

## Overview

In Chapter 17 the children learned that the Church welcomes new members in Baptism. In this chapter they will learn ways members of the Church follow Jesus and share the light of his love.

### Doctrinal Content

For Adult Reading and Reflection  
*Catechism of the Catholic Church*

The children will learn:

- Jesus is the Light of the World. . . . . 748
- We receive the light of Christ. . . . . 1216
- Jesus asks us to share his peace. . . . . 2304
- We can make choices as children of God. . . . . 1730

Paragraph

**Key Word**

**peacemaker**  
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Go to [www.webelieveweb.com](http://www.webelieveweb.com), Catechist/Teacher, We Believe Correlations for this chapter's correlation to:

- Six Tasks of Catechesis
- Catholic Social Teaching
- Catechetical Formation in Chaste Living.

## Catechist Background

**W**hat parts of your life are hidden in darkness?

The Son of God came into the world to free us from sin and to show us what God's love is like. Through Jesus' words and actions, we see God's love at work. In the Gospel of John, Jesus tells his followers, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life" (John 8:12).

At our Baptism we received a candle lit from the Paschal candle, which symbolized the light of Christ. We were told to keep this light burning and to walk always as children of the light. We receive the light of Christ both as a gift of light in our own life and as a symbol of who we are to become. As followers of Christ, our words and actions are meant to give witness to the one light of the world, Jesus Christ.

One important way we become light for the world is as peacemakers. In a world torn by violence, hatred, and despair, we try to live in peace

and justice. Each week in our celebration of the Eucharist, we offer a powerful prayer to our neighbors when we turn and say, "Peace be with you." And each week we face choices to either love and bring peace, or to ignore and tear down. The grace of Baptism and the other sacraments gives us the strength to choose love and peace. We become light for the world when all that we do brings wisdom and warmth to those around us.

"You are the light of the world. . . . Just so, your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father." (Matthew 5:14, 16)

**H**ow have you been light to your family, your friends, and the children you teach?

# Lesson Planning Guide

## Lesson Steps

## Presentation

## Materials

### 1 WE GATHER

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Prayer



Focus on Life

- Read the Scripture passage.
- Respond to the reading in song.
- Talk about ways that light helps us.

For the prayer space: pictures of light sources, a picture or statue of Jesus, two flashlights, and yellow or orange tablecloth



"Walk in the Light," Carey Landry, #21, Grade 1 CD

### 2 WE BELIEVE

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*Jesus is the Light of the World.*



John 8:12

- Present the text about Jesus, the Light of the World.
- Draw Jesus, the Light of the World.

- crayons or colored pencils

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*We receive the light of Christ.*



- Read and discuss the text about ways we show others the light of Christ.
- Discuss ways people share the light of Christ.

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*Jesus asks us to share his peace.*



Matthew 5:1, 9



- Read the Scripture story about ways we can share Jesus' peace.
- Role-play being peacemakers.
- Read and discuss the *As Catholics* text.

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*We can make choices as children of God.*

- Present the text about making choices.
- Do the reproducible master activity.

- copies of Reproducible Master 18, guide page 155C
- crayons or colored pencils

### 3 WE RESPOND

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Identify loving choices.



Sing about being children of light.

- flashlights (option)
- Grade 1 CD

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**Project Disciple**

- Complete the **Project Disciple** activities.
- Explain the *Take Home* activity.
- Discuss/send home **Sharing Faith with My Family** reproducible master for this chapter.

- pencils, crayons or colored pencils or markers
- copies of **Sharing Faith with My Family** reproducible master, Chapter 18 (back of book)

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**Chapter 18 Test**

- Complete **Chapter 18 Test**.
- Work on *Alternative Assessment* activity.

- optional: copies of Scripture reproducible master, *What's the Word?*, Chapter 18 (back of book)