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We Follow Jesus

NAME _____

Jesus always did what God the Father wanted Him to do. If we follow Jesus, we will also please God and be happy. Match an action you can do with the example Jesus set for us in His earthly life. Connect the dots to match the actions.

WHAT WE CAN DO

WHAT JESUS DID

Put away my toys. •

• *Loved children.*

Visit a relative in the hospital. •

• *Prayed.*

Play with a younger brother or sister. •

• *Obedied His mother and foster father.*

Talk to God during the day. •

• *Gave people food.*Put some money in the collection
for the poor. •• *Told people about God's love.*

Invite a friend to Mass. •

• *Helped the sick.*

Play with someone who seems lonely. •

• *Loved people whom others did not like.*

We Love God

NAME _____

God gave us the Ten Commandments as His laws of love. The first three tell us how to love God. Write the number of the Commandment next to the sentences that tell ways you can follow that Commandment.

1. You shall not have other gods besides Me.

2. You shall not use God's name in vain.

3. Remember to keep God's day holy.

- _____ 1. You go to Mass each Sunday and holy day.
- _____ 2. You look up to Jesus more than to sports or movie stars.
- _____ 3. You use God's name when you pray to Him.
- _____ 4. You talk about God with respect.
- _____ 5. You trust God alone to give you what you need.
- _____ 6. You spend some time on Sundays looking at the Bible or other religious books.

PRAY

God, my Father, Your Commandments will help me to be happy with You now and in Heaven. Thank You for Your laws of love.

We Love Our Neighbor

NAME _____

The last seven Commandments tell us how to love our neighbor. Write the number of the Commandment next to the sentence that tells one way to follow it.

4. Honor your father and your mother.

5. You shall not kill.

6. You shall not commit adultery.

7. You shall not steal.

8. You shall not lie.

9. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife.

10. You shall not covet your neighbor's goods.

- ____ 1. You tell your teacher the real reason for being late.
- ____ 2. When you are mad at your brother, you cool off instead of hitting him.
- ____ 3. You thank God for the good things He gives you.
- ____ 4. You obey your parents.
- ____ 5. You ask your dad for the quarter on his dresser before you take it.
- ____ 6. You treat your body with modesty and respect.
- ____ 7. You are thankful for your own family.
- ____ 8. You do your chores cheerfully.
- ____ 9. You avoid untrue talk about others.

The Beatitudes

NAME _____

Along with your teacher, read the Gospel of Matthew, chapter 5, verses 1 to 12, from the Bible. Then match each action or attitude in the Beatitudes with God's promise for each one.

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| 1. ____ The poor in spirit . . . | A. shall obtain mercy. |
| 2. ____ Those who mourn . . . | B. shall be comforted. |
| 3. ____ The meek . . . | C. theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven. |
| 4. ____ Those who hunger and thirst for righteousness . . . | D. shall inherit the earth. |
| 5. ____ The merciful . . . | E. shall be satisfied. |
| 6. ____ The pure in heart . . . | F. shall see God. |
| 7. ____ The peacemakers . . . | G. shall be called sons of God. |
| 8. ____ Those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake . . . | H. theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven. |

The Holy Family and My Family

NAME _____

Human society begins with a family. The first human beings, Adam and Eve, were formed by God to be a family and are called our “first parents”. You and everyone living were born into a family, and your family is your own first society.

God could have come into the world any way he wished. He chose to come into a family. Jesus, Mary, and Joseph are the Holy Family. We pray to be like them.

Read the phrases below. If a phrase is true about your family, circle the picture of the HOUSE. If it is true about the Holy Family, circle the image of the HOLY FAMILY. If a phrase is true for both, circle both images.

1. Follows the Ten Commandments



2. Drives to church



3. Flees to another country to protect a child's life



4. Worships God as a family



5. Loses a child and then finds him



6. Parents teach in words and actions about God



7. Watches television or movies together



8. Parents provide for and protect the family



My Prayer

TEACHER-DIRECTED ACTIVITY

Note: This activity could accompany Activity 16, “Receiving Holy Communion: A Practice Session”, or be used as a separate activity.

Directions

Say: Saint John Damascene teaches us that “prayer is the raising of one’s mind and heart to God.” There are five basic forms of prayer.

Write the name of each form of prayer on the board as you say:

1. **Blessing and adoration**

We bless God or call Him blessed because of His love and goodness; we adore Him, that is, we give Him heartfelt love and worship because He is our Creator.

2. **Petition**

We ask God for what we need, especially for forgiveness.

3. **Intercession**

We ask God to help others, even our enemies.

4. **Thanksgiving**

We thank God for all His gifts. Even in difficulty, we ask Him for the good He will bring out of it.

5. **Praise**

We give glory to God just because He is God, not for what He does, but for Who He is.

Now let’s see if as a class we can think of a prayer using each of these forms.

Go down the list and call on students to give examples of each prayer form. Write the examples on the board as they are given. Then erase the prayers.

Pass out copies of the following page and say:

It’s your turn to write a prayer of your own, using the forms of prayer you have learned. Simply finish the sentences with your own words.

MY PRAYER

Jesus, I love You because _____

Please forgive all of my sins and help me _____

Also, Jesus, please _____

I pray for _____, who needs

I thank You, Jesus, for _____

I praise You for _____
