

Being Like Jesus

Engage: Page 173

- ▶ Write the word *MERCY* on a sheet of paper. Together think of a way to show mercy to others. Each way should start with a letter from the word *mercy*. Say: ***God is merciful to us, and he wants us to show mercy to others. We should follow the example of Jesus, who was merciful to everyone.***
- ▶ Invite your child to quiet himself or herself and prepare to hear Sacred Scripture.
- ▶ Read aloud Isaiah 58:10–11. Then say: ***The Word of the Lord.*** Invite your child to respond *Thanks be to God.*
- ▶ Read aloud the paragraphs on page 173. Ask: ***Who is someone you know who is especially kind? How does he or she shine with God’s love?*** (Answers will vary.) Say: ***God’s love is like a gift that keeps on giving. When we show love to others, it gets bigger and stronger!***
- ▶ Say: ***Let’s ask Jesus to help us be merciful by being kind, forgiving, and helpful.*** Pray aloud the prayer. Conclude by praying together *Amen.*

Explore: Pages 174–175

- ▶ Ask: ***What is a parable?*** (one of Jesus’ stories that teaches what God the Father wants for the world) Say: ***Jesus told about the Good Samaritan to teach us how to treat our neighbor.***
- ▶ Read aloud The Good Samaritan on pages 174 and 175. Ask: ***Why were the people listening to Jesus’ story surprised?*** (Samaritans and Jews didn’t talk to one another.) Say: ***The Samaritan helped the Jewish man even though the Jewish people and the Samaritans were not friends. We are to act like the Good Samaritan and help others in need.***
- ▶ Read aloud the Ready for the Sacraments feature. Ask: ***What do you think it means to be human?*** Say: ***Receiving the Eucharist is an important way we grow to be more like Jesus.***

Art Exploration: Page 176

- ▶ Find in a book or online an image that shows the words of the Beatitudes. Ask: ***What do you see in this picture?*** Say: ***Jesus gives us a plan for true happiness in the Beatitudes.***
- ▶ Have your child turn to page 176. Read aloud the introduction and discuss the question.
- ▶ Have your child read aloud Reaching Out to Others. Have your child look up the word *Beatitudes* in the Glossary. Read aloud and discuss the definition. Ask: ***What do the Beatitudes help us do?*** (live more like Jesus) Ask: ***What can you do when you hear unkind words or see unkind actions?*** (walk away, change the channel or the video, ask the person to stop) Read aloud the Scripture passage together.

- ▶ Read aloud Blessed Are the Kind. Allow time for your child to complete the activity.
- ▶ Read aloud the Link to Liturgy feature. Say: *Listen for these words the next time you attend Mass. Join in the response.*
- ▶ Have your child write the kindness beatitude on paper using different colors of markers. Invite your child to draw a picture showing how he or she would live this beatitude by showing kindness to others.

Reflect: Pages 177–178

- ▶ Together look at page 177. Say: *Jesus loves spending time with you.*
- ▶ Read aloud the title and paragraph. Say: *Jesus lived a life of love and concern for others. He wants us to live like he did.*
- ▶ Say: *Let's think about how we are merciful to others while we spend some quiet time with Jesus.* Pray aloud the imaginative prayer slowly and reverently. Provide a moment of silence for your child to talk to God in his or her heart. Conclude by praying together the Sign of the Cross.
- ▶ Have your child read aloud Act Like Jesus on page 178. Say: *We must do our best to show love and mercy toward others.* Read aloud the activity directions and have your child complete it. Then discuss the pictures.

Respond: Pages 179–180

- ▶ Ask your child to read aloud the Faith Summary. Review the Word I Learned in this session. Read aloud Ways of Being Like Jesus. Ask your child to suggest specific ways he or she can be a Good Samaritan every day. Say: *When we show mercy to others, we are being like Jesus.* Then invite your child to complete the activity.
- ▶ Invite your child to pray silently as you pray aloud the prayer. Say: *Take a moment to thank Jesus for remembering and loving all people.* Conclude by praying the Sign of the Cross.
- ▶ Read aloud With My Family on page 180. Together as a family, complete the page and do the activity. Pray the family prayer. Say: *Be like the Good Samaritan. Look for ways you can reach out and help others. When we do kind acts, we are being like Jesus.*