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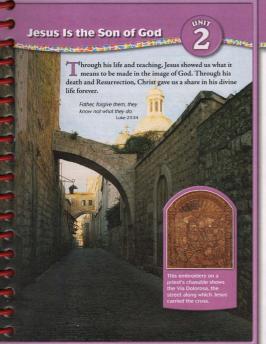


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Jesus Is the Son of God

Summarizing the Unit

Introduce the children to the unit by inviting a volunteer to read the unit title and the summary paragraph beneath it.

Discussing the Photographs

Invite the children to look carefully at the photographs on page 65 and describe what they see.



Discussing Scripture

- · Direct the children's attention to the quote from the Bible on page 65.
- . You may want to revisit this page at the conclusion of the unit to reinforce and review what the children have learned.

Catch-up Catechesis

Topics To help children who need Catch-Up Catechesis, this unit covers the following topics.

Ch. 5 Jesus as God's Divine Son

Ch. 7 Ten Commandments The Beatitudes

Paschal Mystery Ch. 6 Sacrament of Baptism

Ch. 8 God's Justice Kingdom of God

Our Catholic Heritage You may review the references in this unit to Our Catholic Heritage on the following pages in the back of the book.



Beatitudes, p. 271

In addition, you may want to review the Sacraments on p. 262 and the Commandments on p. 272.

Faith Words

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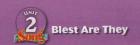
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Introducing the Song

Begin by reading through the words of the song with the children. Discuss the meaning of any unfamiliar words. Next, listen to the recording. It can be found on the Blest Are We music CD 4. Then have the children sing along with the recording. When you feel they are ready, have them sing along with the instrumental track.

Using the BLEST ARE WE Song Book

The BLEST ARE WE Song Book contains psalms, hymns, and songs that can be used in a parish setting as well as in the religious education of children. (Recordings and instrumental tracks are also available.) Each chapter contains suggestions from the Song Book along with the song number.

Choosing Additional Songs

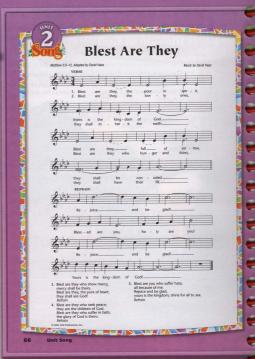
Each At-a-Glance Planner has several music suggestions that directly correlate to the specific themes discussed in the chapter. These and all suggested songs/ hymns can be used in place of or in addition to the unit song or program song.



Suggestions for movement and additional music can be found at www.blestarewe.com.

Special Notes

Collaborate with your parish director of music ministries to find appropriate times during parish celebrations to use the program song or the unit songs. This will help link the music learned in the religion program to the liturgical life of the parish community. If possible, have someone play the chosen song on the piano or another instrument during the session. Guitar chords and keyboard accompaniment can be found in the BLEST ARE WE Accompaniment Book.



When to use the unit song:

- before or after the opening prayer
- · during the prayer celebration
- at the end of the session
- during special celebrations

When to use the instrumental tracks:

- · as the children enter the room
- during the opening prayer
- · as background music during independent work time
- during the prayer celebration (especially during a meditation prayer service)
- · during the Feasts and Seasons lessons

Jesus, the Image of God

S Chapter

Background for the Catechist

This chapter deals with two great mysteries of our faith: the Incarnation and the Paschal Mystery. The word incarnation means "to become flesh, to take on a human body." We believe that God became incarnated in Jesus. Paschal Mystery refers to Jesus' Passion, death, and Resurrection—his passing over from death to new life. The ancient Israelites offered the paschal lamb and then were freed from slavery when the angel of death passed over their homes. We believe that Jesus is our Paschal Lamb. Through his suffering, death, Resurrection, and Ascension, we are freed from sin and given new life.

Being God's Image Today

Many people celebrate the Incarnation at Christmas and the Paschal Mystery during Lent and Easter. These two great mysteries of our faith, however, are two sides of the same coin. Each is an essential part of God's work of Salvation. Jesus is truly human and truly divine. When we look at Jesus, we see God the Father; we also see our best selves. We are called to follow Jesus by speaking and acting as he did—with compassion, forgiveness, and love. Like Jesus, we too are called to be God's image in today's world.

