



Think First & Stay Safe!

Who is a Stranger?

Lesson #5

Who is a stranger? We can't always tell by looking. Luke's gospel story of the Good Samaritan puts a different spin on this for his readers. The last person they would expect or even want to help is the only one who does. It lays out for us, very clearly, the teaching from the Catechism: "everyone should look upon his neighbor, without exception, as another self." CCC 1931

What does it mean to be one of God's children? Knowing that we are all children of God, how does this affect our relationships with others? Are we able to recognize God in other people?



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Prayer	Loving and gracious God, Help us to remember to always think first and stay safe. <i>Help us to recognize you in the stranger.</i> This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.
Scripture	Matthew 22:34-40 <i>The Greatest Commandment</i> Luke 10:29-37 <i>Parable of the Good Samaritan</i>
Saint or Hero	Good Samaritan

Additional Catechist Resources:

Symbol	Friendship bracelets
Music	<i>Come to the Water</i> (John Foley, SJ New Dawn Music 1978) <i>Gather Us In</i> (Marty Haugen, GIA Publications, 1982) <i>No Longer Strangers</i> (David Haas, GIA Publications, 1993)
Liturgy or Rites	
Prayers	Litany of the Saints
Church Teachings	CCC 2519: <i>...Purity of heart is the precondition of the vision of God. ...it enables us to see according to God, to accept others as 'neighbors'; ...lets us perceive the human body – ours and our neighbor's – as a temple of the Holy Spirit, a manifestation of divine beauty.</i> 1931: <i>...everyone should look upon his neighbor (without exception) as 'another self'....</i>