Lesson 21

Trust in God

Lesson Objectives

- Discover that trust in God is the basis for Christian morality—living in God's Kingdom.
- Connect the Beatitudes of Jesus with moral choices and trusting in God.
- Grow in your desire to trust God at all times, as did Saint Jude.

Lesson Summary

In this lesson, we will grow to understand how Jesus helps us to trust in God.

Lesson Plan

Introduction (Minutes 1-10)

- Pray the Opening Prayer together.
- Review the introduction.
- Show a video or song.

Review Point 1: Do not Worry (Minutes 10-15)

Ask the students: What was something you were worried about that turned out to be fine?

For Additional Reflection:

Did worrying help?

Review Point 2: God's Kingdom

For reflection: Have the students imagine what God's kingdom might look like.

Review Point 3: Kingdom Attitudes (Minutes 15-20)

- Ask the students: Why do you think Jesus gave us the beatitudes?

Activities: Choose 1 or 2. (Minutes 25-30)

Activity 1:

Trust thermometer

Answer key:

- Answers will vary.

Activity 2:

God's many gifts

Answer key:

- Answers will vary.

Prayer and Role Model (Minutes 30-35)

- Pray From the Maronite Tradition (Together)

Complete Recall Section (Minutes 35-40)

Fill in the blanks using the Words to Know.

Answer key:

1. **Trust** means that we can depend on someone to be faithful and true; we can rely on another person to be there to help us.
2. As Jesus taught, God is a loving, caring **Father**.
3. The home that God has made for us is called the **Kingdom of God**.
4. If we really trust God, we will live by certain attitudes that Jesus calls the **beatitudes**.
5. Another name for the Kingdom of God is **heaven**.

Review Weekly Journal (Minutes 40-44)

For Additional Reflection:

Try to put your whole trust in God this week and reflect on what happened.

Closing (Minutes 45)

- Pray the Concluding Prayer together.

Optional

- Use the Climbing Mountain Section and Reaching the Summit Section.