Time for Reflection

How can my words and actions reflect God's image in today's world?

Catechist Prayer

Jesus, true God and true man, help me to see God in your words and actions and in the faces of those around me. Grant that I may reflect God's image and help me imitate your love, selflessness, patience, and forgiveness. Enable me to see myself as a unique and irreplaceable expression of God. Amen.

Faith Focus

As God's divine Son, Jesus is a model for us of what it means to be created in the image of God.



At-a-Glance Planner



Teaching Steps

Materials







- Pray the Scripture verse.Read about and discuss
- role models.

 Complete the activity.
- complete and administra

Additional Activity

Seeing ourselves as role models.

- materials for prayer corner as listed on page 66C
- paper
- · pens or pencils

Additional Activity

- note paper
- pens or pencils

Activity Master 5a See Catechist Guide, page 66D.



Hear & Believe 25 minutes





- Read and discuss the Scripture story about Iesus' crucifixion.
- Teach the doctrine in "Our Church Teaches."
- Discuss We Believe and review the Faith Words.

Additional Activity

 Knowing Jesus, our role model and savior. CD player

Additional Activity

- Bibles
- · pens or pencils
- · writing paper

Respond 20 minutes



- Read and discuss the story about Saint Catherine of Bologna.

 Do the activities.
- Do the activities.
 Pray "A Prayer of
- Reflection."

 Distribute the Take Home Family Time pages for the next chapter.

Additional Activity

Following Jesus in our actions.

- colored pencils or markers
- music conducive for reflection

Activity Master 5b See Catechist Guide, page 67.

Multimedia Resources

Books

· Jesus for Children William Griffin (Twenty-Third Publications, 1994) The life of Jesus is presented in more than fifty read-aloud stories told from Scripture in contemporary language.

Videos

· Stations of the Cross for Children (15 min.) (Oblate Media & Communications) Children can reflect on the cross Jesus had to bear and discover ways to follow Iesus today.

Audio

BLEST ARE WE Scripture CD 4 (English: track 4 / Spanish: track 19)

Music

- · Blest Are They" (Unit 2 song, page 66) BLEST ARE WE music CD 4, track 3 BLEST ARE WE Song Book #18 Gather Comprehensive II Hymnal #636
- "Were You There" African-American spiritual Gather Comprehensive II Hymnal #438
- "St. Teresa's Prayer" John Michael Talbot (EMD/Capitol Records)

Overview



Learning Focus

This chapter will help the children

- 1. understand Iesus is both human and divine.
- 2. identify Iesus as the role model for Christians.
- 3. explore ways in which, like Jesus, we can be true to our principles.

Catechism Connection



The Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC) explains that, as Christ's disciples, we imitate the life of Iesus because he is the image of God. CCC references: 324, 381, 479-480, 561, 620-621, 629, 637, 744, 2644, 2721

GDC and NDC Connections





The General Directory for Catechesis (GDC) recalls that Christ by his incarnation committed himself to his social and cultural environment. GDC references: Chapter 5

The National Directory for Catechesis

(NDC) presents the application of the catechetical principles associated with teaching that Iesus is the image of God. NDC references: Ch. 6 Section 41

For the Prayer Corner

Arrange the prayer corner as described on page T24. For today's session on Jesus, prepare a special area in the prayer corner where the children will be able to display their images of Jesus completed from Activity 1 on page 72.

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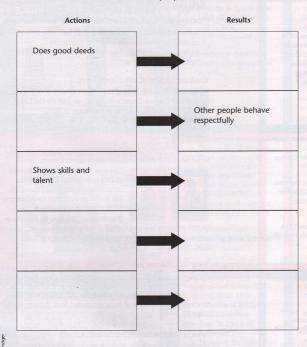


Visit our Catechists and Kids sections for

- · interactive and printable activities.
- · the Liturgical Calendar.
- · Lesson Planning Resources.

Images of God

Complete the chart below. Fill in the actions of a role model and the results he or she has on other people.



To the Teacher: Use this activity to reinforce the Share section.

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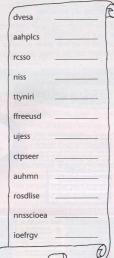


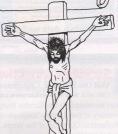
Warm-Up Activity Master can be used for early-arriving children. Or Icebreaker for Share.

