

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 8: "Jesus Calls Us to Give Ourselves in Love"

- Being a good Catholic is not easy; it requires great sacrifice. We have the example of the saints to inspire us.
- Moses gave us the Ten Commandments.
- Jesus summed up the Ten Commandments for us in His Two Great Commandments.
- If we want to follow Jesus, we must be willing to make the necessary sacrifices to show love to God and to our brothers and sisters in Christ.

Scripture: Exodus 20: 3, 7 - 8, 12 - 17 (The Ten Commandments)
Matthew 20: 27 -28 (The greatest must be the servant of all)
Mark 9: 37 (Whoever welcomes a child in My name. welcomes Me)
Mark 12: 33 (Love God, love others as yourself)

Class Discussion:

- family rules (do homework before watching TV, make your bed)
- school rules (no running in the halls, raise your hand in class, talk softly in the cafeteria, stay in designated area on playground)
- society's rules (stop at a red light, speed limits, buy what you take from a store)
- God's rules – the Ten Commandments – given to Moses by God. We are still supposed to obey them today.
- Jesus said that the Ten Commandments can be summed up into two laws of love.
- ways we show love to God (pray, go to Mass on Sunday, say God's name when we pray and not when we are angry)
- ways we show love to others (respect for others, obedience to parents and teachers, not stealing, being kind to others, helping the poor, not stealing, being happy with what we have)

Group Prayer:

Each child thinks of someone that he/she loves. We ask God to bless them and take care of them.

Ways Family can Extend the Lesson:

- point out the ways your child helps other members of the family. Children need to be valued and feel that they have an important contribution to the family.
- parents can point out ways they sacrifice for their children by working long hours. This is not meant to make the children feel guilty, but only show the children that they are so valued that the sacrifices are made lovingly and gladly.
- Read a story that shows how insensitivity to the needs of others makes people sad. A good book with this theme is The Hundred Dresses by Eleanor Estes.
- do something that will help a new family in the parish feel welcome.
- point out how characters in a TV show are showing love or selfishness by the choices they make and the actions they perform.