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Catechist Tips: Reaching All Learners - Resistant Students

Sometimes, young people display symptoms of family issues in the group by acting out.

- Approach these children calmly.
- Talk to them about their behavior privately. They may be more cooperative when they are not being observed by their peers.

Catechist Tips: Images of the Church in Scripture

Have the children find these passages.

- Body of Christ—1 Corinthians 12:12-27
- Pilgrim People—2 Corinthians 5:1-7
- Bride of Christ—Ephesians 5:25-32
- People of God—1 Peter 2:9-10

Catechist Tips: People of God

The church building may be built of stones but the Church of the People of God is built of living stones like Jesus. Use the example of teams to illustrate the power of a group all doing something together rather than just one person doing it alone. Have small groups decide one thing they could do that Christ wants us to do such as feeding the hungry, doing some kindness for the elderly, taking care of the environment, etc. Let them act out a scene in which one says what he or she will do alone, and the others in the group join him or her and say loudly what they could all do together. For example, I can recycle seven newspapers/WE can recycle fifty newspapers! I can take a loaf of bread to the food bank/WE can take an entire meal to the food bank!

Glossary Activity: Marks of the Church

Distribute art materials to the groups, and invite each to design a logo for the Catholic Church.

- The logo should be based either on all four Marks of the Church or on the mark of unity.
- Give the children time to brainstorm and sketch.
- Ask the groups to share their work.

Additional Activity: Discuss Stories of Bias

Have the children find articles about racism or bias toward groups.

Review the facts of one problem with the children, and ask this question: “What type of story in a newspaper would help people treat one another more justly?”

Additional Activity: Figurative Language

Review with children the difference between a metaphor and a simile.

- Have the children think of three similes for the Church, completing the sentence “The Church is like a ...”
- Have the children think of three metaphors for the Church, completing the sentence “The Church is a ...”

Additional Activity: You Are the Church

Have the children form groups and choose a favorite image of the Church. Ask them to choose a familiar melody and create lyrics about their image.

- Have the children title their songs and create gestures for them.
- Ask groups to perform their songs.

Additional Activity: Homebound

Have the children conduct a mock parish council meeting to organize the ministry of visiting the homebound.

- Tell the children to propose a modest budget for greeting cards, stamps, and flowers.

Parish Video Connection: A Vatican II Bishop Reflects

After you finish the *Observers at the Council/The Wider World* sections on page 157, invite the children to watch this video interview with one of the bishops at the Second Vatican Council. Have them listen for some of his opinions on what he heard and saw.

Say: You heard in the video that even from the beginning, the Second Vatican Council brought about changes in the Church. This bishop remembered his time at the Council, but in the end, he also brought our thoughts back to how even now, it’s the grace of God, prayer, and sacrifice that continues to bring our Church together.

Ask: Did anything the bishop said surprise you?

YouTube Link: <https://youtu.be/90uKf6tr9AA>

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