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Catechist Tips: Discerning God's Will

Listening for and hearing God's call is seldom easy. Most people struggle with doubts and questions.

- According to the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, "the virtue of prudence," "the advice of competent people," and "the help of the Holy Spirit and his gifts" are aids in discerning God's will. (See CCC, 1788.)

Catechist Tips: Inspiring Stories

The children may be familiar with other stories of people who have faced difficulties with courage, as Venerable Anne de Guigné had.

- Describe the life of the famous writer, speaker, and activist Helen Keller, or that of another person.
- Ask the children to tell how people can make a difference in the world while living with illnesses or disabilities.

Catechist Tips: Disability Awareness

A primary teaching of Catholic social justice is that no person has less dignity or worth because of a disability.

- Many people with physical challenges provide motivational talks to young people. Your community may have a list of these speakers. Consider inviting one to visit your group.

Glossary Activity: God's Kingdom

Invite the children to imagine what the fullness of the Kingdom of God will look like.

- Use a large sheet of paper to create a group mural.
- Ask each child to add a section that shows a world in which people act justly, peacefully, and lovingly.

Additional Activity: Graphing

Expand the Connect Your Faith Activity by having the children draw how they intend to share their gifts. Consider combining all the drawings into a mural that can be displayed in the parish.

Additional Activity: Interview Servers

Help the children learn more about serving at Mass.

- Have current servers talk about their training and how they feel when they are serving. Or, invite an older server to speak.
- Have the children prepare questions and record answers.

Additional Activity: Your Talents

Have each child draw the outline of his or her hand on a separate sheet of paper.

- Tell them to write one of their talents on each finger.
- Then in the center, have them write a way that they can use at least one of their talents to bring more peace and justice into the world.

Additional Activity: Vocation

Vocation is often used to mean “job” or “profession.”

- Discuss jobs that the children might like to have.
- Point out how each job serves others or contributes to society.
- Discuss the helping professions.

Additional Activity: Story Time

Supplies:

- *What is My Song?* by Denis Linn, Paulist Press
- paper
- pencils

Explain that you will read a story about a boy who works hard to discover his purpose in life. Read the book aloud. When you have finished, distribute paper and pencils and ask the children to write what they learned about themselves from the story. Tell them they will not have to share their writing.

Additional Activity: God's Call Collage

Supplies:

- construction paper
- child-friendly magazines or pictures
- glue or paste
- markers or crayons

Distribute art supplies and tell the children to create a collage using pictures, words or their own illustrations to express how they see God calling them to live out their call to be a follower of Jesus.

Parish Video Connection: Catholic Religious Life

Once you've completed the Catechist Edition instruction on page 157, show this video to the children. Talk with them about people you know who have taken vows and the work that they do. Invite volunteers to share about anyone that they know who has taken vows.

YouTube Link: <http://youtu.be/GpkgE7ob9C4>