

Help your children investigate the following teachings of Jesus and apply them to their daily lives:

Sermon on the Mount

Parables

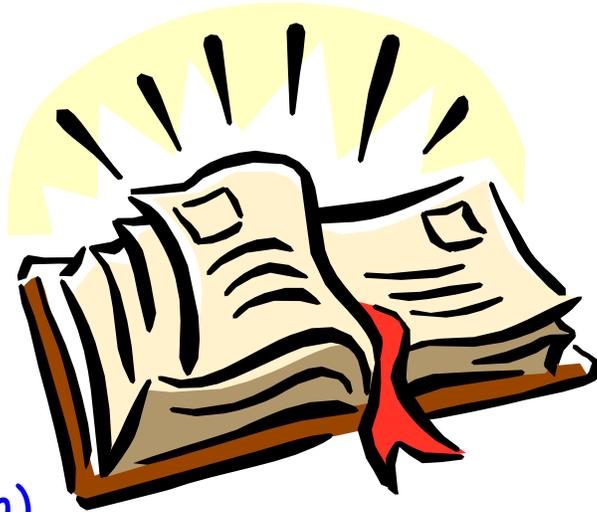
Miracles

Eucharist

Service

Mission

Holy Spirit (Confirmation)

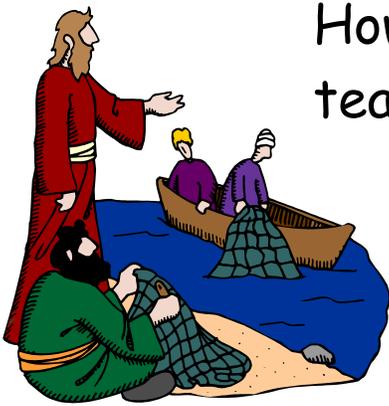


Help them find these without knowing exactly where they are. Use a concordance, or check out this website:

<http://www.usccb.org/nab/bible/>

Your children should be able to analyze the following personal qualities of Jesus in Scripture: agony, love, mercy, humility, anger, forgiveness, authority, Bread of life, Jesus as shepherd, Jesus as servant, Jesus as a man of prayer.

Many Bibles have a biblical catholic concordance in the back. For instance, if they look up "agony of Christ" it will refer them to certain scripture verses that talk about the agony of Christ.



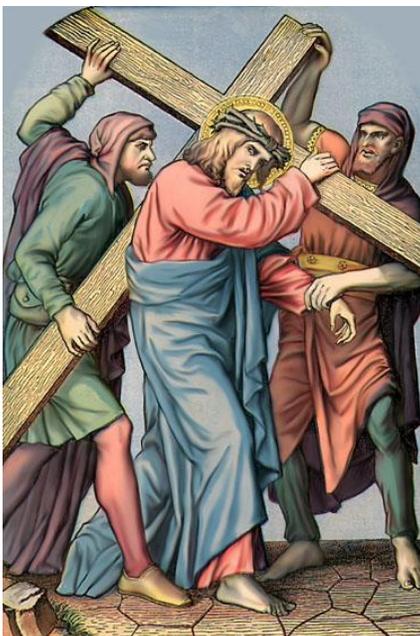
How did the following saints actually live the teachings of Jesus?

St. Elizabeth Seton, St. John Neumann, St. Philippine Duchesne, and Blessed Junipero Serra.

Help guide your children into an appreciation and understanding for the following:

Precepts of the Church

- ✦ *You shall attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation.*
- ✦ *You shall confess your sins at least once a year.*
- ✦ *You shall receive the Sacrament of the Eucharist at least during the Easter Season.*
- ✦ *You shall observe the prescribed days of fasting and abstinence.*
- ✦ *You shall help to provide for the needs of*



Traditions of the Church

- ✦ *Stations of the Cross*
- ✦ *Novenas*
- ✦ *Perpetual Adoration*
- ✦ *Liturgy*
- ✦ *Sacramental*
 - *Blessings*
 - *Crucifix*
 - *Palms*

At this age children are noticing the conflict between society and the teachings of Jesus Christ and the Church. They see them in school, in their activities and in the world.

Through the broad use of newspapers, magazines, news programs on TV, and the wide use of the internet our children are aware of societal issues at a much earlier age than their parents and grandparents. Our children are dealing with adult issues before they are really adults.

It is up to parents to guide them through this maze of what society says is right and good and what Jesus tells us is right and good.

It is not always easy following our beliefs and morals. If we (the parents and the Church) do not guide our children's moral development then all the outside influences will.



Talk to your children and be an example to them about how they can respect themselves and others by their responsible use of the gift of sexuality through growth in chastity and modesty.

While you talk to your children about respect and modesty, this might be a good **time** to talk about how we should respect God in His house.

Do you behave in a respectful manner to God and the people around you?

What about the clothing you wear to mass, are you wearing clothes that represent the respect that God deserves?

You and your children should be able to discuss the Church's response to problem areas in sexuality and related issues, such as: pornography, rape, incest, molestation, AID's, STD's, misuse of drugs and alcohol and prostitution.