









## FOLLOWERS – LESSON PLAN

Age	Term	Mod.	Module Theme	Module Title	Lesson Number and Title
11	3	5	CHRISTIAN LIVING	LOVE GOD	41: With all my mind

Use the syllabus framework to complete above. Infants: 20 minutes; Juniors: 30 minutes; Middles & Seniors: 45 minutes (Mod. = Module Number, Module Theme - in the heading, Module Title - uppercase in the cell, Lesson Num [NO. column] and Title)

							
Verbal V <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Logical L <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Spatial S <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Kinaesthetic K	Musical M	Intra - personal P1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Inter - personal P2 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Natural N

Tick the appropriate box(es) above [ copy this:  ] for the modes of learning being used in this session.

**Prayer:** Christ, the true light, who enlightens and sanctifies every person coming into the world, let the light of Your countenance shine upon us that we may see Your unapproachable Light; and guide our steps in the way of Your commandments, through the intercessions of Your all-holy Mother and of all the Saints. Amen.

**Starter:** Ask the students what do we use the mind for?

**Learning objectives:** To help the students understand what it means to love God with all the mind.

### Core Activities and Learning

1. Explain that today's work will focus on the verse from Luke 10:27. Distribute sheets with the verse and ask one student to read it aloud (See the Resource Sheet). **Activity 1:** Ask the students to share their understanding of the teaching.
2. Explain briefly that these are the TWO greatest commandments that God gives us: Love God and love each other. Then tell them that today the focus will be on loving God with our entire mind.

How can we love God with all our MIND? MIND: How can we love God with all our MIND? What do we do with bad thoughts? Do we love others? What do we do with bad images and information from TV, media, internet etc? To love God with all mind means to love His Word, it means to serve Him and to follow His commandments. To love God with all mind means to love and accept the Truth that will save us. Our mind is the guide of our life and it should directs us to truth. When we love God with all our mind, we are not "conformed to this world" but prove "what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect" (Romans 12:2). To love God with all our mind means we have "the mind of Christ" (1 Corinthians 2:16).

**Activity 2:** "Love God With All My Mind Box": Distribute to the students the materials required for this activity (see the resource sheet). Give them the instruction and ask them to build the box. When they are ready with it tell them to imagine that the empty box is their own mind. Because we shouldn't keep the vessel of the mind empty. God gave us a mind to fill it. To fill it with his truth. What we will fill it with?

**Activity 3:** What sort of things should we get rid from from our minds?

3. **Closing Prayer:**  
It is truly meet to bless thee, O Theotokos, Ever-Blessed and Most-Pure and the Mother of our God. More honourable than the Cherubim and more glorious beyond compare than the Seraphim. Without defilement thou gavest birth to God the Word; True Theotokos, we magnify thee!

**Resources:** Images, pencils, paper sheets, scissors, glue etc. [http://www.antiochian.org/sites/default/files/grades\\_4-6\\_2014.pdf](http://www.antiochian.org/sites/default/files/grades_4-6_2014.pdf)

<https://oca.org/orthodoxy/the-orthodox-faith/spirituality/the-greatest-virtue-is-love/love-of-god>

**Review:** Loving God with all our mind is important because that means we fill our mind with the Truth of God and that means that our mind is the true and best guide of our life.

**Follow Up:** Write a short piece for your school magazine on how we can love God with our minds. You can illustrate this if you want.