









FOLLOWERS – LESSON PLAN

Age	Term	Mod.	Module Theme	Module Title	Lesson Number and Title
11	3	5	CHRISTIAN LIVING	LOVE GOD	42: With all my heart

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: The leader writes on the whiteboard "LOVE". The students then separate into 2 groups. Each group has 2 minutes to write down those whom they love most.

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

Core Activities and Learning

1. Explain that today's work will focus again on the verse from Luke 10:27 but the focus will be on Loving God with all our hearts. Chose one of the students to read the verse (see the Resource Sheet). Then ask the students what do they think? Do they love God with all their hearts? What exactly does it mean to love God with all their hearts? Does that mean to love God so much that all your heart will be filled just with love and there won't be any room for hatred?
2. God is the Source of everything we are and to be able to call ourselves full human we have, to become the image and the likeness of God. If God is Love on account of the relations in love between the three Persons of the Holy Trinity –the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit- so we need to be in loving communion with God. To be like God we also have to love others in the way that He does.
3. Separate the students into two groups. The students cut out the hearts from the printed image, (heart.png). The students from the first group individually write down on the back of the hearts what evidence we have for the love of God. The students from the second group individually write down on the back how we can love God with all our hearts. The groups then try and match the hearts together. Are there any unmatched items. What can we learn from this exercise about the heart of God's love?
4. Discuss the students results and tell them that the love is beautiful. Love is to love others and to be loved. Love is wanting to give what is ours to others, feeling joy for someone else as for ourselves. There are many way to love God with all our hearts - by keeping God's commandments; by caring for the people God has made; by feeling joy in the things God feels joy in; by putting God first in our lives; by giving our lives to God; by opening our hearts to God's love.
5. Closing Prayer:

"God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit; may we love You in all things and above all things. May we reach the joy which You have prepared for us in Heaven. Nothing is good that is against Your Will, and all that is good comes from Your Hand. Place in our hearts a desire to please You and fill these hearts with the outpouring of Your Love and Presence; so that we may grow in Your Wisdom and enjoy Your Peace."

Resources: Image: heart.png, scissors, pens.

Review: God is love. There is no end to the ways in which God loves us and there are many different ways for us to love God in return.

Follow Up: Draw up a target to achieve over the next few weeks which will deepen the loving of God in our hearts. This could be something connected with either prayer, study, action or any combination of these.