

GRADE 3
CHAPTER Fifteen
The Church Guides

Objectives

- To understand the meaning of the words grace and conscience
- To learn the precepts of the church as basic laws of the church
- To understand that there is always time to change from wrong to right choices

Step One: Invite: Name your personal experience

- Draw a picture of a road that divides into two roads. Label one road "wrong choices" and one road "right choices." Now make signs for each road that show either wrong or right choices that someone your age can make.
- Talk about your drawing
- Read the Words of Faith on p. 165. How can grace, conscience and the precepts of the Church help you to make right choices? What role does the Holy Spirit play in making right choices?

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

- Read the scripture on p. 163 and complete the activity at the end of the page.
- Complete the activity on p. 168
- Review the precepts of the church on p. 164. Put a check mark next to the precepts that you have done recently. Make a copy of these precepts or create a chart with them and hang it in a place where you can check your progress each week.
- Talk about the Sacrament of Reconciliation and how that can help you to lead a good and moral life.

Step Three: Celebrate: Offer prayers of praise and thanksgiving

- Complete the Unit 5 review
- Use the prayer on p. 161 to close

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.