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### **Catechist Edition Instruction**

## **Discover (1)**

### **Objective**

- Examine how the Church continues Jesus' work on Earth through her worship, teaching, care for others, and work for peace and justice

### **Doing Jesus' Work**

Ask a volunteer to read the question.

- Tell the children that we will learn the answer to the question over the next two pages.

Summarize the paragraph.

- Emphasize the idea that as baptized members of the Church, the children are called on to perform positive actions and work for the Kingdom of God.

Point out the illustration at the top of the page, which ties in with the Scripture reading.

### **God's Word**

Proclaim the Scripture story.

- Remind the children that Jesus sent the Holy Spirit to help the disciples on their mission.
- Have a volunteer read aloud the question.
- Write the children's responses on the board or chart paper.

### **Called to Work**

Ask a volunteer to read aloud the paragraph.

- Ask: What can you do right now to make the world better?
- Encourage the children to explain how a simple action could help make a better future.

## **Give Your Time, Talent, and Treasure**

Ask the children to look over the chart.

★ Direct them to fill in the blanks with ways they can share their time, talent, and treasure.

## **Activity**

Read aloud the directions.

- Ask the children to work in pairs to answer the question.
- Invite volunteers to share their ideas with the group.
- Music Option: Have the children sing “Act Justly,” downloaded from **aliveinchrist.osv.com**.

## **Quick Review**

The Church continues Jesus' work on Earth through her worship, teaching, care for others, and work for peace and justice.

# **Discover (2)**

## **Objectives**

- Recognize that the Church is a sign of God's Kingdom and helps people share in the love of the Holy Trinity.
- Recall that by our Baptism, all members of the Church share in her mission to share the Good News and serve God and others.

## **The Church in the World**

Tell the children that this section will focus on how the Church does Jesus' work in the world today. Start out by having the children silently read the three paragraphs.

- Emphasize the idea that all members of the Church are called on to work for the Kingdom of God.

## **Working for God's Kingdom**

Ask a volunteer to read aloud the suggestions in the chart.

★ Have the children place a check mark next to things they can do right now to be a part of the work of the Church.

- Ask volunteers to share their decisions and have them explain how and why.
- Music Option: Have the children sing “Raise Your Voice for Justice,” downloaded from **aliveinchrist.osv.com**.

## **Sharing a Mission**

Tell the children that they will find out how they can share in the Church's mission. Ask two children to each read aloud one of the paragraphs.

## **Work with Words**

Have a volunteer read aloud the Catholic Faith Words and their definitions.

- Pass out two index cards per child.
- Have the children write the word on one side of the card and the definition on the other.
- Encourage them to use the cards for a chapter or unit review.

## **Why Help with the Church's Work?**

Read aloud the paragraph.

- Remind the children that all people are called to share their gifts and serve one another.

## **Activity**

Read aloud the directions.

- Provide art supplies for the children to create a message on the T-shirt image.
- Ask volunteers to share their message and their art.

## **Quick Review**

The Church is a sign of God's Kingdom and helps us share in the love of the Holy Trinity. By our Baptism, all members of the Church share in her mission to work for peace and justice.

## **Catechist Tips: Chronic Diseases**

Some children may know someone who lives with a chronic disease. A child in your group may even have such a condition.

- Discussion of illness is one way to develop empathy.
- Emphasize ways that people who are sick can contribute.
- Remind the children that God loves all people.

## **Catechist Tips: Money and Faith**

In his encyclical *The One Hundredth Year*, Pope Saint John Paul II taught an economic theory that is based on the community depicted in Acts 2:42-47. Although this theory honors the right to own property and have money, it also honors the obligation to share with the poor. Help third graders appreciate that money can be used for good or evil.

## **Catechist Tips: Recognize God's Presence**

Before you can give witness to God's goodness, you must be able to recognize his presence in yourself, in others, and in the world.

- Remind the children that everything they have originates with God.
- Ask the children how their actions each day show that they understand God's place in their lives.

## **Glossary Activity: Peace**

Have the children create visual images of the work of justice and peace.

- Distribute magazines and art materials.
- Tell the children to cut and paste a scene that symbolizes justice or peace.
- Have each child draw an image of himself or herself on the paper.

### **Additional Activity: What Would You Do?**

Continue the discussion by supplying the children with copies of two recent newspaper articles about problems mentioned in the text.

- Read the articles aloud, and ask the children to brainstorm or find ideas in the articles that will help solve the problem.

### **Additional Activity: Personal Illustrations**

Invite the children to illustrate the Scripture story of Jesus giving directions to the disciples.

- Encourage the children to put themselves into the drawing among the disciples.
- Invite them to draw facial expressions that show how they would respond to Jesus.

### **Additional Activity: Advertisements**

Encourage the children to create an advertisement jingle using the theme from their T-shirt design.

- The children can use classical or popular music as a background for their commercials.
- Some children may wish to write their own songs or use rhythmic poems to share their faith.

### **Additional Activity: Drama - Our Town**

Choose an area that has plenty of room for movement. If possible, take the activity outside. Organize the children into groups of two to four. Choose one group to start and space them out so that they have room to move. Explain that each group needs to think of a way it can help out its town/city, without saying it aloud. When you say "go," each child in that group will start silently acting out the group's idea. Allow the rest of the children to watch for a minute or two, and then call out, "Freeze!" The children must freeze in the middle of their activity.

When the children acting out the idea freeze, point to each one of them, and have the rest of the children guess what they are doing.

Repeat the activity until all groups have had a turn.

### **Parish Video Connection: Jesus Commissions His Disciples**

After you've completed the Catechist Edition instruction on page 268, show this video to the children so that they can hear Jesus' words from the Bible.

Say: How comforting it is to know that Jesus is always with us as we share the Good News of God's love with others.

YouTube Link: <https://youtu.be/3ssUkRRX9MI>

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### **Parish Video Connection: Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi**

Consider playing this video before praying the Prayer of Saint Francis on page 274.

YouTube Link: <https://youtu.be/agPnMxp5Ooc>

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