

GRADE 3  
CHAPTER Twenty  
The Church Today

Objectives

- To realize that one person can make a difference in the world
- To learn about the ways in which the Church helps others
- To understand that all members of the church share in its mission to work for peace and justice

Step One: Invite: Name your personal experience

- Complete the activity on p. 205
- Read the story on p. 206 and answer the question
- Talk about a time when you did something that made a difference in someone else's life. How did you feel?
- Complete the activity on p. 212

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

- Read the scripture on p. 207.
- Make a collage with one half showing how Jesus' disciples carried out his mission and the other half showing how we, Jesus' disciples today, carry out his mission
- Read the text on p. 209. Why do we help with the Church's mission?
- What can you do to be a peacemaker in your school, workplace, home or neighborhood?
- Complete the activity on p. 209

Step Three: Celebrate: Offer prayers of praise and thanksgiving

- Wear your T-shirt
- Use the Prayer for Peace on p. 210

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.