

Topic: Do Not Steal – Act Justly

Family Small Group for Confirmation Week 2.18 (February 12th, 2023)

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*, Ch. 31

- “Reflections of the Catholic Bishops of the United States on the Church’s Social Teaching: Major Themes” pg. 421-424

Confirmed in the Spirit:

- “Ready to Witness” and “A Plan for Spiritual Growth” pg. 75-76

1. Opening Prayer (read together)

Opening Prayer, Solemnity of the Sacred Heart
Father, we honor the heart of your Son, broken by our cruelty,
yet symbol of love’s triumph, pledge of all that we are called to be.
Teach us to see Christ in the lives we touch and to offer him living worship
by love-filled service to our brothers and sisters.
We ask this through Christ, our Lord.

2. Personal Connection

Parents- Reflect on then discuss the following:

What does acting justly look like? Can you think of a time you’ve acted justly? How did it impact the people involved?

After sharing, ask your student:

Why is acting justly Christ-like? Can you think of a time you’ve acted justly? How did it impact the other people involved?

3. Activity

Whodunit? Saints Edition

Each member of your family will need a paper and pencil.

Directions:

- Number your papers 1-10
- Read each of the **Whodunit Statements** and name the corresponding saint using the **Name Bank**
- At the end of the game, review the answer key at the bottom of this document and determine who got the most answers right!
- As a family, answer the question *How did each of these saints act justly?*

Name Bank (Optional)

St. Josephine Bakhita St. Martin de Porres St. Maria Goretti St. Nicholas St. Therese of Lisieux
St. Maximilian Kolbe St. Damien of Molokai St. Gianna Beretta Molla St. Francis St. Rose of Lima

Whodunit Statements:

1. This saint was known for her little way of making small sacrifices every day for the sake of others.
2. According to legend, this saint threw bags of gold into windows and down chimneys to help the poor.
3. While in a Nazi concentration camp, this saint sacrificed his life to save the life of another prisoner.
4. This saint gave up wealth to live in a hut in her parents’ backyard and served the poor and hungry.
5. A doctor and a mother, this saint gave her life so that the daughter in her womb would live.
6. This saint cooked, cleaned, and cared for sick friars for 8 years before being allowed to make his vows.
7. An Italian nobleman, this saint gave up his wealth to live in a cave and serve his town’s sick and poor.
8. This saint treated lepers in Hawaii, caring for their wounds and preaching the Good News of Jesus.
9. After becoming Catholic, this saint forgave the slavers who kidnapped her and sold her into slavery.
10. This 12-year-old saint forgave the man who attacked her hoping he too would one day go to heaven.

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

1. Open the *Catechism for Adults* and read “Reflections of the Catholic Bishops of the United States on the Church’s Social Teaching: Major Themes” (pg. 421-424). Fill in the blanks. “The Church’s social teaching is a rich treasure of _____ about building a _____ society and living lives of _____ amidst the challenges of a _____ society.” (pg. 421)
2. Name one theme of Catholic social teaching that you currently practice *and* describe how you practice it.
3. In what area(s) of Catholic social teaching do you feel like you could grow? What would that look like for you?
4. In *Confirmed in the Spirit*, read “Ready to Witness” and “A Plan for Spiritual Growth” (pg. 75-76). What are the five suggestions for continuing your spiritual growth after Confirmation? Why do you think each is valuable?
5. Why is it important as a Catholic to follow Catholic social teachings and to do works of charity? Consider the impact on the community *and* the impact on you.

5. Closing

Sunday Sanctuary Lesson Reflection:

What moved you the most from Sunday’s discussion on Catholic social teaching? Can you think of other stories of service that have changed people’s lives?

End in Prayer:

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

Whodunit? Saints Edition Answer Key

1. St. Therese of Lisieux 2. St. Nicholas 3. St. Maximilian Kolbe 4. St. Rose of Lima 5. St. Gianna Beretta Molla
6. St. Martin de Porres 7. St. Francis 8. St. Damien of Molokai 9. St. Josephine Bakhita 10. St. Maria Goretti