

GoodNewsPeople Session Highlights



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Faith, Hope, and Love in Action

Sessions One through Seven

Session and Focus	Essential Understandings	Scripture Focus	Virtue	Good News Story	Catechism Connections
One: God is Love	Love is the essence and expression of our God. This is the heart and summary of the good news message: God is love.	1 John 4:16-21	Love	DVD: Meet the Artist- Brother Mickey McGrath	#54, 68, 221, 733
Two: The Word of Life	God's word resounds through all of creation as God's beautiful and beloved handiwork. It gives form, purpose, and life to all living things.	Isaiah 58:5-11	Hope	DVD: Eula Hall	#703, 1102, 1785, 1817
Three: The Word Made Flesh	God's love for humanity became flesh in Jesus, who sealed the new and everlasting covenant. Jesus reveals to us the fullness of God's love.	Philippians 2:1-8	Faith	DVD: Zoraida Gonzalez-Torres	#51, 151, 458, 1816
Four: Created in God's Image	From conception until natural death, each human life is a sacred, unique, irreplaceable, and unrepeatable reflection of God's love.	Psalm 139: 1-4, 13-14	Humility	Participants	#357, 1704, 1706, 2559
Five: Baptized in Christ	Through Baptism, we are welcomed into God's family, a community of believers, and there learn what it means to be a disciple of Christ.	Ezekiel 36:24-28	Compassion	Participants	#1266-7, 1694, 2448,
Six: Becoming Disciples	We explore what it means to be disciples of the journey. The call of discipleship is to live into the depths of God's love.	Luke 10:30-37	Mercy	DVD: Joe Smith	#1878, 1931, 2447, 2472
Seven: Nourished by the Sacraments	The sacraments mark sacred thresholds in our lives, offering us the promise of healing and growth. They strengthen us, feed our faith, and build up the body of Christ.	Matthew 14:13-21	Generosity	DVD: Jack Kern	#950, 1116, 1832, 2196

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Sessions Eight through Fourteen

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Eight: True Happiness	God is the source of all joy and every blessing. The Beatitudes, the heart of Jesus' message, invite us to make choices and embody attitudes that open our lives to God's kingdom.	Matthew 5:1-12	Gratitude	DVD: Emelda Paul	#1717-19, 2220
Nine: Freedom, Responsibility, and Grace	Our choices reveal who we really are and we grow as disciples when we welcome God's grace and guidance in the process.	Micah 6:6-8	Temperance	DVD: Thomas Awiapo	#1731, 1733, 1742, 1809
Ten: The Kingdom of God	Jesus inaugurated a radically new way of being and seeing together which he called "the Kingdom of God." As disciples, we are called to be fully engaged in bringing this kingdom to life.	Mark 12:28-34	Prudence	Participants	#544-6, 1806
Eleven: God Lifts Up the Lowly	God bends low to embrace our humanity and invites our cooperation in bringing love and justice to birth. Mary's "yes" to God's infinite love forever changed history.	Luke 1:46-55	Justice	Participants	#148-9, 722, 1807
Twelve: Called to Community	God created us as social beings who need others to become whole. Our participation in a community of faith helps form our conscience and frames our lifelong conversion.	Luke 19:1-10	Hospitality	DVD: Fr. John Rausch, G.L.M.	#1879, 1886, 1888, 1971
Thirteen: One Body in Christ	We become one body in Christ when we share our gifts generously and tend to the needs of our neighbors.	Matthew 25:31-40	Solidarity	DVD: Fr. Bob McCahill, M.M.	#952, 1932, 1939, 1941
Fourteen: Called and Sent	Gathered by God around the table of Eucharist, we are sent out with purpose and passion, bringing good news to a world in need. Living as good news people entails imagination and purposefulness as we strive to be faithful disciples.	Luke 10:1-11	Courage	DVD: Fr. Bob McDermott	#863, 1808, 2443-4