

Second Grade: Lesson 4: What Does it Mean to be a Disciple of Christ?

Lesson Objective:

The personal love and sacrifice of Jesus explored in lessons 1 and 2 fills the children with wonder and awe and opens their hearts to a real friendship with Jesus. In this lesson, children are asked to invite Jesus into their lives. In addition, children will explore what it means to be a disciple of Christ (as modeled by the Blessed Mother) and come to understand that disciples are called to share the Good News of Jesus with others.

Learning Outcomes: Students will ...

- Be invited to make a choice to invite Jesus into their lives (Mark 8:34-37, John 10:27-28)
- Define disciple as someone who follows Jesus and lives a life of virtue (Mark 10:42-45, Matt 11:28-30, Luke 14:25-35, John 15:5-8)
- Identify the role Mary plays in the faith life of the church (CCC 963-965)
- Tell how he or she has experienced Jesus in each of their lives

Materials Needed:

- Prayer space, crayons, pencils,

As Students Enter Class:

- Have holy cards available for students to look at

Beginning of Class:

- Invite students to join you at the prayer space. Begin class with the Our Father.
- As students return to their seats, ask them to share what they saw on the holy cards. Lead students to understand that Saints are ordinary people, just like us, who prayed and listened to God. God became the most important person in their lives and they worked hard to follow his will.

Lesson Order	Implementation
Lesson 4 Video	<p>This video is (6:10) in length. It can be stopped and started in order to facilitate discussion.</p> <p>Highlights: We learned in lesson 3 that sin is saying no to God. But, luckily for us, God’s love and mercy is greater than our sin. He forgives us during the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Prayer gives us a better understanding of God’s plan for our lives.</p> <p>We learned in Mark 10:4-5 that Jesus came to Earth and gave his life as ransom for many (us). As disciples of Christ, we are called to share this good news with others. Read (or play the video) Matthew 28:1-10 (page 1519). This is the story of the resurrection. Ask the question: What did you hear? Consider implementing an engagement strategy if students need encouragement to share their answers/thoughts.</p> <p>Then read on in Matthew 28: 16-20 (pg. 1522). Highlights: This is when Jesus tells the Apostles to go to all people everywhere and make them my disciples. Baptize them in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Obey my commandments. I will be with you always until the end of time.</p> <p>Question: What does this mean? Hold a class discussion about this. Encourage students to understand that Jesus was us to share the good news so that others know about Jesus. The good news is that Jesus died for us so that we may live forever in Heaven with God.</p>
Kid Catholic Video Kid Catholic Video Continued	<p>This video is 13:18 minutes long. This young boy explains what it means to be a Disciple of Jesus. At 9:47 in the video he moves on to Saint of the Week. You are welcome to stop the video at 9:47 or continue.</p> <p>Engagement Strategy: Turn and Talk – Ask students to think about what it means to be a Disciple and how can we (as second graders) be a Disciple? Have students find a partner to share their thoughts with. This is a good time to have</p>

	<p>students get up and stand someone in the room with their partner to have their discussion. When students are done, ask for a few volunteers to share their thoughts with the group.</p>
Disciple Song	<p>This video is 2:37 in length. It is very uplifting and fun. Encourage students to stand and do the movements along with the children on the video.</p>
Becoming a Disciple	<p>This video is 3:34 in length. It explains how we become Disciples but on a deeper level. It does offer good visuals to help explain the Biblical analogies used. Consider watching this video ahead of time to determine if it is right for your group of students.</p>
Reflection on Discipleship and Divine Mercy	<p>This video is 1:04 in length and talks about Mary and how important she is to our faith. It has good images that accompany this quick explanation. This meets one of the learning objectives for this lesson.</p>
12 Disciples Coloring Activity	<p>Have students color the page and then read through the directions and have students complete the activity.</p>
Disciples of Christ Game	
Closing Prayer	<p>Invite students to gather around the prayer table and say a prayer of your choice.</p>