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Catechist Edition Instruction

Discover (1)

Objectives

- Relate Jesus' dialogue with Peter in Matthew 16 to the authority of the Apostles' successors—the bishops and the Pope.
- Express the Church's mission to faithfully hand on what God has revealed through his Son, Jesus.

The Church on Earth

Ask: Who teaches you about being a follower of Jesus?

- List the children's responses on the board or on chart paper.

Read aloud the first paragraph.

- Ask the children to identify people who help them learn and succeed.
- Point out that the ability to learn is a gift from God.

Scripture

Have the children silently read the Scripture passage.

- Explain that in Greek, the original language of the Gospels, the name Peter (*Petros*) is almost the same as the word for rock (*petra*). By giving Simon the name Peter, Jesus implies that Peter will be the foundation of his Church, the “rock” on which it will be built.

Ask the questions at the bottom of the page.

- What is your answer to Jesus' question, “Who do you say that I am?”
- Allow volunteers to respond.

The Apostles' Mission

Ask a volunteer to read aloud the two paragraphs.

- Ask the children to whom Jesus sent the Apostles to tell the Good News. **everyone throughout the world**
- Ask: What were the Apostles supposed to teach? **everything that Jesus had commanded**
- Review the definition of the word *Pope* with the children.

Faithful to the Truth

Summarize the text.

- Ask the children what truths the Church teaches. **the truths that God has revealed through his Son, Jesus**
- ▶ Music Option: As the children work on the following activity, play “My Peace Be with You Always,” downloaded from aliveinchrist.osv.com.

Activity

Read aloud the directions for the activity.

- Have the children work independently, then share their answers with a partner.

Quick Review

When Jesus sent the Apostles out to spread the Good News, he established the mission and authority of their successors. The Church teaches what God revealed through Jesus.

Discover (2)

Objectives

- Describe the Magisterium as the teaching office of the Church, including all of the bishops in union with the Pope.
- Recognize that the Pope and the bishops, guided by the Holy Spirit, protect and explain the Word of God.

The Teaching Office

Ask: Who are the teachers in the Catholic Church?

- Have a volunteer write the children's answers on the board or on chart paper.
- Recall with the children the purpose of the Church. **to proclaim the Good News**

Summarize the contents of the page.

- ★ Have the children highlight what the Magisterium does for the Church.

Work with Words

Point out the Catholic Faith Words feature, and clarify the meaning of the terms *Magisterium* and *infallibility*.

- Be sure to emphasize that Infallibility is a gift of the Holy Spirit to the Church; the Pope by himself is not Infallible.

Guidance of the Holy Spirit

Have the children turn to page 321 in the Our Catholic Tradition section of their books.

- As a group, read aloud the Prayer to the Holy Spirit.
- Have everyone turn back to page 169.
- Ask: What makes the Church different from other groups or organizations?
- Allow volunteers to respond.

Summarize the text on the page.

- Point out that just as the Holy Spirit guides the Pope and the Church, he also guides us, the People of God.

► Music Option: As the children work on the activity, play “To You, O God, I Lift Up My Soul,” downloaded from aliveinchrist.osv.com.

Activity

Read aloud the directions.

- Have partners work together to write in or stylishly draw the names of the “tools” they need.
- Encourage partners to discuss how the Church can help them use these tools.

Quick Review

The Pope and the bishops make up the Magisterium, or “body of teachers.” As Peter’s successor, the Pope, guided by the Holy Spirit, protects and explains the Word of God.

Catechist Tips: Share to Learn

A lay missionary in Venezuela tells how a religious sister gave a drum to a young man who had no hope of receiving an education. He taught himself music and started *Canto y Compromiso* (Song and Commitment), a musical group whose members teach others to play. Group members have found pride, and the desperation of poverty has been alleviated by hope.

Catechist Tips: The Sacred Mission

The verses of Matthew 28:19-20 show that Jesus formally commissioned the Apostles.

- Apostle means “one sent out.” The Church applies this title primarily to the Twelve men whom Jesus chose.
- In the New Testament, this title is also given to other missionaries who were not members of the Twelve, including Saint Paul.

Catechist Tips: Matthew 16:13-19

In verse 16, Peter exclaims to Jesus, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.”

- Jesus refers to himself in verse 13 as the “Son of Man,” which suggests humility and suffering.
- The Gospel according to Matthew shows Jesus as a Messiah willing to suffer for his People.

Catechist Tips: Papal Infallibility

Defined in 1870, this dogma states that a declaration by the Pope *ex cathedra* is protected from error by the Holy Spirit.

- When the Pope speaks *ex cathedra*, he declares a doctrine on faith or morals to be part of the deposit of faith delivered to the Church by the Apostles.
- The Pope asserts that a given doctrine has always been held (if only implicitly) by the Church.

Catechist Tips: Top Ten

Organize the children into smaller groups of four or five. Distribute paper and writing materials to each group. Tell the groups to imagine that they are being asked to teach a kindergartner the ten most important things that will help him or her to be successful in school. Encourage the groups to brainstorm and then have one member assemble a list of ten top teachings. When lists are completed, have each group share its ideas.

Catechist Tips: Apostolic Succession

In this brief Scripture reading, Jesus gives Peter the authority to teach and lead people to the Kingdom. Discuss how the Pope, bishops and priests today continue the work of the Apostles. Be sure everyone knows the name of the pastor. List together all the ways he continues the work of the Apostles. Provide stationery for them to write, in pairs, a note to the pastor thanking him for what he does in his ministry. Be sure to collect and take the notes to the pastor.

Glossary Activity: Magisterium

Have the children use references or the Internet to find:

- two examples of papal actions that affected life in Europe or the Americas.
- two recent social issues on which the current Pope has taken a stand.

Additional Activity: Peer Teaching

Organize the children in pairs. Match children who have more differences than similarities.

- Allow time for partners to discover a skill that only one of them possesses. Offer examples such as hair-braiding or origami.
- Have partners teach each others their skills.

Additional Activity: Help Write a Pastoral Letter

Have group members write an open teaching letter to others their age about the social issues they researched in their group.

- Have them imagine that the bishop has asked them to help him explain the Church's teaching in language young people can understand.
- Have them illustrate their letters.

Parish Video Connection: The Word Exposed

After completing the Catechist Edition instruction on page 168, play this video for the children to expand on the concept of the Magisterium.

Say: The Magisterium has a big responsibility to the Church and her people. But this responsibility is also a gift. We learn so much from the Pope and bishops, who are guided in their teaching by the Holy

Spirit.

YouTube Link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ielKoKzh0g>

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