

St. Aloysius Religious Education 2017-2018
2nd Grade

- 4:00pm Welcome (Good Samaritan coloring page and *to ensure accuracy, class attendance must be accurately recorded by a catechist and not another student - class attendance is an official document retained by the parish and the diocese*)
- 4:05pm We Gather - in Prayer at the prayer table
(use colored table covering for appropriate liturgical season)
Use the Gospel Reading “Hearing the Word” from the previous Sunday in Celebrating Sunday for Catholic Families book in the prayer box
- 4:10pm Review previous lesson using Sharing Faith *(use chapter test in book)*
Use one of the pages from the Activity Book to review the previous week’s lesson.
- 4:15pm **Chapter #13 “Good News”**
Chapter #14 “Jesus is Our Teacher”

At the beginning of His public ministry, Jesus went to the Jordan River to be baptized by John the Baptist. At His baptism, the Holy Spirit descended as a dove and God the Father said, “This is my beloved Son with Whom I am well pleased.” Jesus came to preach the Good News of Salvation because He wants everyone to enter the Kingdom of God. He picked 12 disciples (the apostles) to help him. **Jesus often used parables to teach people and to make a point.** Parables are a style of storytelling. The stories are drawn from ordinary life. Parables usually contain some element that is strange or unusual, and they are used to illustrate or compare ideas and to point us in the direction of an understanding of how God works and where he wants us to live in His love. **Fulfilling both the spiritual and corporal works of mercy fit hand in hand with loving God and your neighbor.** *The chalk talk in the catechist guide on material gifts vs spiritual gifts is a nice visual for the white board.*

- *We Believe –*

John the Baptist = the cousin of Jesus. John was the last of the prophets. He prepared people for the coming of Jesus.

Disciple = a follower of Jesus.

Good News = What Jesus came to tell us and do for us.

Kingdom of God = In this world, God’s Kingdom is His Church; in the next world, it is Heaven.

Corporal Works of Mercy = Seven duties that help us to live the Kingdom of God on earth.

- *We Respond – discuss the symbols of the Holy Spirit (and in which Sacraments we see them)*

Water – symbolizes the Holy Spirit’s works of giving life and cleansing Baptism.

Anointing – sets us apart and symbolizes Christ’s anointing by God’s spirit.

Fire – symbolizes the purifying power of the Holy Spirit.

Cloud and Light – symbolizes the mysteriousness and illumination of God.

Seal – symbolizes the permanence of the Holy Spirit’s anointing.

Hand and Finger – symbolize the laying on of hands, the written law, and divine providence.

Dove – symbolizes the Holy Spirit’s descent to earth.

- *We Respond* – discuss the Corporal Works of Mercy
 1. To feed the hungry
 2. To give drink to the thirsty
 3. To shelter the homeless
 4. To clothe the naked
 5. To visit the sick
 6. To visit the imprisoned
 7. To bury the dead

- *We Respond* – watch “*The Beginners Bible: The Story of The Good Samaritan*” DVD 30 min.

4:55pm Closing Prayer –

“Love is patient, love is kind. It is not jealous ... it is not rude” *1 Corinthians 13:4-5*

Ask the children to say a petition aloud for someone or something they would like to pray for.

“How can I be like a disciple of Jesus?”