	<p>This video is 3:06 in length.</p> <p>Highlights: This is an animated video that explains the story of creation, from the book of Genesis.</p> <p>Discussion: What stood out to you in this video? Why do you think God created the World, with people, animals, and all the wonderful things that make up our World?</p>
<p>God's Creation Art Activity</p>	<p>Students are asked to draw a picture of God's creation. You may enjoy taking students outside for a brief walk so they can identify things in nature that God has created.</p>
<p>Bullying: How Does God Call Us to Respond?</p>	<p>This activity links Bible passages to the topic of bullying. Pass out a Bible to each student or pair of students and have them follow along as you read a passage.</p> <p>Suggestion: Read one of the passages from the Bible and then discuss as a whole group.</p>
<p>Respecting and Honoring the Dignity of all People</p>	<p>Students are asked to cut and glue pictures of people from around the world and then discuss</p>

	how to respect and honor the dignity of people that are different from us.
Closing Prayer	Consider modeling a prayer of thanksgiving, thanking God for his creation of the Earth and all people. Encourage students to join in with a statement of someone or something they are grateful for.