

Week 6—LIFE AS A CATHOLIC KID

Week of Nov. 15

“Come, you who are blessed by my Father. Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.”
“Truly I say to you whatever you did for the least of my brothers you did for me.”

The Readings this week remind us of what is expected of us as a son or daughter of the King.

Gather: Life of Jesus

As the children arrive, invite them to find their spot in the room. Once you have at least two children in the room, begin the activity. Let them know you are going to call out different motions or body positions which they have to get into as quickly as they can. When all children have arrived, speed up the game until ready to stop. Actions:

Get Down On All Fours - Jesus had to crawl when He was little.

Run In Place - Jesus ran when He was a young boy.

Hammer The Ground - Jesus learned to be a carpenter.

Spin saying “You’re Healed” - Jesus helped all the people around Him.

Stretch Arms Out To Your Side- Jesus crucified on the cross.

Lean Backwards With Arms Crossed Over Chest– Jesus died.

Star Jump Saying “Ta-da!” - Jesus came back to life.

Connect: You are a son or daughter of the King. Jesus is the King of Kings, but He lived as a human on earth. All the motions we did in our game, remind us of His life on earth.

Explore:

- **Year 1 (CH 8):** Today we are going to explore what it means to be a child of the King by giving thanks and praising God. Many families are getting ready for Thanksgiving and this chapter blends nicely into this time of year. It is a great re-cap to talk again about how God wants us to love others. This chapter focuses on the Our Father. Story of our faith on pp100-101. What is something special that your family does for Thanksgiving?
- **Year 2 (Lesson 5)** Today we are going to explore what it means to be a child of the King. When we stray from that path of living a life of love (when we sin), we have the sacrament of reconciliation. Today we will walk through the steps in the Rite of Reconciliation.
 - Begin this section looking at Great Moments in Life (pp128-143). Discuss each step in the sacrament of reconciliation (pp144-161; [Episode 4](#)).
 - Lead a reflection for how to examine your conscience. See the handout for leading an Examination of Conscience found in your packet. Demonstrate for your child “How to go to reconciliation”.
 - Complete the Reconciliation Cross word puzzle in your packet.
- **3rd Grade (CH 7 & 8):** Today we are going to explore what it means to be a child of the King by praying and living out the Great Commandment. Jesus taught us to love through our words and actions. Jesus tells us that only loving God is not enough, showing respect for all His people is how we show our love to God. Read Jesus Fulfills God’s Word and the Great Commandment (p90). Jesus also taught us to ask God for what we need. God sends His Holy Spirit to guide us. We believe there is one God in the Holy Trinity (p101). If have time, discuss Electing a Pope (p98). Complete the Decoder Activity (p93).
- **4th Grade (CH 7 & 8):** Today we are going to explore what it means to be a child of the King by being fair and just the way God expects me to be. Jesus gave us the Beatitudes— these are actions that show how to love and care for each other. Read The Beatitudes (p90) then explore Living The Beatitudes (p271). Next, read The Laborers in the Vineyard (p100). Discuss what it means to treat someone fairly. God always sees our goodness and He treats us fair and equal.
- **5th Grade (CH 8):** Today we are going to explore what it means to be a child of the King by being proud of our faith and professing it. The Apostles’ Creed is a summary of the faith of the Apostles. When we pray the Apostles’ Creed, we proclaim our belief in the Holy Trinity. Read Teach All Nations (p100).

Reflect: Matthew 25: 31-46 Read and/or explain in your own words this Sunday’s Gospel—*The Final Judgement*. When you are proud of our faith & profess it, you live life as a Catholic Kid!

Live It: Children of the King

At your next family meal, as we enter the season of giving, discuss ways that you can ‘do for the least of these’ – for ideas, visit our [JOY](#) page on the website.