



Think First & Stay Safe!

The Job Lure

Lesson #16

St. Joseph the Worker aligns quite naturally with this lesson. He is the theme and provides a wonderful example for the children.

Jobs are essential for our physical health and well-being; we have to work if we want to eat. Many of the children will have chores for which they are responsible. They can be engaged in discussion around these; what do their chores contribute to their family? How do they feel about that?



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Prayer	Loving and gracious God, Help us to remember to always think first and stay safe. <i>Holy Spirit, be our guide.</i> This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.
Scripture	Matthew 14:54-56 (Is he not the carpenter's son?) Genesis 2:15 – 3:17-19 (Care of the Garden of Eden)
Saint or Hero	St. Joseph the Worker

Additional Catechist Resources:

Symbol	Carpenter tools
Music	<i>Open my eyes, Lord</i> (Jesse Manibusan, OCP) <i>Sing to Mary [verse 2]</i> (public domain)
Liturgy or Rites	May 1—feast of St. Joseph the Worker
Prayers	Prayer to St. Joseph (see below)
Church Teachings	Social Doctrine of the Church 287: <i>Work is a fundamental right and a good for mankind...worthy of man... (as) an appropriate way...to give expression to and enhance...human dignity.</i> 296: <i>Child labor...constitutes a kind of violence....</i> Compendium of Social Doctrine of the Church, p.126,129, USCCB Publishing

Prayer to St. Joseph: Almighty God, you entrusted to the faithful care of Joseph the beginning of the mysteries of our salvation. Through his prayers may your Church always be faithful to her service so that your designs will be fulfilled.

AND:

Father, you gave us the example of St. Joseph the carpenter, to remind us all of the value of human work. Help us to bring our talents and energy to all we do so that your creation may be preserved and protected.