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Catechist Edition Instruction

Discover (1)

Objective

- Recall Jesus' instruction to us to pray the Lord's Prayer, which we also call the Our Father

Talking with God

Invite a volunteer to read aloud the introductory paragraph.

- Talk about times Jesus prayed to God the Father, such as at the Last Supper.

Read aloud the question at the top of the student page.

Tell the children they are going to learn how Jesus taught his followers to pray, and how we should pray.

God's Word

Proclaim the Scripture story.

- Ask the children if they recognize the words Jesus asked his followers to pray.
- ★ Instruct the group to underline what Jesus says about how we are to pray.
- Ask: Where do you pray?
- Invite volunteers to share their responses.
- Direct the children's attention to the image on the page.
- Read aloud the caption aloud. Ask them what they think Jesus might be praying about.

The Lord's Prayer

Read aloud the paragraph.

Ask for a volunteer to read aloud the Catholic Faith Word and its definition.

The Lord's Prayer

Explain that the Lord's Prayer is sometimes referred to as the "Our Father."

Ask for two volunteers to read aloud the content of the chart.

- Have the first reader read a line from "Words of the Prayer," and the second reader, as an echo, read its meaning.
- Discuss any phrases the children might not understand.

Activity

Read aloud the directions for the Share Your Faith activity.

- Ask the children to think about the different times when they might pray the Lord's Prayer and write them down.
- Encourage volunteers to share their responses.

Quick Review

Jesus taught us to pray and showed us the many opportunities we have in our lives for prayer.

Discover (2)

Objectives

- Identify the five basic forms of prayer: blessing, petition, intercession, thanksgiving, and praise
- Understand that prayer is important to deepen our friendship with God
- Discover that sacramentals are blessings, objects, and actions that remind us of God and are made sacred through the prayers of the Church

Types of Prayer

Read aloud the question at the top of the student page, and encourage the children to share the words they use in prayer.

Invite a volunteer to read the paragraph.

Work with Words

Help the children sound out the words in the Catholic Faith Words box.

- As the words are sounded out, have the children circle familiar words and put question marks by unfamiliar words.
- Discuss the unfamiliar words.
- Have the children copy all the words and definitions on a separate piece of paper.
- ★ Invite the children to share one thing they pray for before going to bed. Then have them color the picture.
- Provide crayons, colored pencils, or markers.

How to Pray

Invite a volunteer to read the first paragraph. Choose another volunteer to read the second paragraph. Read aloud the questions that follow, one at a time.

- Pause after each for the children to share all the sacramentals they can recall seeing at church and

at home.

Ask the children to place their finger on the highlighted word, *sacramentals*.

- Read aloud the definition in the Catholic Faith Words box.

Activity

Read aloud the directions for the Connect Your Faith activity.

- Have the children work in pairs to practice and memorize the Glory Be.
- Instruct the first reader of each pair to say one clause within punctuation marks, then let his or her partner repeat the phrase. Continue in this manner, one clause at a time, until the prayer has been completely prayed. Repeat the process with the second partner starting off the reading.

Quick Review

Prayer is necessary, and there are various forms of prayer: blessing, petition, intercession, thanksgiving, and praise. Sacramentals are blessings, objects, and actions that remind us of God.

Catechist Tips: Respect for Others

Every person is made in the image of God and is a brother or sister of Jesus. In every person, Christians can find God, who calls them to act with mercy and to work for justice for all. When you treat others with respect, you show respect for God in them. (See *Justice in the World*, #34.)

Catechist Tips: Sacramentals

These holy signs have a resemblance to the Sacraments, but they do not give grace as the Sacraments do. Blessings of people, meals, objects, and places have prominence among sacramentals. The Church institutes sacramentals, while Christ instituted the Sacraments.

Catechist Tips: How to Pray

During the year, reinforce the children's skills in both spontaneous and formal prayer.

- Review the words of familiar formal prayers, the responses used at Mass, and the gestures and postures associated with formal prayer.
- Encourage the children to engage in spontaneous prayer, sung prayer, and prayerful movement.

Glossary Activity: Prayer

Have children name different Saints.

- Record the names on the board or on chart paper.
- Read aloud each name and prompt children to pray "Holy men and women pray for us."

Additional Activity: Reminders of God

Have children draw or cut out pictures of people or things that remind them of God. Use children's work to decorate the prayer space.

Additional Activity: Hymn Lyrics

Ask children to name their favorite hymns, spirituals, or carols.

- Write the lyrics to several favorite hymns on the board or on chart paper, and ask children to read them aloud as a way of reminding them that hymns are prayers.

Parish Video Connection: The Crucifix

Show this video to the children after you complete the Catechist Edition instruction on page 213.

Ask: Where have you seen a crucifix before? What is your favorite sacramental?

YouTube Link: <https://youtu.be/s-GDfkgIqPU>

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