

Grade 2 - Chapter 20

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Catechist Edition Instruction

Discover (1)

Objectives

- Understand that in the Concluding Rites of the Mass, we are blessed and sent out to proclaim the Good News and give honor to God by the way we live
- Examine the Apostles' call to share the Good News
- Identify the Church's mission as sharing Jesus' message of love and the Kingdom

Live the Gospel

Begin by reading aloud the question at the top of the student page.

- Write the children's responses on the board or chart paper.
- Tell the children that as the group covers the text on the next two pages, they will discover more about this.

Ask the children to silently read the two paragraphs.

- Ask: What is the final part of the Mass called? **Concluding Rites**
- Ask: When you leave, what should you do next? **proclaim the Good News and give honor to God by the way you live**

God's Word

Proclaim the Scripture story.

Peter Preaches

Continue proclaiming the Scripture story.

- Ask: Who did Peter say could be baptized? **anyone moved by the Spirit**

The Church's Mission

Invite two volunteers to read aloud the two paragraphs.

Work with Words

Invite two more volunteers to read aloud the Catholic Faith Words and their definitions on page 268.

- Distribute two index cards per child.
- Have the children write the words on one side of the card and the definitions on the other.
- Encourage them to use the cards for chapter and unit reviews.

Activity

Read aloud the directions for the Share Your Faith activity.

- Allow the children to choose a partner to work with.
 - Ask volunteers to share their work.
- Music Option: Have the children sing “Take the Word of God with You,” downloaded from **aliveinchrist.osv.com**.

Quick Review

The Church's mission is to share Jesus' message of love and the Kingdom. It is the mission of all her members to share in this same mission that the Apostles had.

Discover (2)

Objectives

- Recognize that all members of the Church share in her mission, and some serve as missionaries who travel far away to spread the Good News

An Example for All

Tell the children that, in this section, they will learn about Mother Cabrini. Summarize the first paragraph.

Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini

- Invite two volunteers to each read aloud one of the paragraphs.
- Ask: Why did Frances Cabrini start her own community of sisters? **she was thought too sickly to join any group**
- Ask: What did Pope Leo XIII suggest to her? **that she go to the United States to help Italian immigrants that had just arrived**

Have the children turn to page 306 in the Our Catholic Tradition section of their books. Read aloud both paragraphs under “Her Mission.”

Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini, *continued*

Invite two volunteers to read the remaining paragraphs.

- Have the children discuss the things Frances Cabrini did to help those who were poor.
- Remind the children that Frances Cabrini carried out the Church's mission by working to build orphanages, schools, convents, and hospitals to help people.
- ★ Have the children connect the dots in the map to follow Saint Frances' journey.
- Allow time for the children to follow the dots.

Activity

Ask a volunteer to read aloud the directions for the Connect Your Faith activity.

- Allow the children to look at a map or globe so they can decide where they might like to go to spread the Good News.
- Music Option: Have the children sing “Malo, Malo, Thanks Be to God,” downloaded from **aliveinchrist.osv.com**.

Quick Review

Everyone has different gifts. We can all use our talents to serve as missionaries of the Church.

Catechist Tips: All Peoples Everywhere

The Church has always emphasized that Catholics have an obligation to help those who are in need because they are members of the Mystical Body of Christ.

- Some are called to be missionaries who dedicate their lives to this work.

Catechist Tips: Reaching All Learners—Saint Frances Cabrini

All children, especially any child with special needs, should be encouraged to ask Saint Frances to pray for them.

- Frances was a child with special needs because of her frail body and illnesses.
- She understood that people can do great things for God even with a frail and weak body.

Catechist Tips: Good News

Invite the children to share about something kind or good that a person did for them. Examples: treated them nicely, helped them with their chores, said thank you, etc. Explain that this is how people preach the Good News about Jesus, just like the Apostles did (see page 269). After sharing their stories, tell them to think about something they heard that they might also do. Let each child illustrate that in a drawing.

Glossary Activity: Missionaries

Divide a circle cut from chart paper into six sections. In each section write one way children can share the Good News.

- Attach a pointer in the center of the circle so children can spin it.
- Each week spin the pointer. The item on which it stops will be the way the class will share the Good News.

Additional Activity: Good News

Make available old newspapers and magazines for children to search for positive headlines. These headlines can most often be found in places other than the front pages of newspapers.

- Encourage children to look in the local sections.
- Have children share the headlines they find.

Additional Activity: Journey

Use a globe to trace Frances' journey from Italy to New York.

- Ask children to imagine how Frances would feel to be so far from her family.
- Have children write about one thing that they are willing to do to love and serve others.

Additional Activity: Teach a Lesson

Invite children to create their own religion lesson to present to another class.

- Encourage children to base their lesson on one of the stories of Jesus they have studied this year.
- Ask children to use a variety of teaching methods to get their point across.

Additional Activity: Spin the Globe

Invite the children to sit in a circle. Place a world globe in the center of the circle. Have each child take turns spinning the globe and stopping it. Let them place a "sticky dot" where his or her finger lands. Name the country, state, or city where their dot is located. Invite the children to pray for people in this location in the coming week.

Parish Video Connection: The Children Dance

After completing the Catechist Edition instruction on page 269, show this video to the children. Using a world map, show the children where Sri Lanka is and the distance between Sri Lanka and where you are located.

Say: These missionaries are helping people far, far away, because Jesus wants us to share his message and show love and care to all of our sisters and brothers, even those who live on the other side of the world.

YouTube Link: <https://youtu.be/WpYYlqeYznQ>

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