

FAITH IN 5

Ordinary Time: Week 14

Ages 3-8

1. The Gospel reading this Sunday is from Luke 10:1-12. In this passage, Jesus gives very specific instructions to His disciples about where they should go and what they should do in the towns. **Why is Jesus sending them out?** He is sending them out to spread the good news about Jesus! **Jesus says I am "sending you like lambs among wolves"** - what do you think this means? It means it will be very difficult and many people will be unkind and unwelcoming, but not to be discouraged! **When the travelers return, they are rejoicing. Why do you think that is?** They were rejoicing because they were happy! By preaching about Jesus and seeing people turn towards Him, the disciples were hopeful that more and more people would become Christians and follow Jesus!
2. **Do you know how to make the sign of the cross?** (If not, please show your child how to do so.) **Do you know why we make the sign of the cross before and after we pray?** Because we want to ask the Father, Son and Holy Spirit to be with us as we pray any prayer! It is a prayer in itself! God The Heavenly Father is the creator of you and me and all of our blessings are given to us from Him. God the son is Jesus! Jesus is the son of God. Jesus came into the world and became man. He taught us many incredible things and performed lots of amazing miracles! Jesus died on the cross for you and me so that we could spend eternal life with Him. Without Jesus dying for us, we could not get to Heaven. The reason They both sacrificed was because They love you so much and hope that you love Them too! We can make the sign of the cross anytime- it doesn't necessarily have to be before or after a prayer. Some people make the sign of the cross when they see an ambulance or a firetruck! It's a small prayer for those people who may be in danger. We can do this with anything that may need a prayer!
3. The Old Testament reading teaches us a little bit about **humility. What is the virtue of humility?** Humility means to think about others more than we think about ourselves. It means to put others first. Paul tells the Galatians not to boast (or brag) about Jesus's work on the cross, but only share with others who Jesus is. There are many signs that show we are followers of Christ in the Catholic Church - our practice in the sacraments, our words, and our actions. All of these represent

our witness to Jesus but, as the appointed 72 Church leaders showed us in Luke's gospel, we are **not more worthy** than anyone else.

4. **Do you know what the 2nd commandment is?** The 2nd commandment says "you shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain." **What do you think this means?** It means we must not disrespect God's name. God gave us His name because he loves us. To know someone's name means to know them. God wants us to love Him and respect him. We must not play or joke around using the words "God," "Father in Heaven," or "Jesus Christ." Saying God's name in a negative way makes Him very sad and is a serious sin.

5. **What are Catholic apologetics?** To be an apologist means to defend Jesus's teaching that lives on in the Catholic Church. Throughout history, many people challenged the Catholic Church's teaching. There are Saints, Popes, and laity (regular Catholics like you and I!) who have defended Jesus and the teachings of the Church. Today, we are called to evangelize the good news of Jesus. By sharing our faith with others, we can hopefully lead them to Christ!

Review Question: Do you know what the First Commandment is? "I am the Lord your God, You shall have no other gods except me"

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