

St. Aloysius Religious Education 2018-2019

3rd Grade

- 4:00pm Welcome (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) and Jesus Heals the Sick coloring page.
- 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 Add something to the students Prayer Notebooks - artwork, prayers or intentions (*use what is provided or use anything from the bin in the RE cabinet that are sacramentals/prayer cards or artwork for the prayer books*) The Prayer Notebooks should remain in your class bin in the RE cabinet until the end of the year when the students will take them home.
- 4:15pm Review previous lesson using Sharing Faith (*chapter test in student book*)

4:20pm **Chapters #22 “We Continue the Work of Jesus”**
We share in Jesus’ mission as we live out his message of peace and justice each day. *Jesus lived in a world in which people were poor and ill, walking the roads, begging for help, Jesus brought a message of HOPE to those who were hopeless!* We are called to participate in the mission of Jesus each week at Mass when we go leave to do good works and to praise and bless the Lord in our daily lives.

Chapters #26 “The Kingdom of God Continues to Grow”
Jesus used parables to witness to the Kingdom of God that he came to proclaim. “Through his parables he invites people to the feast of the kingdom, but he also asks for a radical choice: to gain the kingdom, one must give everything. *Words are not enough; deeds are required.*” (ccc546) As disciples of Jesus, we are called to be witnesses to the power of God’s love in little ways, confident that God can use our actions to great effect.

- *We Believe* –
Parables – a short story that has a message.
Miracles – amazing events that are beyond human power.

- *We Respond* –
Talk about Catholic Missionaries, who share their faith and work with people who are in need all over the world to improve their physical and spiritual life. Many of our own parishioners are involved in Mission work, such as:

The Fessler family – Holy Family Surgery Center in Honduras
(<https://docs.google.com/document/d/11wyvaD4bhvEQRGBKTgJnU36hA7tnH3h84FXLtDhd-nQ/edit?pli=1>)

The Flynn family - Hopital Sacre Coeur in Haiti
(<https://www.facebook.com/CRUDEM Haiti>)

- *We Respond* – read from Tomie DePaola’s Bible Stories – “***Jesus is Baptized and Jesus Feeds the Five Thousand***” (*remind them to look for the stained-glass window in St. Aloysius Church when they go to Mass*)

OR

- *We Respond* – read from the “Miracles of Jesus” by Tomie DePaola

OR

- *We Respond* – play **“I am Thankful” musical chairs**. Pick one chair that is labeled... ***I am Thankful for...*** Play the music, when the music stops whoever is sitting in that chair has to say something they are thankful for.

4:55pm Closing Prayer –

“Almighty God, from whom all thoughts of truth and peace proceed, kindle in the hearts of all men the true love of peace, and guide with Your pure and peaceable wisdom those who make decisions for the nations of the earth; that in tranquility Your kingdom may go forward, till the earth be filled with the knowledge of Your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.”

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

“What is one action I can take to work toward ending an unjust situation?”
“What is your favorite parable of Jesus?”

Catechist Background:

<http://home.maryknoll.org/maryknoll/>

<http://www.missionariesofafrica.org/accomplishments/preach1.html>

<http://www.catholicworldmission.org/site/pp.asp?c=9dJHJLPwB&b=2494>