

# TEACHER'S NOTES

6 year olds	<b>OUR HEAVENLY FATHER</b>
Chapter 12	<b>Jesus Grows Up</b>
Lesson 4	<b>The Forth Commandment</b>

## AIMS

1. Children will be inspired to follow the example of Jesus, Who was a child like them at one time.
2. They will memorise the Fourth Commandment.
3. They will be able to describe ways that they can keep the Fourth Commandment.
4. They will learn the story of the Finding of the Child Jesus in the Temple.

## STEP 1

show the children various paintings of the holy family and discuss them in terms of the previous lesson (how people lived that time and how Jesus' family was the holiest family of all).

## STEP 2

Read the "special paragraph" in the children's pack and help the children to consider the boy Jesus as their model. Remind them that although he was God, he was also truly human; this means that He did many of the same things the children do, felt many of the feelings they feel (joy, solo, fear, etc.), and He worked hard and learned as He grew.

Tell them that He understands what it is like to be six or seven or eight years old. By following his example, they can become holy, as he was. The one thing Jesus does not share with man is sin; Jesus never committed a single sin in His whole life. However, He was tempted to sin, so when anyone has a temptation, he can play to Jesus; He will understand and help the person say "No" to the temptation.

## STEP 3

Help the children to recall the 10 Commandments that they studied in module eight. Remind them that the 10 Commandments are rules to live by for all people at all times everywhere.

Direct their attention, especially to the fourth commandment: "Honour thy father and thy mother."

## STEP 4

Explain to the children that Jesus kept the Fourth Commandment perfectly when He was a child. He obeyed St Joseph and Mary cheerfully and quickly when they asked Him to do anything.

## STEP 5

Discuss with the children in what ways they can imitate Jesus. Ask them to complete the three sentences of the exercise in the children's pack entitled "I want to be like Jesus."

Examples: always obeyed my parents, the cheerful, be helpful, never talk back, etc.

## STEP 6

Read the story of the Finding of the Child Jesus in the Temple (Luke 2:41-52). Explain to the children this event in the life of Christ occurred when he was about the age of 12. Discuss the fact

that although Jesus was God and was fully aware of that, he nevertheless return to Nazareth with Mary and Joseph, and was obedient to them.

#### **STEP 7**

Help the children to complete the exercise in their pack, "Jesus as a boy".

#### **STEP 8**

Set the children to colouring the drawing of the Child Jesus in the Temple. This is the last page in the Joyful Mysteries series of their Rosary Booklet. When completed, have the children put them in order before you check staple them.

#### **CONCLUDE**

Practice Catechism question 29 and 30 with the children.

Sing "Come, thou long expected Jesus," *Adoremus hymnal*, #310.

Pray the fifth decade of the Joyful Mysteries of the rosary, The Finding of the Child Jesus in the Temple.

#### **PREVIEW**

In our next lesson, we will review all that we have learned and take a quiz.