



Think First & Stay Safe !

"...they cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many that were sick and healed them." Mark 6:13

The Drug Lure

Lesson #22

It is important that students understand that there is a positive use for drugs for the healing process. Medicine does heal and can improve our life; however, the 'promise of feeling better' (lure) is not a reason for the misuse of drugs and alcohol.

Drugs are not inherently bad; it is people's misuse of them which is bad. Just as Jesus healed the blind man by putting mud on his eyes, doctors today heal us using their knowledge of different drugs. We are not able to do this for ourselves; 'self-medicating' to avoid life's problems does no one any good.

There are many wonderful examples of people helping each other to be well. Doctors without Borders, Operation Smile, Ronald McDonald House are some with which the children may be familiar. In the Philadelphia area, they have the wonderful example of Alex's Lemonade Stand. Older children may make the connection with Dr. Martin Luther King's example which helped to heal a grave ill within our nation.



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Lesson Plan:

Prayer	Loving and gracious God, Help us to remember to always think first and stay safe. Keep our feet on level ground, protect us. This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.
Scripture	I John 1:5-10 (God is Light) Daniel 3:1-24 (Fiery Furnace) John 6:1-71 (Bread of Life)
Saint or Hero	Martin Luther King, Jr Shadrach, Meshach, Abednego Alex's Lemonade Stand Doctors without borders Ronald McDonald House

Additional Catechist Resources:

Symbol	Medicine bottles
Music	<i>This Little Light of Mine</i> (African American Spiritual, GIA) <i>Here I am Lord</i> (Dan Schutte, OCP)
Liturgy or Rites	Penitential Rite
Prayers	Lord's Prayer
Church Teachings	<p>CCC 1503: <i>Christ's compassion toward the sick & his healings...are a resplendent sign that ...the Kingdom of God is close at hand.</i></p> <p>1505: <i>But he did not heal all the sick. His healings were signs of the coming of the Kingdom...They announced... the victory over sin & death through his Passover...Christ took upon himself the whole weight of evil...took away the sin of the world, of which illness is only a consequence.</i></p> <p>1506: <i>By following him they acquire a new outlook on illness and the sick.</i></p> <p>1508: <i>The Holy Spirit gives to some a special charism of healing....But even the most intense prayer does not always obtain the healing of all illnesses.</i></p> <p>1509: <i>The Church has received this charge (heal the sick)from the Lord....She believes in the life-giving presence of Christ, the physician of souls and bodies...particularly active through the sacraments....through the Eucharist, the bread that gives eternal life....</i></p> <p>1511: <i>...among the seven sacraments there is one especially intended to those being tried by illness, the Anointing of the Sick...</i></p> <p>2211: <i>The political community has a duty to honor the family, to assist it & to ensure especially:...the protection of security & health, especially with respect to dangers like drugs, pornography,...,etc</i></p> <p>2288: <i>Life & physical health are precious gifts entrusted to us by God. We must take reasonable care of them...</i></p> <p>2291: <i>The use of drugs inflicts very grave damage on human health & life...except on strictly therapeutic grounds...</i></p>