



God Calls Us to Help

Engage: Page 141

- ▶ **Ask:** *How can we make the world a better place? (Answers will vary.)* **Say:** *Placing other people's needs before our own needs is a good place to start!*
- ▶ Read aloud the session title and the poem title. **Ask:** *Who teaches us about caring and sharing? (Jesus)* Then read aloud the poem.
- ▶ Talk about ways you can make your neighborhood a better place, and make a plan to carry out one of your ideas. Then pray aloud the prayer together. Conclude by praying *Amen*.

Explore: Pages 142–143

- ▶ Make a two-column chart with the headings *Wants* and *Needs*. Compare your wants to basic needs such as food, shelter, clothing, and love. Write them on the chart.
- ▶ Read aloud the title and the sentences on page 142. Have your child point out the word *needs*. Help him or her find it in the Glossary and discuss the definition. Use your chart to call out wants and needs. **Say:** *Raise your hand when I call out a need.* Then read aloud the directions and have your child complete the activity. Revisit the meaning of *needs* as necessary.
- ▶ Read aloud the Reading God's Word feature. **Say:** *God is happy when we do good things for others.*
- ▶ Read aloud the title and the sentences on page 143. Discuss each of the corporal works of mercy found in the box, and have your child complete the activity.
- ▶ Read aloud the Did You Know? feature. Help your child find some places on a map or globe where Catholic Charities does work.



Art Exploration: Explore Art Print 24 Blackline Master

- ▶ Find in a magazine, in a book, or online a picture of Saint Vincent de Paul helping people in need.
- ▶ **Ask:** *What do you see in this picture?* Encourage your child to describe the picture in detail, including the people and their actions.
- ▶ **Say:** *Just like Saint Vincent de Paul, we are called by God to help those who are poor and give them what they need.*
- ▶ Display the Art Print Blackline Master for Session 24. Read aloud the introduction and discuss the question.
- ▶ Read aloud the section Helping Those in Need. **Ask:** *How can we be more like Saint Vincent de Paul?* (We can help people in need of clothing, food, and love.)
- ▶ Read aloud the section Giving Others What They Need. Remind your child that there are many ways we can help others. Provide magazines and newspapers for your child to cut out pictures to complete the activity.
- ▶ **Say:** *Close your eyes and imagine you are with Saint Vincent de Paul. You see him caring for those in need. He turns to you and asks if you can help. How might you help him? What can you do to help those in need?* (Answers will vary.) Discuss what it would feel like to work beside Saint Vincent de Paul. Conclude by thanking God for caring.

Reflect: Pages 144–145

- ▶ Together look at page 144. **Ask:** *What are the people in the picture doing?* (Answers will vary.) **Say:** *Jesus teaches us to reach out with love to people in need.*
- ▶ Read aloud the title and the introductory sentence on page 144. Point out the Leader and All parts and help your child learn his or her part. Pray aloud the prayer, pausing to let your child respond. Conclude by praying together *Amen*.
- ▶ Read aloud the title and the sentences on page 145. **Ask:** *What does it feel like to feel God's love?* (happy, peaceful) Have your child complete the activity.

Respond: Page 146

- ▶ Read aloud the Faith Summary. Have your child trace the word *needs*. **Say:** *We have talked about helping others as Jesus teaches us to do. When we help those in need, we spread joy and love.*
- ▶ Invite your child to pray silently while you pray aloud. **Say:** *Jesus, let your example remind us to be caring and to share when we see people in need.* Together pray the Sign of the Cross.
- ▶ Read aloud the words from the story in With My Family and have your child say the picture words. Use the Picture Glossary on pages 206–207 if needed. Invite your child to answer the question at the end of the story.