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Catechist Tips: Cultural Awareness - Media and Faith

Some African people tend to view faith as a communal journey toward God. The Church in Africa spreads the Gospel using means that respect this communal orientation.

African Church leaders draw from the cultural richness of their people and combine this heritage with various means of social communication, such as songs, posters, pictures, fine art, sculpture, and film documentaries, in order to evangelize.

Catechist Tips: Images of the Spirit

For centuries the standard symbol of the Holy Spirit in Christian art has been a dove.

- The Scripture passage reveals why.
- All four Gospels report that when Jesus was at the Jordan River with John, the Spirit of God was seen to descend on Jesus in the form of a dove.

Catechist Tips: Stay Hopeful

Give the children these pointers on keeping the virtue of hope alive in difficult times:

- Try not to worry; put yourself in God's hands.
- Find one positive thing you can do, and do it.
- Choose companions who will encourage you, not criticize you.

Catechist Tips: John the Baptist's Testimony to Jesus

Review "John the Baptist's Testimony to Jesus" on page 90. Emphasize the importance of the mystery of the Trinity—three Persons but only one God—in our faith. Let each student choose one Person of the Trinity to write a prayer to. Read them aloud in the order of The Father, the Son, the Holy Spirit.

Glossary Activity: Theological Virtues

Have the children identify historical instances of faith, hope, and love in action.

- Form groups, one for each Theological Virtue.
- Ask each group to nominate one person from history who exemplified this virtue in action.
- Invite groups to share and explain their choices.

Additional Activity: Draw Symbols

Invite the children to express in drawings their ideas about the mystery of God.

- Have each child draw a response to this phrase: God is like ____.
- Invite volunteers to explain their drawings.

Additional Activity: Share the Message

Have the children present their skits on the Theological Virtues to a wider audience.

- Invite the children to choose the best skits on faith, hope, and love and adapt these to include all class members.
- Present the dramatizations to another class or after a weekend Mass.

Additional Activity: Belief as Shown on TV

Invite the children to view a television program that calls attention to the moral or religious beliefs of the characters.

- What beliefs were presented?
- How were they presented?
- Did a character alter his or her beliefs?
- If so, why?

Parish Video Connection: What Is the Trinity?

After reading aloud the last paragraph on page 90 but before asking the question in the Catechist Edition instruction, play this video. Have the children listen for the connections between the Holy Trinity and love.

Ask: How would you explain the phrase “God is love”?

Then return to the question in the Catechist Edition instruction.

YouTube Link: <https://youtu.be/hMI4rA4cuiM>