

Grade 5 - Chapter 21

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Catechist Edition Instruction

Discover (1)

Objectives

- Learn how Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini embraced the Church's mission to bring the Good News to all people.
- Discern that Jesus, through his words and actions, showed how the prophecy of Isaiah was fulfilled in him.

Missionaries

Ask: What are the qualities of a missionary?

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

Read aloud the first paragraph.

- Recall the definition of *mission* from the last chapter. Explain that a *missionary* travels to share the word of God with others.

Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini

Tell the children that this is a story about a gifted missionary.

- Explain that Saint Frances, or Mother Cabrini, was an influential missionary in the United States.
- Ask several volunteers to read aloud the text.
- Point out that Mother Cabrini did not follow her own wishes, but took the direction of the Pope.
- ★ Direct the children to circle the cities on the map per the instructions in the green box.
- Music Option: Have the children sing "Take the Word of God with You," downloaded from **aliveinchrist.osv.com**.

Move Toward the Kingdom

Have the children silently read the two paragraphs.

► Music Option: While the children read, play “Seek Ye First,” downloaded from aliveinchrist.osv.com.

• Ask: Who and what empowers us to live the Christian life and proclaim the message of Jesus? ***the Holy Spirit and the Gifts of the Holy Spirit***

Scripture

Invite two volunteers to take the parts of the narrator and Jesus as they proclaim the Scripture passage.

- Ask: What did Jesus mean when he said that the Scripture passage had been fulfilled?
- Discuss possible responses to the question.

Activity

Read aloud the instructions.

- Assign partners.
- Allow time for the children to complete the activity.

Quick Review

Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini accepted the Church's mission to bring the Good News to all people everywhere. Jesus showed us, by his words and actions, how the prophecy of Isaiah was fulfilled in him.

Discover (2)

Objectives

- Understand what evangelization is and recognize that we are called to be disciples and missionaries.
- Connect the celebration of the Sacraments with the grace to become more like Christ.
- Recognize the value of the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy.

In Word and Action

Ask: How can you be a part of the mission of the Church?

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

Read the text to the children.

- Discuss the questions that follow.
- Ask: What is the relationship between the Eucharist and the work of evangelization? ***When we receive the Eucharist, we are given grace to become more like Christ; nourished in Christ, we are called to be disciples to share the Good News of Jesus.***

Work with Words

Have three volunteers read the words and definitions in the Catholic Faith Words box.

- Ask: How do the Corporal Works of Mercy and the Spiritual Works of Mercy differ? ***one meets the physical needs of people and the other meets the needs of the heart, mind, and soul***

- Encourage discussion on the meaning of evangelization.

Celebration of God's Reign

Read aloud the text.

- Allow seven volunteers to each come forward and write one of the Corporal Works of Mercy on the board or on chart paper.
- Tell the children they can find a list of both the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy on page 317 in the Our Catholic Tradition section of their book.

Equal Before God

Organize the children into small groups.

- Invite one member of each group to read aloud the text.
- Have the children discuss within their groups how works of charity differ from works of justice.

Activity

Tell the children to remain in their small groups. Read aloud the directions for the activity.

► Music Option: While the children work, play "God's Greatest Gift," downloaded from aliveinchrist.osv.com.

- Have one person from each group report the responses.

Quick Review

All who are baptized are called to give witness to the faith. In the celebration of the Sacraments, we are given the grace to become more like Christ. We can show our love for others through Works of Mercy.

Catechist Tips: Reaching All Learners - Challenge

In every class there are children who finish faster, always know the answer, or get bored because they need a greater challenge.

- In group work, occasionally put these children together and give them more complex tasks.
- When they are separated in group work, give them responsibility for leadership in the group.

Catechist Tips: Graffiti

You'll need a large sheet or roll of newsprint or butcher paper (Write the word DISCIPLES horizontally, leaving a large amount of space between the letters. Post the paper before the lesson.) and colored markers or crayons.

Direct the children's attention to the paper. Say: **We're going to create a word picture of a disciple of Jesus by writing some key words that summarize what we know about being a disciple. Can you suggest some words beginning with 'I' that summarize what following Jesus means?** (*possibilities include: Identity-a disciple is a follower of Christ; Imitate-a disciple imitates Jesus*) Invite volunteers to write these words in the appropriate place. Then have the children assemble around the paper and write their own words and phrases. When they have exhausted their vocabulary, have them be seated and reflect on the "graffiti" that has been written.

Glossary Activity: Evangelization

Obtain a copy of Pope Paul VI's encyclical *On Evangelization in the Modern World*, which emphasizes that both words and actions are necessary for evangelization. As a group, read and discuss paragraphs 21-24.

- Invite the children to record ways in which their past words and actions did or did not bear witness to the Gospel.

Additional Activity: Design a Game

Organize the children in groups. Distribute chart paper, markers, a die, and coins.

- Have each group design a game called "Bringing God's Kingdom Closer."
- The children should create a game board and devise a list of rules for play.
- Have the groups exchange and play the games.

Additional Activity: Social Justice

Have the children learn about people who struggle for social justice.

- Have each child choose and research the life of a historical figure who advanced social justice and write a brief biography or a creative, "first-person" story to read to the class.

Additional Activity: The Common Good

Invite the children to role-play situations in which fifth graders can make a contribution to the common good.

- Have the children work in pairs or small groups to brainstorm and present their dramatizations.
- Encourage the class to develop a list of actions that contribute to the common good.

Parish Video Connection: Catholic Missionary

After completing the Catechist Edition instruction for the *Move Toward the Kingdom* section on page 279, invite the children to watch this short video on a Catholic missionary's work in Africa.

Say: Father Federico explained how there is joy and progress in places where some only expect to see suffering. How can we as Catholics help continue this progress? How are all Catholics around the world empowered to change the world?

YouTube Link: https://youtu.be/Ltj_B6ZTHJE

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