



"I have given you a model to follow...as I have done for you, you should do also."

John 13:15

Assistance Lure

Lesson #8

The intention of this lesson is to help the children see the good that we can be part of by helping people. A wonderful example of this comes to us in Luke's account of the Good Samaritan.

All of us are called to help others in this life. John's gospel tells us the story of Jesus' showing this to the apostles at the Last Supper when he washed their feet. Service is what we are to be about as Christians. All believers are capable of helping someone, no matter what their age or situation in life.

Dorothy Day and St. Vincent de Paul are only two of many examples of people who answered the call to help. Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta is another. The children can be invited to think about their own experiences. Depending on their age they may be conscious of their own answer to this call. They may be able to identify people in their own communities, schools, or families who they will be able to help in some way.

The preferential option for the poor reflects the teachings of Christ: "Our Lord warns us that we shall be separated from him if we fail to meet the serious needs of the poor and the little ones who are his brethren." (CCC) 'Whatever you do for the least of my brethren' (Mt 25:40)



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Prayer	Loving and gracious God, Help us to remember to always think first and stay safe. Lord, assist me in knowing who needs my help this day. This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.
Scripture	Luke 10:29-37 <i>The Good Samaritan</i> John 13: 1-20 <i>Washing of the Disciples' feet</i>
Saint or Hero	Dorothy Day <i>Catholic Worker Houses</i> St. Vincent de Paul <i>feed the hungry</i>

Additional Catechist Resources:

Symbol	Soup kitchens Rice Bowls; parish envelopes; offering boxes
Music	<i>We Are Called</i> (David Haas, GIA) <i>The Summons</i> (John Bell, Iona Community) <i>Thy Word is a Lamp</i> (Michael W. Smith ASCAP)
Liturgy or Rites	Dismissal Rite: <i>Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord.</i>
Prayers	See below
Church Teachings	Social Doctrine of the Church 182: <i>...the poor, the marginalized ... should be the focus of particular concern. ...a special form of primacy...to which the whole tradition of the Church bears witness;</i> 473: <i>...nature...is a gift offered by the Creator...entrusted to the ...moral responsibility of men & women.</i>

A Prayer of St. Teresa of Avila

Christ has no body now but yours,
No hands, no feet on earth but yours,
Yours are the eyes through which he looks
Compassion on this world,
Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good,
Yours are the hands with which he blesses all the world.
Yours are the hands, yours are the feet,
Yours are the eyes, you are his body.
Christ has no body now but yours.

The Grail Prayer

Lord Jesus,
I give you my hands to do your work.
I give you my feet to go your way.
I give you my eyes to see as you do.
I give you my tongue to speak your words.
I give you my mind that you may think in me.
I give you my spirit that you may pray in me.
Above all,
I give you my heart that you may love in me your
Father and all mankind.
I give you my whole self that you may grow in me,
so that it is you, Lord Jesus,
who live and work, and pray in me.
Nicholas Hutchins