

Chapter
17

The Church Is a Sign of the Kingdom of God

Learning Focus

This chapter will help the children

1. understand that as followers of Jesus, we are called to be signs of God's Kingdom in the world.
2. believe that Jesus is always guiding us toward God's Kingdom.
3. learn that the Kingdom will come to perfection at the end of time.

Faith Words

eternal life

Self-Evaluation




This session was

- one of the best
- pretty good
- in need of improvement

What worked out best was

For next time I would change

I will be sure to prepare for

Teaching Steps	Materials	Multimedia Resources
Share 15 minutes (p. 195)		
 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pray the Scripture verse. • Read the text and discuss personal experiences. • Complete the travel brochure activity. <p>Additional Activity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make a postcard. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • materials for prayer corner (p. 192C) or see <u>Prayer Corner</u> • crayons or markers <p>Additional Activity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • one 4 x 6 inch index card for each student • pens or pencils • markers <p>Activity Master 17a See Catechist Guide, page 192D.</p>	<p>Books</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Old Turtle</i> Douglas Wood (Pfeifer-Hamilton Publishers, 1992) Beautiful watercolors enhance this fable for children and adults about life in God's kingdom.
Hear & Believe 25 minutes (pp. 196-197)		
 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discuss the illustration. • Read and discuss the Scripture story about God's Kingdom. • Teach the doctrine in "Our Church Teaches." • Discuss We Believe and review the Faith Word. <p>Additional Activity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draw parable pictures. 	<p>Additional Activity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bibles 	<p>Audio</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • *BLEST ARE WE Scripture CD 3, Track 13 <p>Books</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Gandhi, Peaceful Warrior</i> Rae Bains (Troll Books, 1990) This biography of Mahatma Gandhi describes the Indian leader's efforts to create peace and justice through peaceful nonviolence.
Respond 20 minutes (pp. 199-200)		
 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do the prayer activity. • Do the Kingdom activity. • Complete the pictures activity. • Pray "A Prayer of Petition." <p>Additional Activity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make a poster. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CD player • markers • pens or pencils <p>Additional Activity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • sheet of poster paper (one for every four children) • glue • scissors • magazines <p>Activity Master 17b See Catechist Guide, page 193.</p>	<p>Music</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "Bring Forth the Kingdom" (Unit 5 song, page 192) *BLEST ARE WE music CD 3, Track 6 *BLEST ARE WE Song Book #16 *Gather Comprehensive II Hymnal #640 • "The Kingdom of God" *SEASONAL CELEBRATIONS CD, Track 10 *Gather Comprehensive II Hymnal #639

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- Complete the **Chapter Review**, p. 201.
- Complete **Faith in Action** – Parish Ministry about Christian Churches Working Together, p. 202.
- Distribute the **Take Home Family Time** pages for the next chapter.

Chapter
18

We Are Called to Serve

Learning Focus

This chapter will help the children

1. learn that blessings can be used often in everyday life to spread the Good News, to give thanks and praise to God, to ask for God's help, and to show our faith in God.
2. understand that any lay person, including a child, can give blessings.
3. learn that sacraments remind us that life is holy and help us receive God's grace.

Faith Words

blessing
sacramental
lay person

Self-Evaluation




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Teaching Steps	Materials	Multimedia Resources
Share 15 minutes (p. 205)		
 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pray the table blessing. • Read the text and discuss personal experiences. • Complete the day activity. <p>Additional Activity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Decorate a prayer. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • materials for prayer corner (p. 202C) or see <u>Prayer Corner</u> • pencils or pens <p>Additional Activity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • paper • pens or pencils <p>Activity Master 18a See Catechist Guide, page 202D.</p>	<p>Books</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>I Want to Know About Prayer</i> Rick Osbone and Christie Bowler (Zondervan Publishing House, 1998) This easy reader discusses what prayer is, its importance, types of prayer, and methods of prayer.
Hear & Believe 25 minutes (pp. 206-207)		
 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discuss the illustration. • Read and discuss the liturgy story about blessings. • Teach the doctrine in "Our Church Teaches." • Discuss We Believe and review the Faith Words. <p>Additional Activity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Memorize a blessing. 		<p>Books</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Jesus, Teach Me to Pray</i> Allison Berger (Twenty-Third Publications, 1999) This colorful book contains traditional and spontaneous prayers to help a child foster a personal relationship with Jesus.
Respond 20 minutes (pp. 208-210)		
 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discuss the photographs. • Write blessings. • Circle Good News items. • Make a bumper sticker. • Pray "A Prayer of Blessing." <p>Additional Activity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Write a blessing. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CD player • markers <p>Additional Activity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • markers • pens or pencils • paper <p>Activity Master 18b See Catechist Guide, page 203.</p>	<p>Music</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "Bring Forth the Kingdom" (Unit 5 song, page 192) *BLEST ARE WE music CD 3, Track 6 *BLEST ARE WE Song Book #16 *Gather Comprehensive II Hymnal #640 • "BLEST ARE WE" (Program song, page 22) *BLEST ARE WE music CD 3, Track 1 *BLEST ARE WE Song Book #1 *Gather Comprehensive II Hymnal #682

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- Complete **Faith in Action** – Parish Ministry about Communion Ministry to the Sick, p. 212.
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Chapter
19

The Church Is a Witness for Justice and Peace

Learning Focus

This chapter will help the children

1. recognize that the Church continues Jesus' ministry of service to the poor and suffering.
2. understand that we continue Jesus' ministry of service when we work for peace and justice.
3. learn that Catholics are called to act with compassion toward all people.

