

AMS FILL-IN LESSON PLANNING OUTLINE

FORMING DISCIPLES FOR THE NEW EVANGELIZATION

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LESSON PLAN OUTLINE: PREPARING TO TEACH THE LESSON

Sunday Gospel: Matthew 21: 33-43

Topic: Produce Fruits

Methodology: Service

Grade Level: First Grade

State the Standard: Standard 14 Missionary Vocation - Demonstrate an appreciation for Catholic missionary and evangelization efforts through our Catholic faith community, its culture, worship, sacramental life, and service.

State the Indicator from the Standard Chosen: 1.14.03 - Recognize that God gave all of us gifts to share with others.

State the name of the textbook and the pages:

Background Reading for Catechist/Facilitator: CCC 2534-2540; 2544-2547

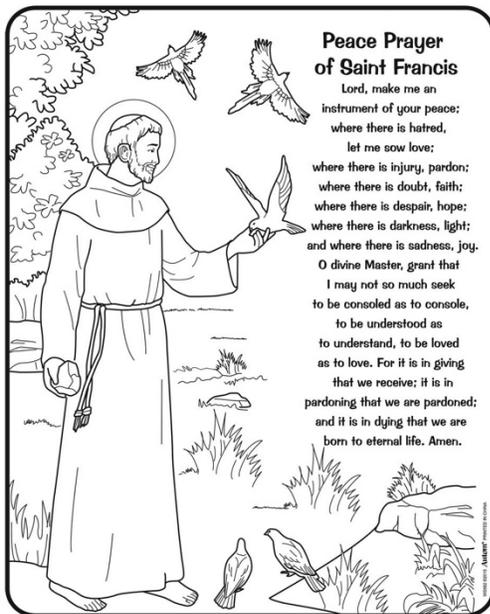
Environment:

- Set prayer table in the center of the room with a green table cloth, a candle, a crucifix, a Bible, and a statue of Saint Francis.
- Before students arrive, hide small toy animals around the room for them to find (enough for two per student).
- Arrange desks in a U shape around the prayer table.
- Have a Peace Prayer of Saint Francis coloring sheet (below) and something to color with (crayons, colored pencils, or markers) ready for students.

Materials:

- *Brother Francis of Assisi* by Tomie de Paola,
- Coloring sheets for each student (next page), coloring supplies,

- Rakes if weather permits an outdoor service project (or cleaning supplies for an indoor cleaning project in the chapel).



LESSON PLAN OUTLINE: TEACHING THE LESSON

Welcome: sing “Here I am Lord” together with motions to help students remember the words

Prayer: Invitation to pray, in thanksgiving for our week. Peace Prayer of Saint Francis (tell the students we’ll be working on learning Saint Francis’ prayer today because it is his feast day!)

Review:

Preview:

- In today’s Gospel, Jesus warned the Pharisees in the final verse that the kingdom of God would be taken from them and given to a people who would produce its fruit.
- What people received God’s kingdom? (Christians)
- What do you think Jesus meant by producing fruit?
- Do you think he meant apples, bananas, and oranges? No! He meant producing good deeds and acts of love and kindness for all of his people!

Presentation:

- Read *Brother Francis of Assisi* while the children color their pictures of Saint Francis on his prayer coloring sheet.
- Explain how Saint Francis produced many fruits for God's kingdom.
- Tie in the welcoming song by saying that Saint Francis heard God calling him to a different life and he was brave enough to answer "Here I am Lord."
- Tell the story of the *Wolf of Gubbio* and how Francis came to be the patron of animals.
- Tell the children that you've hidden some small animals around the room for them to find. Once a student has found two animals, he or she can place them at the feet of the statue of Saint Francis.
- When everyone is seated again, read through the prayer again. Ask them line by line which words sound like the fruits Jesus wanted us to produce (example: "Does Jesus want us to produce sadness or joy? Joy!")
- After going through the prayer together, tell the students that today we will do a service project for our Chapel. If weather permits, take them outside to rake and gather fallen leaves, sweep sidewalks, or some other small project that might be needed. In case of rain, check with Father for a project the kids could do inside the chapel.

Evaluation/Response:

- Ask the students what they think some of their special talents are.
- Help them to brainstorm ways that they can produce fruits for Jesus in their daily lives.
- They might do a chore at home without being asked, do a chore that their sibling is normally responsible for, or seek out a shy neighbor who may be in need of a friend.

Assignment (Note: invite participants to play faith games in the AMS Family Faith Assessment):

- Write down each student's "fruit" that they will produce for someone at home or in their daily life over the course of the next week.
- Encourage them to share their Saint Francis prayer with their family. Maybe they could say it before their evening meal each night to have it memorized by next Sunday!

Announcements:

Class/Sunday Date: October 4, 2020

Game: Invite the students to join in a game of tag if weather permits. One child is the Wolf. One is St. Francis. The rest are the villagers of Gubbio. On “go”, the Wolf tries to tag the villagers. If he does, they must freeze or lay down. Meanwhile Francis tries to catch the Wolf. If he does, he says, “In the Name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, let there be peace between you and the people.” That round of tag ends.

Closing Prayer: Invite students to pray asking them for individual petitions. Pray the Peace Prayer of Saint Francis a final time

Evaluation of the Lesson (Note: done in prayer after teaching the lesson):