

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 II: Jesus Calls Us to Give Ourselves in Love

Chapter 6: “Jesus Shows Us How to Love Others”

- **In this chapter the students see Jesus doing many things that help people. He is talking to them, explaining about God the Father as well as curing the illnesses and easing the pain of the people whom he meets during the day.**
- **Jesus tells his disciples and us to show love to others just as he has done in His life.**
- **The children learn that they act as Jesus did when they are kind and loving. They learn the Golden Rule—to do unto others as we would have them do unto us.**

Scripture: Matthew 25: 35 – 40 (Whatever you do to the least of my brothers, you do to Me)
John 15: 12 (Love one another as I have loved you.)
Luke 6: 27 (Love Your enemies)
John 14: 31 (I do what pleases My Father.)

Class Discussion:

- **how family members show love for one another (help with homework, take to fun places—vacations or outings, buy food and clothes we need, give hugs)**
- **tell story of Jesus getting lost in Jerusalem and how Mary and Joseph searched for Jesus and Jesus obediently went home with them. (Luke 2: 41 – 50)**
- **how we show love for our friends/neighbors (shovel the snow in front of their house, carry groceries for elderly person, share lunch with classmate who forgot his)**
- **read the story of Jesus’ visit to Peter’s house (Mark 1: 29 – 34)**
- **discuss how Jesus helped people even when He was very tired and hungry.**

Group Prayer:

Each student thinks of a kind act that he/she has done and all say “All for You, O Lord!?”

Ways Family can Extend the Lesson:

- **discuss ways your family can help the parish efforts to serve the needy (food collection just before Thanksgiving)**
- **plan some special family time together that expresses how much you love and care about each other**
- **Learn about some of the saints that helped the needy (St. Francis of Assisi, St. Bridgid of Ireland, Our Lady of Lourdes, St. Martin de Porres, St. Teresa of Avila, St. Therese Lisieux, St. Terese of the Andes, St. Angela Merici, St. Camillus of Lellis) (www.catholic-forum.com/saints/indexsnt.htm)**
- **read the book Francis: the Poor Man of Assisi by Tomie De Paoli.**
- **pray for those less fortunate at meal time. Each person can say how they helped someone during the day**

Teacher’s Notes:

The theme of this lesson runs through many lessons. It takes a lifetime to master living with the same loving kindness as Jesus. Each day is an opportunity to do good for others.