



## Sunday Gospel Background

Jesus acknowledges the Pharisees' place in the Jewish community but criticizes them for not practicing the love and humility they preach. The person who is important in Jesus' eyes is the one who serves other people.

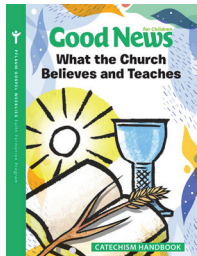
## Share Experiences

Check off the boxes as you complete each part of the lesson.

- Pray together** Mention a few saints you know (include any saints important to your family, such as saints people were named for). For each saint, say, "Saint \_\_\_\_\_," and lead your child in the response: "Pray for us." Finish the prayer by saying, "Dear saints in heaven, be with us as we learn about Jesus today. Amen."
- Cover Activity • Who Will Help? (page 2)** Invite your child to study the pictures, then **ask**: What kind of help do the mother and the baby need? *Someone to comfort the baby, to clean up the spill, to stir the pot.* Read aloud the directions and have your child draw the HelperKid logo on whoever your child thinks will help. Your child can draw the "No" symbol on the shirt of the child who probably will not help. **Ask**: What will a HelperKid do to help?  
Have your child study the other two pictures and ask what the children can do to help in each situation.
- Story • Adam's Monday (page 1)** Take turns reading each panel of the story.
- Discuss the Know questions related to the story.** After the first question, **ask**: What is another word for help? *Serve. Serving others is helping them.* For the second question, note that helping makes Adam feel happy.

## Discover Gospel and Doctrine

- Sunday Gospel • Jesus Teaches Us to Serve (page 3)** In this Gospel, Jesus tells us that the greatest among his followers are those who serve others. Divide up the parts of Narrator and Jesus 1, 2, 3, and 4 between you. Proclaim the Gospel by standing and reading aloud the parts in turn.
- Discuss the Know questions related to the Gospel.** Your child may name Jesus' disciples, especially the Twelve Apostles in answer to the first question. Explain that many men and women followed Jesus and that all who imitate him in serving others are important—including your child.
- Connecting Gospel and Doctrine (page 3)** Read together "Serving Others." **Ask**: How can you serve others here at home, at school, at church, and in our neighborhood?
- Catholic Faith Words • serve, servant (page 3)** Read the definitions aloud. **Ask**: Have you ever received something you really wanted but discovered that it didn't make you as happy as you thought it would? Explain that Jesus knows what will make us really happy, and he wants us to be happy. If we serve others, we will find real happiness that lasts. **Ask**: When did serving (helping) someone make you happy?



- Open the *What the Church Believes and Teaches* handbook to page 31 and briefly review the Ten Commandments together. Turn to page 32 and read about the Great Commandment. Explain that if we keep the Great Commandment, we will be keeping all of the Ten Commandments too.

Read aloud the paragraph about the new commandment—The Law of Love. **Ask:** Remember the game “So Big”? Point to or hold up a crucifix. Show how Jesus’ arms are stretched wide. Explain that his arms are answering the question “How much do you love us?” Point out that Jesus’ Law of Love tells us to follow his example of love—to love one another as he has loved us.

*Once you have completed this section of the lesson, close the handbook and return to Good News, page 4.*

## Live the Gospel

- **Activity • Saints Are God’s Servants (page 4)** Invite your child to read aloud the title. Look at the names and pictures together. Then read each short biography aloud as your child follows along. Point out that Henriette Delille is on her way to becoming an official saint of the Church. The title Venerable means “deserving honor and respect.” If you have access to saint stories or materials, invite your child to read about other saints.
- **Closing Prayer** Talk together about people in the lesson (cover activity, story, and saints) who show they love God by helping others. Emphasize that God calls all of us to serve others and become saints. Then pray: “Jesus, you call us to follow you. We want to be saints in Heaven someday. Help us to love you and one another. Amen.”



## Parent Resources

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