Faith Words

ministry
peace
justice

Self-Evaluation




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Teaching Steps	Materials	Multimedia Resources
Share 15 minutes (p. 215)		
 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pray the Scripture verse. • Read the text and discuss personal experiences. • Do the word activity. <p>Additional Activity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Write about good neighbors. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • materials for prayer corner (p. 212C) or see <u>Prayer Corner</u> • pencils or pens <p>Additional Activity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • paper • pens or pencils <p>Activity Master 19a See Catechist Guide, page 212D.</p>	<p>Books</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>In Our Image: God's First Creatures</i> Nancy Sohn Swartz (Jewish Lights Publishing, 1998) This colorful book gives animals an important place with God and celebrates the harmony of all living things.
Hear & Believe 25 minutes (pp. 216-217)		
 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discuss the illustration. • Read the Scripture story about the Good Samaritan. • Teach the doctrine in "Our Church Teaches." • Discuss We Believe and review the Faith Words. <p>Additional Activity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Act out the parable. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CD player <p>Additional Activity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • props for the characters in the Scripture story 	<p>Audio</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • *BLEST ARE WE Scripture CD 3, Track 14 <p>Videos</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>A Memory For Tino</i> (30 min.) (Oblate Media) Tino grows to understand that a supposedly weird old lady is really a kind, lonely person who is a little different from him.
Respond 20 minutes (pp. 218-220)		
 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Read about Joseph Cardinal Bernardin. • Do the code activity. • Complete the peace activity. • Pray "A Litany for Peace." <p>Additional Activity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make a peace dove. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • markers <p>Additional Activity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • paper dove cutouts (one for each child) • markers <p>Activity Master 19b See Catechist Guide, page 213.</p>	<p>Music</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "Bring Forth the Kingdom" (Unit 5 song, page 192) *BLEST ARE WE music CD 3, Track 6 *BLEST ARE WE Song Book #16 *Gather Comprehensive II Hymnal #640 • "Give Us Your Peace" *BLEST ARE WE Junior High CD, Track 9 *BLEST ARE WE Song Book #41 *Gather Comprehensive II Hymnal #722

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- Complete **Faith in Action** – Parish Ministry about the Respect Life Committee, p. 222.
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Chapter
20

The Church Prays for World Peace

Learning Focus

This chapter will help the children

1. understand that Jesus calls us to work for peace and justice.
2. understand what it means to be a peacemaker.
3. understand the importance of prayer in seeking peace, and uniting all members of the Church.

Faith Words

peacemaker
Liturgy of the Hours

Self-Evaluation




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Share 15 minutes (p. 225)		
 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pray the Scripture verse. • Read the text and discuss personal experiences. • Complete the wish activity. <p>Additional Activity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make a peace plan. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • materials for prayer corner (p. 222C) or see Prayer Corner • markers • pencils or pens <p>Activity Master 20a See Catechist Guide, page 222D.</p>	<p>Books</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>I Dream of Peace: Images of War by Children of Former Yugoslavia</i> James P. Grant (Harper Collins, 1994) Children from this war-torn area share their drawings, poems, and letters on war and peace.
Hear & Believe 25 minutes (pp. 226-227)		
 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discuss the illustration. • Read the Scripture story about Zacchaeus. • Teach the doctrine in “Our Church Teaches.” • Discuss We Believe and review the Faith Words. <p>Additional Activity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Write a news article. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CD player • DVD player • TV monitor <p>Additional Activity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • paper • pencils or pens 	<p>Audio</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • *BLEST ARE WE Scripture CD 3, Track 15 <p>Videos</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • *DVD <i>Quick Clips</i> 3, Segment 10 “The Story of Zacchaeus”
Respond 20 minutes (pp. 228-230)		
 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do the peace petition activity. • Complete the pray for peace activity. • Pray “A Prayer for World Peace.” <p>Additional Activity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Find peace prayers. 	<p>Additional Activity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bible (one for each two children) • blank bookmark for each child • pens or pencils • markers <p>Activity Master 20b See Catechist Guide, page 223.</p>	<p>Music</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Bring Forth the Kingdom” (Unit 5 song, page 192) • *BLEST ARE WE music CD 3, Track 6 • *BLEST ARE WE Song Book #16 • *<i>Gather Comprehensive II</i> Hymnal #640 • “World Peace Prayer” Marty Haugen • *<i>Gather Comprehensive II</i> Hymnal #718

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- Complete **Faith in Action** – Parish Ministry about Peace Planners, p. 232.