God's Divine Son

Unscramble the answers. Then fill in the blanks with the correct answers. There are extra words.

- 1. Soldiers hung Jesus upon a wooden
- 2. lesus was God and the same time he was
- 3. The _____ played games to see who would get his clothes.
- 4. Jesus _____ and died on the cross.
- 5. Jesus prayed, "Father, _____ them."
- 6. Jesus is part of the Holy ______.
- 7. Jesus saved us from our ______.
- **8.** The _____ Mystery is the greatest way Jesus showed his love.
- 9. Jesus' return to his Father in glory is
 - known as his ______ into heaven.
- 10. Jesus showed us how to treat others with





To the Teacher: Use this activity to reinforce the Hear & Believe section.

CHAPTER 5



BLEST ARE WE 4



Take Home races

Pre-chapter home activities for families

Beginning at Home

Many of the children will have spent some time with their families working with the Take Home Family Time pages at home. You can help the children connect with what was done at home by discussing the saint featured or using A Prayer for the Week at an appropriate time.







Sunday Connection

Visit Our Web Site Catechists and parents can visit www.blestarewe.com for

- · resources related to the Sunday liturgy.
- · a summary of the Sunday Scripture readings.
- · the Reflection Question of the Week.
- seasonal activities



More About the Saint of the Week

Saint Catherine of Bologna is also featured on the Respond pages in this chapter. Her singleminded focus on the person of Jesus helped her lead a life of holiness. You can read more about her life in *Butler's Lives of the Saints* (The Liturgical Press, 1998).





Using our talents well is one way to show that we are made in God's image. Invite the children to mention some things they do well or are proud of as a lead-in to the prayer.

5 Jesus, the Image of God



Whoever has seen me has seen the Father.

John 14:9

Share

In His Image



There are people in our lives who set a good example for us by being kind, helpful, and loving as Jesus was. We call these people role models. Role models show us how to bring God's goodness into our world. We admire them and try to follow in their footsteps.

Activity

Who do you think is a good role model in your life? On the lines below, write the name of your role model. Then write how this person is kind or helpful.

My role model is: Answers will vary.

This person is a role model for me because:

How did Jesus show us his love?

Relieve

Additional Activity

Share Seeing Ourselves as Role Models

- Arrange the children in pairs.
- Have each person make a list of his or her partner's qualities as a role model.
- Invite pairs to present their summaries of one another.



Share



Praying with Scripture

Explain to the children that God revealed himself in the person of Jesus Christ.

- Remind the children that we see Jesus Christ every day in the kind and loving actions of others.
- Have the children reflect on the artwork depicting Jesus on page 69.
- Together, pray the Scripture verse at the top of the page.
- · Sing the unit song on page 66.

Personal Experience

- See if the children can identify any of the people in the painting of Jesus. The painting depicts famous people such as Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., John F. Kennedy, and Mohandas Gandhi, as well as unknown faces. Explain that all people make up the Body of Christ.
- Invite a volunteer to read the paragraph explaining role models.

Doing the Activity

- Invite the children to do the activity on page 69.
- As an extension of the activity, you may wish to have the children list the qualities that make them a role model for others.

Call attention to the Page Turner questions throughout the chapter.





Hear & Believe

Discussing the Scripture Story

The Illustration Focus the children's attention on the illustration on pages 70-71

Say "This scene takes place outside the city of Ierusalem, Iesus was crucified here along with two other men."

The Scripture Ask a volunteer to read aloud the Scripture story, and another to read Jesus' words at the end.

Say "As we read about Jesus' crucifixion, pay attention to how Jesus was treated by the people in the crowd "

After the story, discuss how many people treated Jesus in a cruel way, including one of the criminals next to him on the cross.

Ask "How did the leaders and soldiers mock Jesus?" (The leaders velled at him to save himself, and the soldiers played games to see who would get his clothes.)

"What was Jesus' response to those who were making fun of him and hurting him?" (His response was to ask his Father to forgive them.)

Say "Iesus died on the cross to save us from sin and to give us new life in him. Christ was raised from the dead and returned to his Father in glory."





