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We Act on God's Word

Jesus made the treatment of other human beings the focus of his time on earth. How we should think about and respond to others was the topic of many of Jesus' teachings. He gave us many examples of service. Children need to understand that Jesus cared for others to show his love for God. Jesus wants us to do the same by helping and serving others.

ACTIVITY

Followers of Jesus Think of people who showed love for others. Mother Teresa showed her love, especially for the poor of India. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. showed his love for those who were not treated fairly. With your child, make a badge out of construction paper to honor any person you know who follows Jesus. Write the person's name and the words *Follower of Jesus* on the badge.

WEEKLY PLANNER

On Sunday

What do today's readings tell you about being a good person? Pick one message from the homily to take home from this week's liturgy.

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Saint of The Week



Saint Vincent de Paul
(1581–1660)

Vincent de Paul lived in France over four hundred years ago. Fr. Vincent fed hungry people, helped them find jobs, and set up clothing collections. He helped build hospitals and children's homes.

Patron Saint of: charitable societies

Feast Day: September 27



**A Prayer
for the
Week**

Dear Jesus, help us to extend mercy toward others like Saint Vincent de Paul. Let us not pass by anyone in need without helping. Help us to trust as you did, love as you did, and care for others as you did. Amen.

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Scripture Background

In the Time of Jesus

Poverty Poverty in the Holy Land was recognized as the result of social factors, such as injustice, rather than a consequence of personal failings. The practice of leaving grain in the fields after harvesting is described in Ruth 2:2–9. Responsibility for ministering to those who are poor remains fundamental to biblical faith. Jesus himself speaks of the responsibility to assist those in poverty.

You can read of Jesus' approach to poverty and other issues of justice in Matthew 6:1–4, 19:21–26.

OUR CATHOLIC TRADITION in Literature

The Seven Storey Mountain Thomas Merton was a Catholic Trappist monk who died in 1968. He was a convert to Catholicism as a young adult and wrote an autobiography in 1948 about how he moved from atheism to Catholicism. That book, *The Seven Storey Mountain*, became the most famous memoir ever written by an American Catholic. He was a social activist and spoke out on such topics as racial justice, violence, and world peace. His clear vision of how to live a Christian life, his wonderful writing, and his ever-questioning spirit are inspirations for those who have come after him.