

## Grade 2 - Chapter 4

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#### Catechist Tips: Saint John Bosco

Saint John Bosco was born in 1815 in Piedmont, Italy, and died in 1888. He had great compassion for the homeless boys he observed on the streets. He gave them a home, educated them, and taught them a trade. His mother helped him by providing a home for girls. He is the founder of the Salesian order of priests, brothers, and sisters who sponsor Catholic schools throughout the United States.

#### Catechist Tips: Wants and Needs

Read again "Rely on God" on page 90 and review the difference between "wants" and "needs." Talk with the children about how they can be helpful to others. Give each child the following prayer to complete:

**Dear God,**

**Thank you for promising to take care of what I need. I will try to follow your example and help others with what they need. I will \_\_\_\_\_.**

After reading it together and talking about it, allow time for them to finish the sentence. Some children may need spelling assistance. Allow them to share their prayer if they wish.

#### Catechist Tips: Prayer

Most religious faiths practice some form of prayer or meditation.

- Muslim men perform a short worship service five times each day.
- Jewish people pray at home and at the synagogue.
- Hindus have shrines in their homes where they worship individually before physical images.

#### Glossary Activity: God the Father

Christians can call God "Father" because they are his adopted children by virtue of Baptism and the anointing of the Holy Spirit.

- This "Rely on God" Scripture passage calls Christians to rely on God the Father for what they need.
- Jesus acknowledges that humans do have needs, but people should not become obsessed with meeting them.
- Invite the children to write a prayer thanking God the Father for giving them what they need.

### **Additional Activity: Poster Frame**

Have the children trace their hands onto construction paper and then cut out around the outlines of their hands that they traced. Invite each child to paste his or her hand around the outer edge of a poster board, forming a frame.

- Write the words from Isaiah 49:15-16 in the center of the frame. Then hang the poster near the prayer space.

### **Additional Activity: Share Cartoons**

Charles Schulz's *Peanuts* comic frequently explored the issue of trust between Charlie Brown and Lucy. Would she hold the football or yank it away?

- Use video clips or printed cartoons featuring this incident to help children see what happens when trust is broken.
- Ask the children how they would feel if they were Charlie Brown.

### **Additional Activity: Expressing Affection**

Friendship and affection flourish in an atmosphere of trust.

- Ask children to suggest ways in which they show trust in and affection for family members and friends.
- Remind children that teasing, which is sometimes substituted by young children for more positive signs of affection, can be hurtful and can break trust.

### **Parish Video Connection: Saint John Bosco**

After completing the Catechist Edition instruction on page 88, play this video for the children to give them more information about Saint John Bosco and his home for children.

*Ask:* How does Jesus want us to treat others? (with kindness and love)

YouTube Link: <https://youtu.be/Sf2qjZqwiBs>