Scripture Background

The Place of the Skull

- Jesus died on the cross at a place called Golgotha, just outside the city of Jerusalem. Thousands of years ago, Golgotha was a stone hill located near an old quarry.
- The name Golgotha comes from a Hebrew word that means "skull"
- We usually say that Jesus died on Calvary. This is because Calvary is derived from the Latin word calvaria, which also means "skull."

lesus Is God's Divine Son

Jesus was sent by God to live among us. Being a man, he experienced pain, suffering, and death.

Jesus is also the Second Person of the Holy Trinity. He is divine because he is God's Son. Jesus saved us from our sins by his life, death, Resurrection, and Ascension into heaven. This is known as the Paschal Mystery. The Paschal Mystery is the greatest way Jesus could show God's deep love for each of us. We celebrate the Paschal Mystery and our new life with Iesus every Sunday at Mass.

Tesus, Our Role Model

We are special because we are created in the image of God. If we live the way Jesus taught us to live, we will be showing God's goodness to others. Jesus is our role model.

During his life on earth, Jesus showed us how to treat others with respect and to care for God's world. Jesus is present in our lives today in Scripture, the sacraments, and through the witness of the Christian community. God wants us to follow Jesus' example.

Our Church Teaches

Jesus is God's Son. He is both human and divine. He was born to Mary by the power of the Holy Spirit. During his life, Jesus showed God's love to others. We try to live as Jesus did.

Iesus died and then rose from the dead to save us from our sins and to give us new life. We celebrate the Paschal Mystery each Sunday at Mass



Additional Activity

Scripture Knowing Jesus, Our Role Model

Explain to the children that in order to become more like Jesus, we need to know more about him. We do this by reading the Bible and through prayer.

- Invite the children to form groups. Give each group a Bible. Identify the four Gospels in the Bible.
- Have each group find a story that tells them something about Jesus as a person and as God.
- · Each group will write down and share what they learned about Jesus.

Jesus is our role model. As God's divine Son, he shows us how to love others as God loves us.

Faith Words

divine

The word divine means "of God." Jesus Christ is both human and divine-that is, he is both a man and God

The Ascension is the moment when Jesus. in his resurrected body, entered heaven

Paschal Mystery The Paschal Mystery is the life death Resurrection and Ascension of Jesus Christ

Understanding Scripture

- · Direct the children to follow along in their books as you read aloud the sections entitled "Jesus Is God's Divine Son" and "Jesus, Our Role Model."
 - · Emphasize that Jesus Christ is divine because he is God.

Ask "How did Jesus save us from our sins?" (by his death, Resurrection, and Ascension into heaven)

Understanding Doctrine

Read aloud "Our Church Teaches."

Say "Jesus is the image of God's goodness and love. By following Jesus' example, we also show God's love to others."

Ask "How do we know that Jesus was both a man and God?" (Answer should reflect the things Jesus said and did show us he was man and God.)

We Believe/Faith Words

· Use the following question to reinforce the We Believe statement.

Ask "Why is Jesus our role model?" (Tesus shows us how to love others as God loves us.)

 Ask volunteers to explain the meaning of the Faith Words in their own words.

Cultural Awareness

Tombs

Many Jews buried their dead in prepared vaults cut into rock. Jesus had no prepared tomb. but a wealthy follower, Joseph of Arimathea, did and that is the tomb where his friends placed Jesus' body. A large circular stone, set in a deep groove, would have been rolled across the vault's entryway.



Respond



Discussing the Saint Story

The Illustration Direct the children's attention to the illustration of Saint Catherine and the illustrations of Jesus.

Ask "What do these illustrations have in common?" (Responses will varu.)

Say "Saint Catherine of Bologna was a religious sister who had a special vision of Jesus."

The Story Ask a volunteer to read "Saint Catherine of Bologna and Seeing the Face of God" on page 72.

- Remind the children that we see God in Jesus and in those who follow Jesus.
- Discuss Saint Catherine of Bologna's vision and how it affected her life.

Doing the Activities

- Read the directions for the drawing activity with the children.
 - Challenge them to illustrate who Jesus is by remembering how he treated others.
 - Play reflective music and allow time for the children to complete the activity.
 - Save these pictures for the prayer celebration at the end of the chapter.

