

GRADE 5

APRIL 2020

MATERIALS NEEDED: Your child's Alive in Christ book, Chapters 19-21; pencils or pens

Before beginning each chapter:

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Review the corresponding *Family + Faith* page. (Chapter 19, p. 265; Chapter 20, p. 275; Chapter 21, p. 285) On each page, read the **Consider This** feature and reflect on your thoughts to the opening question. Read the additional sections on this page to preview the content presented in each chapter.

The following lesson plans cover the basics of each chapter, but feel free to complete the additional reading and activities not specifically listed. You may choose to do all three chapters in one session or one chapter per day / week.

OPENING PRAYER

Turn to p. 257. Make the Sign of the Cross together. Read aloud the Psalm verse and invite your child to respond. Read the scripture in *God's Word*. Explain Today's Scripture makes it very clear that being a disciple of Jesus means being a servant. Jesus is calling us to serve, never to "lord it over" others. If Jesus served, so must we. Invite your child to respond to the questions in the *What Do You Wonder?* Box.

CHAPTER 19: THE CALL TO SERVE

p.258: **Have** your child silently read the two paragraphs. Read the definition of the Catholic Faith Word, **vocation**. **Discuss** what a vocation enables a person to do. Explain that a vocation is a particular way of serving God and others. **Share** with your child how you chose the work that you do. Read the Scripture. **Ask:** What is the mission of all baptized followers of Jesus? **Look** at the picture on the page and ask how this young woman could use her talent to serve God and others? **Read** the last paragraph.

p. 259: **Alternate** reading the text aloud.

p. 260: **Take** turns reading aloud the text. When you get to the highlighted words, **laity, consecrated religious life, and vows**, go to the Catholic Faith Words box and read their definitions.

p. 261: Call your child's attention to the chart at the top of the page. Discuss the elements of the chart. Alternate reading aloud the paragraphs.

p. 262-23: Read aloud the two paragraphs. Explain to your child the meaning and concept of charism. (**a spiritual talent**) Give examples of charisms. (**wisdom, knowledge, faith, healing, working of miracles, prophecy**) Tell your child that she/he will be using the "Many Ways to Serve" chart to learn about ways to serve in the Catholic community. Help your child find a Catholic community that interests them and have them answer the questions in the chart. **Ask:** What does a religious vocation require? Read the paragraph about Saint Francis Xavier.

CHAPTER 20: THE LAST THINGS

P. 268: Tell your child that you will be discussing what the Church teaches about life after death. They may have many questions. Answer their questions as honestly as you can and say, "I don't know, but I will find out," if you feel as if you do not have adequate knowledge or the ability to put the correct answer into words for your child. Read aloud the text. Invite your child to read the scripture. **Ask:** Based on this Scripture passage, and without reading the caption, can you tell me what is going on in the stained glass artwork on this page? **Help** your child to understand that Jesus died to give us the gift of eternal happiness with God. We can have this, but only if we act according to God's will for us, which is always to do the loving thing.

p. 269: Invite your child to silently read the two paragraphs. Review the definitions of the terms, Heaven, Hell, eternal life, Purgatory, and Particular Judgment, in the Catholics Faith Word box. Discuss how Christians prepare for eternal life in Heaven. For more information on this topic, have them turn to page 310 in the Our Catholic Tradition reference section of their books to read "Everlasting Life." If you do not have an answer for any of their questions, consider researching the answers together.

p. 270: **Read** aloud the first two paragraphs. **Tell** your child to listen for an explanation of why humans experience death. Emphasize that death is the consequence of sin but that, because of Jesus sacrifice, it can also be the start of a new life for us in Heaven with God. **Have** your child read aloud the final paragraph. Read the definition of the highlighted word, **viaticum**, in the Catholic Faith Words box. **Ask** which three Sacraments may be included in the last rites. Discuss the purpose of the rites. **Ask:** Why do the last rites sometimes include the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation? (**The person may want to ask forgiveness for all that he/she has done that is sinful.**)

p. 271: **Recall** a time when you attended a Catholic funeral together. If your child hasn't attended a funeral, share with them what you remember about the funeral liturgy. **Alternate** reading the paragraphs on the page. **Point** out how the following three objects are used during a funeral Mass: holy water, the Paschal (Easter) Candle, and the white pall that covers the casket.

p. 272-73: Tell your child that this section will give both of you ideas on how to comfort people who are grieving. Read aloud each of the steps or suggestions. As each step is read, ask your child for practical examples of how to carry it out. **Ask:** What do you think is happening in the artwork on this page? Complete the gold-star activity. Read the paragraph about Saint Stephen.

CHAPTER 21: BRING THE GOOD NEWS

p. 279: Read aloud the second paragraph, "The message of Jesus..." Review the definitions for **missionaries** and **Gifts of the Holy Spirit** in the Catholic Faith Words box.

p. 280: **Read** the text to your child. **Tell** your child to circle the sentence that describes how someone like her/him can evangelize. (*share the good news by word and example and invite others...*) **Ask:** What is the relationship between the Eucharist and the work of evangelization? (*When we celebrate the Eucharist, we are given grace to become more like Christ. When we are nourished in Christ, we are called to be disciples and to share the Good News of Jesus.*) **Tell** your child to read the definitions of **evangelization**, **Corporal Works of Mercy**, and **Spiritual Works of Mercy** in the Catholic Faith Words box. **Ask:** How do the Corporal Works of Mercy and the Spiritual Works of Mercy differ? (*One meets the physical needs of people and the other meets the needs of the heart, mind, and soul.*)

p. 281: Refer your child to the Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy found on p. 317 in his/her book and read through them. Then read the text aloud on p. 281, alternating paragraphs. **Have** your child circle the sentences about justice and charity. Then discuss the differences between the two with your child. Surface some current issues and needs and discuss how you could respond to them with justice versus charity.

p. 282-83: **Tell** your child that, in this part of the lesson, you will be discussing how we can all contribute to social justice. **Read** aloud the first paragraph. **Tell** your child to fill in the blanks with words from the Word List. (*1. Dignity; 2. Family; 3. Others; 4. Vulnerable; 5. Right; 6. Common. 7. Creation*) Once completed, read aloud one of the items in the chart. **After** each description is read, invite your child to give examples of how he/she can follow it. Encourage your child to respond concretely. **Ask:** Which of these principles do you feel called to help with? **Read** the paragraph about Saint Vincent De Paul.

APRIL PEOPLE OF INSPIRATION

Refer back to the efaith page <https://www.maryofthevisitation.com/-efaith> to access this month's People of Inspiration story in the Adult / Family resources column. *These activities can be done together with your family.*

CHAPTER REVIEWS

The publisher, Our Sunday Visitor, provides Eassessments that can be completed online with results sent to the Faith Formation Director. To access these Eassessments, follow the links below. You will be asked to enter first/last name and grade...use your grade number and location, for example: *Grade4 Becker*

Chapter 19

<http://aliveinchrist.osv.com/assessments/view/687941>

Chapter 20

<http://aliveinchrist.osv.com/assessments/view/687942>

Chapter 21

<http://aliveinchrist.osv.com/assessments/view/687943>

CLOSING PRAYER

Pray the Our Father together. Close with the Sign of the Cross.