

GRADE 5 CHAPTER Six Doing Good

Objectives

- To learn the Greatest Commandment
- To understand the cardinal virtues
- To determine ways to live the cardinal virtues

Step One: Invite: Name your personal experience

- Have you ever shown an act of love for someone else? Tell about it.
- Read the Words of Faith on p. 85
- Look at the chart on p. 85 and name the cardinal virtues. Then, complete the activity on p. 85
- Get some construction paper and cut out 28 quarter size circles. (Choose one color for each cardinal virtue. Make seven of each color and put the name of the virtue on it.) Put the colored discs in a small box with a lid and each day, without peeking, have each member of the family pull out a disc and then practice that virtue. Talk about what you did at the end of the day. Put the disc back in the box for another day.

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

- Read Mk. 12: 28-34 on p. 84 and answer the questions at the end
- Look at the examples of living the cardinal virtues given on pp. 86-87.
 - o Make a poster naming each cardinal virtue and then telling what you will do to live that virtue in your own life this year.
- As a family, choose a worthy organization in your town and practice the virtue of justice by volunteering your time to help their cause or charity.

Step Three: Celebrate: Offer prayers of praise and thanksgiving

- Use the Psalm prayer on p. 83 to ask for God's help in living a life of virtue.

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.