Respond

Saint Catherine of Bologna and Seeing the Face of God



Catherine de Vigri was born in Bologna, Italy, on September 8, 1413. When she was eleven, she learned to paint tiny statues. A few years later, Catherine became a religious sister. One Christmas Eve night, she had a

vision of Mary holding Baby Jesus. In the vision, Mary let Catherine hold Jesus in her arms. This vision has been painted by many artists.

Catherine led a group of religious women that became part of the community of sisters called the Poor Clares. She once wrote that she would do her very best to follow Jesus.

Catherine is known today as Saint Catherine of Bologna. She is honored as the patron saint of artists. We celebrate her feast day on March 9.





Activities

 Many artists have tried to paint the face of Jesus. What do you think Jesus looked like?

Draw your own picture of the face of Jesus.

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Special Needs

Children with Motor Problems

- Some children may have difficulty drawing; they also may have poor fine-motor control. Invite them to look through magazines for pictures that in some way remind them of Jesus.
- Encourage the children to choose their favorite picture and to bring it to the prayer celebration.

Read each story. Rewrite the part that is underlined. Keep in mind what Christ, our role model, might say.



a. Megan's team is playing basketball and the score is Inde During the last minutes of play, her teammate Dina, passes the ball to her. Megan misses the pass, and the other team gets the ball and scores. The game ends with the other team winning by a point. Dina yelfs at Megan and calls her names. She shouts, "How could you miss such an easy pass?"

Answers will vary.

b. Every day Jessica practices on her clarinet. She has a solo part in the spring concert. On the night of the concert. Jessica is every nervous. As she walks on stage, she trips and falls. Although Jessica is embarrassed, she walks to her seat and plays her piece beautifully. After the concert her classmate. Tim, says, "I can't believe how clumsy you are!" Answers will vary.



Find a word hidden in the line of letters. Then complete the message.

MTRSGXUQFOLLOWDCGTM

Jesus says, * F O L L O W me.*

How do we see the image of God in others?

73

Additional Activity

Respond Following Jesus in Our Actions

- Arrange the children into groups of three or four.
- Invite them to choose one of the following ideas to
- act out.

 a) What would you do if your friends tried to convince you to do something that you knew was wrong?
 - b) What would you do if there was a friend in your group who didn't dress or act like the rest of the group?
- Emphasize to the children that we are called to act like Jesus. As his followers, we are called to love one another and to be accepting and forgiving of others.

Doing the Activities

- Explain to the children that Jesus spoke kindly to others. He showed his concern for those around him by his words as well as his actions.
 - Ask the children to read and complete the second activity on page 73.
 - Discuss their responses as a group.
- Invite the children to complete the hidden-word activity. Have them read the answer as a group.

Catechist

Wise Sayings

On colored strips of paper, let the children make up wise sayings based on how Jesus taught us to live. An example might be, "People are important; take time to listen to what they say."

List the following qualities to get them started: compassionate, forgiving, sharing, generous, kind, concerned, friendly. Have the children glue these sayings onto poster paper and display.

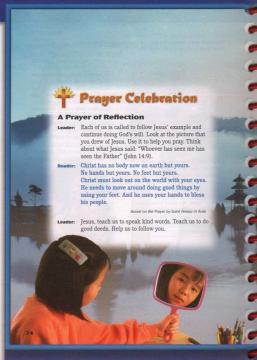
Respond

Preparing for Prayer

- · Gather the children in the prayer corner and invite the children to bring their pictures and images of Jesus.
- · Light the candle that is near the Bible.
- · Ask the children to look at page 74. Invite one child to be the leader and another to be the reader. You may also choose to read the entire prayer celebration yourself. This will allow all the children to experience this prayer as a meditation.



- · Pray this prayer celebration slowly. You may wish to play instrumental music conducive for reflection.
- · After the children pray the prayer of reflection on page 74, invite them to close their eyes and imagine places where Iesus might go to help others in today's world. Invite them to share their thoughts.
- · Close the prayer celebration by singing the song you have chosen for today's celebration.





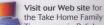
Looking Ahead to Chapter 6



Take Home

Tear out the Take Home Family Time pages for the next chapter. Remind the children to work on these at home with their parents or quardians.

