

## Overview

In Chapter 5 the children learned that Jesus teaches us about love. In this chapter the children will learn about the people who followed Jesus and what they learned from him.

### Doctrinal Content

For Adult Reading and Reflection  
*Catechism of the Catholic Church*

The children will learn:	Paragraph
• Jesus invited people to be his followers. . . . .	543
• Jesus' followers believed that he was the Son of God. . . . .	548
• Jesus showed his followers how to pray. . . . .	2759
• We pray the Lord's Prayer. . . . .	2776

### Key Words

**Apostles** (p. 76)  
**Lord's Prayer**  
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## Catechist Background

### How are you responding to Jesus' call?

The invitation Jesus gave to Peter and Andrew is amazing. "As he was walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon who is called Peter, and his brother Andrew, casting a net into the sea; they were fishermen. He said to them, 'Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men.' At once they left their nets and followed him" (Matthew 4:18). Jesus spoke directly and they followed immediately! What we know and believe is that each of us, as a baptized Christian, is called in much the same way. Christ expects us to follow also, in whatever ways we can find to use the talents God has given us.

Later in the Gospel, we read that Jesus calmed the storm when his friends were afraid. (See Luke 8:22–25.) He took away their fear by giving them confidence in his power and by assuring them of his presence. Christ is here for us in the same way when we, too, ask for help.

Go to [www.webelieveweb.com](http://www.webelieveweb.com), Catechist/Teacher, We Believe Correlations for this chapter's correlation to the Six Tasks of Catechesis.

In these incidents we see that Jesus called, he calmed, and very importantly, he also taught his disciples to pray. (See Matthew 6:5–8.) Jesus taught prayer first by his own example and then by his words. By your own prayer, you are leading in the manner that Jesus led his followers. Like him, you show both by example and by word.

These three incidents are models for each baptized person. As a catechist, you are following Christ by using your talents with your class, by asking for God's help when you need it, and by praying often.

### How do you make prayer part of your life?

# Lesson Planning Guide

## Lesson Steps

## Presentation

## Materials

### 1 WE GATHER

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Prayer



Focus on Life



Pray by singing.

- Share feelings about invitations.

For prayer space: container of sand, shells, pebbles, toy sailboat; Bible



"Jesus Wants to Help Us," Paule Freeburg, DC, Christopher Walker, #7, Grade 1 CD

### 2 WE BELIEVE

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Jesus invited people to be his followers.



Matthew 4:18–20

- Read the text and talk about following Jesus.



Decide about being a follower of Jesus.

- crayons or colored pencils

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Jesus' followers believed that he was the Son of God.



Luke 8:22–25

- Read the Scripture story about Jesus calming the storm.
- Present that Jesus' followers believed he was the Son of God.



Present skits about talking to Jesus.

- costumes and props (option)

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Jesus showed his followers how to pray.



Luke 11:1–2

- Read about and discuss Jesus at prayer.



Complete the activity about people who teach us to pray.

- copies of Reproducible Master 8, guide page 75C

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We pray the Lord's Prayer.

- Learn the Lord's Prayer.
- Read and discuss the *As Catholics* text.

### 3 WE RESPOND

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- Reflect on and pray the Lord's Prayer.

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Project Disciple

- Complete the **Project Disciple** activities.
- Explain the *Take Home* activity.
- Discuss/send home **Sharing Faith with My Family** reproducible master for this chapter.

- pencils, crayons or colored pencils or markers
- copies of **Sharing Faith with My Family** reproducible master, Chapter 8 (back of book)

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Chapter 8 Test

- Complete **Chapter 8 Test**.
- Work on *Alternative Assessment* activity.

- optional: copies of Scripture reproducible master, *What's the Word?*, Chapter 8 (back of book)