

GRADE 3
CHAPTER Nine
Jesus' Work

Objectives

- To learn the value of working well with others
- To understand that we are the Body of Christ and that we are to carry on Jesus' work on earth
- To recognize talents and abilities that are needed to spread the good news

Step One: Invite: Name your personal experience

- Have you ever been on a successful team? What made the work of the team a success? Or, if it failed, why did it fail?
- Complete the activity on p. 113. Talk about the talents that each family shows?
- Discuss how you can use your talents to help other people in your community.

Step Two: Explore: Understand the meaning of God's Word

- Read Matthew 25:34-40 and answer the question.
- Why is the Body of Christ a good name for the Church?
- Draw a picture showing when the church is a community that helps others?
- Interview your pastor and ask in what ways the church is doing Jesus' work as a team. Tell him your talents and ask how you can use your talents as a member of the Body of Christ to help others.

Step Three: Celebrate: Offer prayers of praise and thanksgiving

- Use the prayer on p. 114 and add to it the ways in which you will use your talents to help others in the Body of Christ.

Faith Activities: Tips

- Throughout each chapter, there will be sections marked "Activity."
- Feel free to choose as many activities as you wish to share with your family. At a minimum, choose one activity above and beyond what might be mentioned in Steps 1-3.
- Follow the directions for the activity, share popcorn or a treat, relax and enjoy it.
- Post any artwork until the next lesson and then use the next chapter's activity to take its place.