

TEACHER'S NOTES

6 year olds	OUR HEAVENLY FATHER
Chapter 14	Jesus Tells the Good News
Lesson 1	The Good News of God's Love

AIMS

1. Children will understand that the Good News tells about God's love for all men.
2. They will learn that God loves all people, and once everyone to be His child.
3. They will learn that the Good News is from men now and always.
4. God wants everyone to be with Him for ever in Heaven.

STEP 1

Review with the children what they have learned in recent lessons about the Pope, bishops and priests continuing Jesus' work here on earth. Following the Apostles' example, they teach today what Jesus taught and did while He was on Earth.

STEP 2

Hold up a newspaper and ask the children if they know what it is? Next, ask if they know its use (to tell news, to let people know what is going on in the world, and other things people want to know about).

STEP 3

Ask the children if they have ever received good news. For example, have they heard that a sick friend is now feeling better, or they did well a test? Ask them how the good news made them feel. (happy, proud, thankful).

STEP 4

Explain that Jesus, the Son of God, brought some Good News to men. Direct their attention to the word "Good News" in their pack. Ask the children if they know why it is capitalised (because this "Good News" is more important to every person on earth than any other good news there has ever been. Ask the children what they think this good news is.

STEP 5

Now read the two special paragraphs from the children's pack with the children. Repeat that the Good News is that God loves everyone, and wants everyone to be with Him for ever in Heaven. God loves man as a father loved his children. Ask the children what kind of love father gives (protective, forgiving, unconditional). If God is there Father, they are His children. How can they be like the children of God?

STEP 6

Remind the children that this Good News is so important and that it is for everyone. Reread special paragraph 1. Jesus told Everyone the Good News. In fact it was so important that, he went from town to town telling everyone about it. How can people hear the Good News today? (At Mass, from our priests, by reading the Bible, and from parents and teachers).

STEP 7

1. Ask the children why Jesus wants them to hear the Good News. Practice the answer with them: **so that we can know, love and serve God in this world, and be happy within him for ever in Heaven.**
2. Asked the children to think of ways that they can return God's love, so that they can be with Him now in their hearts, and live with Him for ever in Heaven. Suggested answers: pray, obey their parents, do good deeds, etc.

STEP 8

1. Set the exercise in the children's pack.
2. Set the children to memorising Catechism Question 31 from their packs. Also have them begin memorise the Words to Know.

CONCLUDE

1. Sing "I heard the voice of Jesus say," *Adoremus hymnal*, # 579
2. Lead the Children in a closing prayer, thanking God for His Good News. Then Recite the Our Father with the Children.

PREVIEW

In our next lesson, we will learn more about Jesus teaching the Good News and how people received it.