

Grade 3 - Chapter 17

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Catechist Edition Instruction

Discover (1)

Objective

- Reflect on the connection between faith and healing

Jesus Heals

Ask a volunteer to read aloud the question at the top of the student page.

- Tell the children that we will learn more about this as we review the next two pages.

Read aloud the first paragraph as an introduction to the Scripture story. Tell children that they will present the story as a play.

God's Word

Select individuals to play the speaking parts (Jairus, the Woman, Jairus's servant, Jesus, and Jairus's wife). The rest of the group can play the part of the crowd.

- Allow time for the children to review their parts.
- Have the children read through the section of the Scripture story on page 234.
- Point out the illustration at the bottom of the page, showing the servant bringing Jairus the sad news.

Ask: Do you think Jesus is too late?

Jesus Gives New Life

Have the children continue reading the play.

- Challenge them to read with feeling and to use appropriate gestures.
- Ask: Why did Jesus want to help Jairus? **Possible response: Jairus had great faith.**

- Ask: How is Jairus a role model for us? **Possible response: When we are troubled, we can remember that Jairus had great faith and that Jesus helped him and his daughter.**

Activity

Read aloud the directions for the Share Your Faith activity.

- Arrange the children in groups of four or more.
- Have them work together to make a list and a plan and then act out the story.

Quick Review

Jesus has power over illness and death. There is a strong connection between faith and healing.

Discover (2)

Objectives

- Recognize that God's forgiveness and healing are given through the Sacraments of Healing
- Understand that in Penance and Reconciliation, you confess your sins to a priest and are forgiven in the name of Christ, while in the Anointing of the Sick, the priest prays that God will send you his healing love

Signs of Healing

Ask: How do these Sacraments help us?

- Write the children's answers on the board or on chart paper.

Invite three children to each read aloud one of the paragraphs.

Work with Words

Read aloud the highlighted term and its definition.

- Pass out one index card per child.
- Have the children create vocabulary cards.
- Encourage them to use this card to prepare for chapter and unit reviews.

Sacraments of Healing

Review the contents of the chart.

- Ask two volunteers to assist by acting out the actions described while you read them aloud. You may need to review with them the correct way to perform the actions first.

Sin and Sickness

Invite two volunteers to read aloud the paragraphs.

- ★ Have the children underline the effects of sin and sickness.
- Allow the children time to reread or scan the text and underline the appropriate words.
- Stress that sin hurts the entire community because sin almost always injures someone else as well as the one who commits the sin.

Activity

Read aloud the directions for the Connect Your Faith activity.

- Have the children work in pairs to create words or phrases that tell how the Church helps them.
- Music Option: While the children work, play “Coming Back Together,” downloaded from aliveinchrist.osv.com.

Quick Review

The Sacraments of Healing are Reconciliation, or Penance, and the Anointing of the Sick. These Sacraments help us when we are suffering from physical or spiritual sickness.

Catechist Tips: Family Involvement

In the United States patients are often in hospital settings, away from family life.

- In many Hispanic and Asian cultures, the family gathers around the patient and continues conducting the ordinary business of life.
- Children from such cultures may find the scenes in the story of Jairus familiar, with servants, family, and crowds gathered around the patient.

Catechist Tips: A Presentation

Children who learn best by listening may enjoy working in small groups to compose songs or make audio or video presentations about healing and forgiveness.

- Allow time for each group to work and then to present its work to the rest of the class.

Catechist Tips: Reconciliation Schedules

The children may be unaware of times when the Sacrament of Reconciliation is available in your parish.

- Show the children where to find information about availability of this sacrament in the parish bulletin.
- Point out that this sacrament is often celebrated in a group setting during Advent and Lent. Find out from your parish office when such services are held.

Glossary Activity: Sacraments of Healing

Have the children make artwork of Jesus healing someone.

- Suggest that the children illustrate the story of Jairus or another Gospel story of healing.
- Provide a variety of art media.
- Display the finished work for others to enjoy.

Additional Activity: Sacraments of Healing Art

Have the children create a visual reminder of each of the Sacraments of Healing.

- The children can create a symbol to represent each sacrament or draw a scene showing its celebration.
- Have the children copy the priest’s words onto their drawings.

Additional Activity: Comic Strip

Another approach to the activity for this lesson might be to have the children create their stories in comic strip form.

- Show the children examples of comic strips from the newspaper.
- Each frame should contain both art and words.

Additional Activity: Send Cards or Notes

The recipients of your prayers may be encouraged to know that others are thinking of them.

- Consider making and sending notes or cards to those who are on the class prayer list.
- Perhaps parish staff members who bring communion to the sick could deliver the messages.

Additional Activity: Examination of Conscience

Guide the children through a simple examination of conscience.

- Ask them to reflect on how well they have followed Jesus' teachings during the past week.
- Encourage the children to memorize the Act of Contrition.

My God, I am sorry for my sins with all my heart.
In choosing to do wrong and failing to do good,
I have sinned against you whom I should love above all things.
I firmly intend, with your help, to do penance, to sin no more,
and to avoid whatever leads me to sin.
Our Savior Jesus Christ suffered and died for us.
In his name, my God, have mercy.

Parish Video Connection: Anointing of the Sick

Once you've completed the Catechist Edition instruction on page 237, show the children this video through the 3:34-minute mark. (If time allows, show them the full video.)

Emphasize that this Sacrament helps us experience God's grace and forgiveness of our sins. It also strengthens our spiritual health and well being, giving us peace and courage as we endure suffering.

YouTube Link: <https://youtu.be/hEppjWNO2y4>

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