

WALKING by FAITH

Grade 3 / Home Lesson

CHAPTER 11 JESUS WORKS THROUGH US

Objectives

- Explain that all people have been given gifts to use in service to others.
- Identify the Church as the Body of Christ on earth.
- Examine the call to serve Jesus by serving one another.
- Explain ways to love and serve.

Step 1: *We Are Invited* (Life Experience), page 66

Invite your child to share times when someone needed his or her help. Note the chapter title on page 66 (**Jesus Works Through Us**), and pray together the opening **Prayer**.

Read the text on this page. Then draw your child's attention to the photo. Ask: What can you tell about Jaime by looking at this picture? (He seems responsible, loving, caring, and patient.)

Ask your child to read the **Activity** on this page and respond to it. Affirm your child in the ways that he or she helps your family.

Step 2: *We Explore* (Doctrine), pages 67–69

Read aloud the text on page 67: **Doing Jesus' Work**. Use the **Language of Faith** at the back of the textbook to further explore the term *Body of Christ*. Ask: How did Jesus do God's work when he was living on earth? (Possible responses: He healed people who were sick, he comforted those who were sad and lonely, he fed those who were hungry, he listened to others.)

Read aloud the caption question, and invite your child to respond. (by helping someone in need, as Jesus did)

Then read the **Catholics Believe** statement. Explain that as Christians we are united in a special way and are responsible to serve one another as sisters and brothers.

Read together the **Scripture Story** on page 68: **Serving the King**. Explain that Jesus used this story to help the people understand how they are to serve one another. Ask: Why were the people surprised by the king's words? (They did not know they were serving the king when they helped other people.)

Draw attention to the illustration on the page. Ask: How are the actions of everyone in the illustration alike? (Everyone is helping another person.)

If time permits, have your child complete the drawing **Activity** described on this page. Remind him or her that we serve Jesus when we serve others.

Read aloud **Our Moral Guide**, and invite your child to respond to the question. (Jesus gave us the responsibility to care for others.)

Read together the text on page 69: **Every Gift Is Needed**. Then read the caption question at the bottom of the page and invite your child to respond. (The girl is teaching the younger boy how to play T-ball; the children can walk long distances and are collecting money to help others.)

Read together **Saints Walk with Us: Saint Teresa of Ávila**. Explain that the saints had different gifts and talents to use in serving Jesus by serving others just as we do. If time permits, look up more information on the life of Saint Teresa of Ávila and share it with your family.

Step 3: We Reflect (Integration of Faith into Everyday Life), page 70

Review the material taught in this lesson by working through **Recall and Think and Share** on page 70. Allow your child time to complete the activity for **Continue the Journey**.

Read aloud and discuss **We Live Our Faith: At Home and In the Parish**. Try to follow through on the suggestions found there.

Refer to the **Language of Faith** section in the back of the textbook for clarification and review of all highlighted words.

Complete the **Unit 3 Review** on pages 72–73.

Complete the **Faith Journal**, pages 21–22.

Step 4: Celebrate (Prayer and Conclusion), page 71

Read together the paragraph under **We Love and Serve** on page 71. Ask your child to describe the ways that the people in the photos are serving Jesus. (by making friends with others, by attending Mass with family and friends, by giving freely to those in need)

Then pray the closing **Prayer**. Take turns praying the parts labeled 1, 2, 3, and 4. You and your child should both read the parts labeled All.