Cultural Connections www.blestarewe.com/familytime



the Take Home Family Time pages in Polish.

Portuguese, Spanish, and Vietnamese.

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divine Trinity Ascension respect

Paschal attitude



Complete each statement about Jesus by choosing one of the words above. You will not have to use all the words.

- 1. Jesus Christ is both human and _
- 2. Jesus is part of the Holy _____ Trinity
- 3. The moment when Jesus, in his resurrected body, entered heaven is known as his ____Ascension
- Paschal 4. Jesus' dying and rising is known as the .. _Mystery.
- respect 5. Jesus showed us how to treat others with

Match column A with column B by writing the correct number in the space provided.

1. models	4	_ We celebrate our new life with Jesus at
2. son	5	_ Jesus died and rose from the dead to save us from our
3. Holy Spirit	2	_ Jesus is God's
4. Mass	1	People who show us how to live like Jesus are called role
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Chapter Review

Reviewing the Chapter

This review page contains two review exercises to help the children remember the content of the chapter they have just completed.

This page also serves as a review of the Learning Focus on page 66C. Be sure to discuss the answers with your group and reteach any concepts that were generally misunderstood or forgotten.

Completing the Exercises

- · Choose the review exercises that you feel will be most helpful to the children in remembering the content of the chapter. You may wish to have the children complete one or both of the exercises during your time together as a group or to have them work at home with their parents.
- In either case, it is always a good idea to review their answers with them to help clear up any misunderstandings.

Answer Locator

	A		В
1	p. 71	1	p. 69
2	p. 71	2	p. 71
3	p. 71	3	p. 71
4	p. 71	4	p. 71
5	p. 71	5	p. 71



Wrap-Up

Time permitting, Chapter Review and/or Faith in Action can be completed during the session. Or at home

Self-Evaluation

This session was

- one of the best
 - pretty good in need of improvement

What worked out best was

For next time I would change

I will be sure to prepare for

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Faith in Action

Parish Ministry

The Cursillo Movement

Through retreat experiences and follow up meetings, The Cursillo Movement empowers Catholics to take ownership of their faith and shows them how to express it in their daily lives.

- · For more information, visit the official website of The Cursillo Movement at www.natl-cursillo.org.
- · Ask a volunteer to read aloud the opening paragraph on page 76.
- · Explain to the children that all Catholics are called to strengthen their personal awareness of the presence of God in their lives.

Doing the Activities

- 1. Everyday Life Connection
 - · Invite the children to do the first activity on page 76.
 - · Discuss the statement each child marked with an X (the most important way each child has learned to be like Iesus).
 - Next discuss the additional statements the children marked with a / (other ways that have helped them be more like Jesus).

2. Parish Connection

- · Read aloud the directions for the second activity.
- · Review with the children the example given for the phrase We work together. Allow time for them to complete the rest of the activity.

Jesus' Example and the Cursillo Movement Jesus calls us all to be leaders. Just as he called his first disciples, today he calls each of us to follow him, to learn from him, and to continue his work in the world. The Cursillo Movement helps people learn and remember the most important things about our Catholic faith and live more like Jesus. Cursillo means "little course." By trying as hard as we can to be "Christ-like," acting like Jesus would act and doing what Jesus would do, we show people who Jesus is.

Activity Think about what most helps you to be like Jesus. Mark an X next to



the words that describe the most important way you have learned to be like Jesus. Put a check mark ✓ next to any other ways that have helped you. Answers will vary. ding about leave in the Rible

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	Praying about what to do and how to act
	Asking for guidance from someone I trus
	Seeing how someone I admire acts

(in my own words) _



another, we are living as Jesus calls us to live. Identify three opportunities in your parish in which you can learn more about what it means to live as brothers and sisters in Christ. One has been done for you. Accept all reasonable respo

We work together: Helping the homeless.

We pray together:

We celebrate together:

We care for one another: Level 4 Parish Ministry

Catholic Social Teaching

Solidarity

- · We are called to be "Christ-like" in all we do. Remind the children that it is important for people to keep their dignity, which is inherent in each person. Invite the children to remember to treat family, friends, teachers, and classmates with respect.
- Encourage the children to volunteer with groups in their school, parish, and community to help bring about a healthy and productive environment for all.