

FAITH IN 5

Ordinary Time: Week 15

Ages 3-8

1. Read the Parable of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:25-37.) **What is a Parable?** Jesus used parables to explain a story and to teach us things about our faith and God! **What are we meant to learn from the story of the Good Samaritan?** Through the story of 'The Good Samaritan,' Jesus is trying to show us what it really means to love our neighbor. We can't just hope for the best in others, we have to put effort into loving one another- acts of charity. And that might mean taking care of those who are hurt, or sick, or hungry. Jesus is in everyone and we must remember that-especially when someone needs our help!
2. **What is one of the first things you do when you enter Church for Mass on Sunday?** We bless ourselves with holy water! **Do you know why we do this?** We dip our hand with water and make the Sign of the Cross when we enter Church to remind ourselves of our Baptism! Our Baptism is when our relationship with Jesus first began- it is when we became a child of God! **Will you remember this next time you bless yourself with holy water?**
3. **What is the Third Commandment?** The third commandment says: "Remember the sabbath day and keep it holy." **Do you know what the sabbath is?** It is the "Day of the Lord!" Christian's sabbath day is Sunday. Every Sunday we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus! Sundays are supposed to be different from every other day of the week. God asks that on this day, we go to Mass and avoid doing any work. Sundays are for rest! **What are some good activities to do on a Sunday?** We can participate in the celebration of Mass, spend time with our families, read, go swimming, play ball with our friends, paint, make music, visit our grandparents, or call a loved one! There are so many great activities we can do that don't involve working!
4. **We celebrate Saint Kateri Tekawitha's Feast Day on July 14th! Do you know where this special Saint lived?** She was from North America (in present-day New York state.) Saint Kateri was the first Native American nun! She was born in 1695 to a Mohawk Chief (her father) and a Christian Algonquin woman (her mother.) Her name at birth was "Bright Sky." When Bright Sky was 20 years old, Christian

missionaries visited her village. She learned about Jesus and was then baptized! The people in her village made fun of her- they were angry and did not want her to be a Christian. With the help of the Christian missionaries, she eventually fled the village. She no longer had to hide her prayers and love of Jesus! She chose to devote herself to Jesus and become a nun, where she took the name, Kateri (After Saint Catherine.) Saint Kateri, pray for us! **Do you know of any other great American Saints?** We don't have as many American Saints as we do in other countries, but there are still quite a few! Saint John Neumann, Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, and Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini are a few of them!

Review Question: What is the second commandment? The second commandment says "you shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain." This means that we can not use words that disrespect God.

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