

Queen of Angels School of Religion
Sunday Morning Classes
Grade 2 – Preparation for First Communion

Student Text: Christ Our Life God Cares For Us Level 2 (Loyola Press)

Unit I: God Gives Us Life and Love

Lesson 4: “God Gives us Life and Love”

Belonging to a group gives the members both joys and responsibilities. The Church is a community of people who believe in Jesus and share in His mission. God has given each person different gifts for the benefit of others.

Scripture: Mark 7: 31 – 37 (Jesus cures a deaf man. People say that Jesus has done good things.)
1 Corinthians 12: 12 – 20 (The body has many parts. Each part is important. The Body of Christ has many members. Each person is important in the family of God.

Class Discussion:

- **Students tell how other members of family help him/her.**
- **Students tell how he/she helps other members of family/friends.**
- **Teacher relates some stories in which Jesus helps other people – Jesus cures a blind man, a crippled man, a woman with a terrible sore, the soldier’s servant, a deaf man.**
- **Teacher relates some stories of saints who have helped others.**
 - St. John Bosco used magic to get children interested in coming to Mass.**
 - St. Christopher helped people cross a river**
 - St. Vincent de Paul helped the poor.**
 - St. Martin of Tours and St. Francis gave clothing to beggars.**
 - St. Mary Magdalene helped the apostles in the early days of the Church.**
 - St. Elizabeth of Hungary gave food to the poor.**

Group Prayer:

Dear God, help me share my love with someone today. (Students are to do some good deed every day.)

Ways Family Can Extend The Lesson:

- **Ask your child to tell you about one of the saints he/she heard about in class.**
- **Read more about one of the saints in a Book of the Saints or search for information on the internet. Find a list of patron saints for different occupations (especially of parents’ occupations) on the internet.**
(www.catholic-forum.com/saints/indexsnt.htm)
- **Decide as a family on something you would like to know more about. Plan how each member of the family would help other family member achieve this goal.**
- **At evening meal prayers, each member of the family can mention someone who helped him/her during the day. All respond by thanking God for the help of that person.**
- **Read a story that tells how people made sacrifices for others.**

The Hole in the Dike by Norma Green

The Bears on Hemlock Mountain by Alice Dagliesh

- **Rent and view one of these videos The Song of Bernadette or The Miracle of Fatima.**