

Topic: Life in Christ

Family Small Group for Confirmation Week 4 (October 2nd, 2022)

Parent Resources

These resources are used in the lesson in some way. Parents, consider reading them before doing the lesson with your student. Otherwise, read them within the lesson with your student when directed to do so.

Catechism Readings:

- *Catechism for Adults*, Chapter 23, 24
 - Jesus the Teacher (pg. 307-309)

Confirmed in the Spirit:

- Scripture and You (pg. 38)
- Called to Be Free (pg. 39-40)

Article: [Victory over Spiritual Warfare](#)

1. Opening Prayer (read together)

Beatitudes

Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Blessed are they who mourn,
for they will be comforted.
Blessed are the meek,
for they will inherit the land.
Blessed are they who hunger and thirst
for righteousness, for they will be satisfied.
Blessed are the merciful,
for they will be shown mercy.
Blessed are they clean of heart [or pure of heart],
for they will see God.
Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they will be called children of God.
Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of
righteousness,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you
and utter every kind of evil against you [falsely] because of
me. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in
heaven. [Mt. 5:3-12)

2. Personal Connection

Parents- Reflect on then discuss the following:

When do you feel the most attuned or connected to Christ? What are you doing in those moments and how can you cultivate that feeling?

After sharing, ask your student:

Why is it important for Catholic families to be Christ-centric (Christ-centered)? What can we do as a family to make Jesus more central to our family?

3. Activity

Match the Beatitudes

Match each of the Beatitudes with someone (a saint/famous person/someone you know) who exemplifies that virtue. Be sure to explain your choice. OPTION 1: Do this as a family! OPTION 2: Divide up the Beatitudes and match them individually then share who you matched each Beatitude with and why.

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4. Discussion Questions (writing down answers prior to discussion may encourage deeper conversations)

1. Read 'Jesus the Teacher' (Catechism for Adults pg. 307-309). In the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus teaches a young man about what it takes to gain eternal life. What does Jesus say we must do to earn treasure in heaven?
2. Finish this phrase: "These _____ are taught by _____ as the foundation for a life of authentic Christian discipleship and the attainment of _____ ... Jesus taught that _____ is at the heart of all law (pg. 308-309).
3. How can you live out the Beatitudes in your own life?
4. Read the article. '[Victory over Spiritual Warfare](#).' The article claims that "on our Christian journey to do good and avoid evil, the crux of our mission is to walk with Christ." Using the four things listed in the article as your guide, what four concrete things can you do to more intentionally walk with Christ? Write them down in your Confirmation notebook.
5. Read 'Scripture and You,' 'Called to be Free,' and 'Conscious: Where we Hear God Speak' (Confirmed in the Spirit pg. 38-40). Think about everything you've learned and read about the Beatitudes. How can following God's law and the Beatitudes bring you happiness?

5. Closing

Sunday Sanctuary Lesson Reflection:

What moved you the most from Fr. Tilley's talk?
What did you learn about healing the wounds caused by original sin?

End in Prayer:

As a family, discuss your current prayer intentions and take a moment to pray together.