

Grade 3 - Chapter 14

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Catechist Edition Instruction

Discover (1)

Objectives

- Discover that Christians are called by Jesus to be the light of the world
- Be aware that our vocation is God's plan for our lives
- Describe virtues as good spiritual habits that make us stronger and help us do what is right and good

The Light of the World

Read aloud the question.

- Invite the children to respond.
- Write their responses on the board or on chart paper.

Invite a volunteer to read aloud the opening paragraph.

- Ask the children to listen for the sharing and caring nature of Jesus' words.

God's Word

Proclaim the Scripture story.

- Emphasize that Jesus' words apply to modern times, too.
- Read the questions that follow and allow the children to respond.
- Write their responses to each question on the board or on chart paper.
- ★ Instruct the children to underline what Jesus said others may see when you share your light.
- Music Option: Have the children sing "Christ Is Light" or "Walk in the Light," downloaded from aliveinchrist.osv.com.

Be a Light

Invite three volunteers to each read aloud one of the paragraphs.

- Ask the children to explain how we can be a light for the world.

Work With Words

Invite a volunteer to read aloud the Catholic Faith Word.

- Distribute one index card per child.
- Ask the children to write the word on one side of the card and the definition on the other side.
- Encourage them to use this card, with others they have created, to prepare for chapter and unit reviews.

Activity

Read aloud the directions.

- Allow time for the children to think about their answers and write them down.
- Organize the children into groups of three or four.
- Encourage them to share their answers with their group.

Quick Review

We are called to be the light of the world. We can do this through our vocation. By practicing good spiritual habits, or virtues, these gifts from God will help us know and do what is right.

Discover (2)

Objectives

- Explore the Theological Virtues of faith, hope, and charity and how they help us live in relationship with the Holy Trinity
- Illustrate the need to practice the virtues so they will grow over time

The Virtues

Ask: How do the Theological Virtues help us?

- Encourage group discussion.

Ask a volunteer to read aloud the first paragraph.

- Ask: When do we first receive these virtues? **at Baptism**

The Theological Virtues

Have a volunteer read aloud the first paragraph.

- Invite the group to repeat together the names of the three Theological Virtues.

Work with Words

Before continuing with the content on the page, review the Catholic Faith Words on both pages 202 and 203 with the children.

- As you read aloud the definition, have the children locate the highlighted word and place their finger

on it.

- Repeat this pattern for all words.
- Distribute five index cards per child.
- Have the children create vocabulary cards for chapter and unit reviews.

Ask a volunteer to read aloud the paragraph on faith.

The Theological Virtues, *continued*

Invite two more volunteers to read aloud the paragraphs on hope and charity.

- Ask the children to share anything new they learned about the Theological Virtues.
- Remind them that, like anything else, they will get better at the virtues with practice.

Activity

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

- Provide the children with crayons, colored pencils, or markers.
- Encourage them to think about ways to practice the virtues while they work.
- You might also suggest that they include symbols of the virtues on their bookmarks.
- Allow time for the children to complete their bookmarks.

Quick Review

Practicing the Theological Virtues of faith, hope, and charity (love) will help us live in relationship with the Holy Trinity. Over time, they will grow in us and help us lead holy lives.

Catechist Tips: 1 Corinthians 13

Paul talks about the virtues of faith, hope, and love in 1 Corinthians 13.

- This chapter is often read at weddings and is sometimes referred to as the “love chapter.”
- Paul sums up the chapter by saying “So faith, hope, love remain, these three; but the greatest is love.”

Catechist Tips: Stay Hopeful

Of the three virtues, hope may be the least understood. Christians look forward to God’s Kingdom and work to further it now. In doing so, the faithful show their hope.

- Point out that hope looks to the future.
- Reinforce the idea that all people are curious about what will occur in the future. However, Christians need not worry because they have hope, the virtue that conveys complete trust in God.

Catechist Tips: Pray Always

Point out that short prayers can be said throughout the day.

- Have the children look through litanies to find short phrases about God, Mary, or the Saints that appeal to them.
- Encourage the children to write their favorite phrases on paper. Have them tape these papers to their desks or use them as bookmarks that will remind them to pray.

Catechist Tips: Practice Virtues

Remind the children that many Christian groups practice virtue by helping those who endure injustice, hunger, and homelessness.

- Discuss how these groups help.
- Encourage the children to think of ways in which to help those who are oppressed.

Glossary Activity: Vocations

Discuss with the children the importance of finding their talents and their vocation. Society has benefited from people who use the gifts that God gave them.

- Have the children find examples of artists, inventors, and religious leaders.
- Ask the children to report on how different life would be if these people had hidden their lights under a bushel.

Additional Activity: Posters

Have the children make posters to encourage themselves and others to pray.

- Suggest that the children use some of the group suggestions from the activity.
- Have the children discuss illustrations and captions for their posters.
- Supply art materials.

Additional Activity: Remember a Person of Faith

Discuss what it means to be a true person of faith.

- Tell children to think of people they know who fit this description.
- Next, have each child write about a person of faith and illustrate the work.
- Display the children's work in the classroom.

Additional Activity: Let Your Light Shine!

Supplies:

- chart paper or dry-erase board
- half-sheets of construction paper (select 4 colors)
- washable markers
- tape or sticky putty

Designate four areas in your learning environment: home, school, community, parish. Assign each a color. Make one sign for each area in a different color. (For example: red area, HOME, will have a red sign.)

In this activity, the children will search for specific ways, in specific places, that they can bring light to others through their actions and their words. In the large group, brainstorm all the places the children frequent on a daily or weekly basis. List those places on the board or on chart paper.

Read the list and group suggestions around the topics of home, school, community, and parish. Organize the group into four teams. Post the signs for each place. Direct one team to each area.

Direct the teams to decide ways they can share their light in each of these areas. Have the groups record all ideas, one idea per sheet. At a given signal, have the groups move to another station. When the rotations are complete, call the teams together. Place the area signs on the floor or on a wall. Discuss the ideas from each area. If necessary, have the child who contributed a certain idea explain it to the group. Add any additional ideas each group may have.