

Grade 3 - Chapter 12

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Catechist Edition Instruction

Discover (1)

Objectives

- Recognize that Saint Paul was one of the first to take the message of Jesus across many countries
- Explore the Church's mission to announce the Good News of God's Kingdom

A Man with a Mission

Ask a volunteer to read aloud the question.

- Invite the children to share ideas.

Read aloud the first paragraph.

Paul's Mission

Ask three volunteers to read aloud the three paragraphs.

★ Instruct the children to circle the ways Saint Paul helped the early Church.

- Allow the children to work in pairs to reread the text and circle the sentences.

Invite volunteers to describe and interpret what they see in the illustration.

- Read aloud the caption.

► Music Options: Have the children sing "Share the Light" or "Walk in the Light," downloaded from aliveinchrist.osv.com.

Sharing God's Good News

Invite a volunteer to read aloud the paragraph.

- Point out that in Saint Paul's world, writing letters was the primary form of long-distance communication.

God's Word

Proclaim the Scripture.

- Read aloud the question below the Scripture.
- Invite the children to respond.

Activity

Read aloud the directions for the Share Your Faith activity.

- Allow the children to work independently.
- Then have them work together in groups of two or three expand the topic.
- Allow volunteers to share what they wrote.

Quick Review

Saint Paul was one of the first to take the message of Jesus across many countries, establishing Church communities and writing Letters that became part of the New Testament. The Church's mission is to announce the Good News of God's Kingdom.

Discover (2)

Objectives

- Identify the Church as catholic and apostolic
- Recognize that the Church's mission is to share Jesus' Good News with the people of all nations
- Discover that we are all part of the mission of the Church

Universal and Missionary

Read aloud the question.

- Tell the children we will find the answer as we work on the following pages.

Have four volunteers each read aloud one of the paragraphs.

★ Have the children underline the things that missionaries do.

Work with Words

Ask three volunteers to read aloud the Catholic Faith Words and their definitions.

- Pass out three index cards per child.
- Have the children write the words on one side of the card and the definitions on the other.
- Encourage the children to use these cards, with the others they have created, to prepare for chapter and unit reviews.

Direct the children's attention to the photograph. Read aloud the caption and use the content in the Quick Tip box to discuss missionaries.

Sharing with Others

Ask: What do people need in order to be physically healthy? **Possible responses: food, adequate clothing, housing, medical care**

Ask: What do people need in order to be spiritually healthy? **Possible responses: help in learning about God, prayer, the Sacraments**

Point out that missionaries share with others all of these things.

Read aloud the text.

Ask a volunteer to read aloud the question.

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

Activity

Read aloud the directions for the Connect Your Faith activity.

- Provide the children with names of missionaries from your parish.
 - Have the children work independently to write about the missionary.
- Music Option: Have the children sing, "Allelu! Let the Children Come," downloaded from aliveinchrist.osv.com.

Quick Review

The Church is catholic because she is everywhere and apostolic because Jesus gave the Apostles the mission of sharing his Good News. We are all part of the mission of the Church.

Catechist Tips: Share

The concept of sharing should not be new to third graders. However, many of them think of sharing only in terms of toys and taking turns at video games. Take time to explain how little belongings some families have. Do not make the children feel guilty, but help them appreciate what they have to share.

Catechist Tips: Good News

Children with limited writing proficiency may appreciate other ways to respond.

- As an alternative, suggest that the children imagine they are TV news anchors and present their good news as previews of upcoming news stories.
- Make a recording of these verbal messages, and send them along with cards.

Glossary Activity: Evangelization

In order to illustrate evangelization, bring to the group an assortment of seeds.

- Have the children examine and compare the seeds. Point out that although the seeds are small, they grow into something much larger.
- Remind the children that the Church started with a few followers of Jesus but that it has grown very large.

Additional Activity: Geography

If your parish has a sister parish, find out where it is and answer the following questions. If you do not have a sister parish, choose a country on another continent and pretend that you have a sister parish there.

- What kind of climate does the parish have?
- What do the people need?

Additional Activity: Brochure

Have the group make a brochure about your parish.

- Have the children use the information they compiled for the activity in this lesson as a beginning.
- Use publication software to combine the writing and illustrations.

Additional Activity: Game - A Million Ways to Serve

Supplies:

- paper
- pencils
- basket to collect paper
- stopwatch

Distribute paper and have each child write an object noun (a thing, as opposed to a person or place) on a scrap of paper and put it in the basket. The more creative the word is, the more challenging the game is. Organize the children into three groups.

Each group should pick one person to be the writer. Give this person a piece of paper and a pencil. One person from the group pulls out a word from the basket and reads it to the group.

Give the groups one minute to see how many ways they can think of to use this object to help a person or group in need. The writer lists all the ideas.

After one minute, a child in each group chooses another word and repeats the process. After three times have the group writers read the lists to the large group and see if there is one idea that the class could take on as a way to serve the mission of the Church.

Parish Video Connection: Catholic Relief Services

Show this video to the children once you've completed the Catechist Edition instruction on page 179. Ask volunteers to share about people they know who have done mission work. Make sure they share where and how those people helped to share God's love with others.

YouTube Link: <https://youtu.be/4a1zmVLK8oU>

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