

Young Apprentices

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CATECHUMENATE SESSION: DOING THE RIGHT THING

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Lord Jesus,
Saint Paul was a good role model
to the people he served.

Thank you for all of
the good role models
in my life.

Help me to imitate them
and to imitate you,
so that others see me as
a role model of faith,
goodness, and love.
Amen.



Sunday Word

Malachi 3:19-20a

Psalms 98:5-6, 7-8, 9

2 Thessalonians 3:7-12

Luke 21:5-19

The above readings are available at
usccb.org/bible/readings.

To Help You Remember



1. To *imitate* means to “copy” or to “follow.” Saint Paul asked the members of the church in Thessalonica to imitate him.
2. Saint Paul lived justly by not being disorderly, by not taking what was not his, and by working hard.
3. Jesus tells believers not to be alarmed by what they see happening all around them. He encourages them to trust in him and to persevere in faith.

Key Teachings



Tough Times

Our world is not always a nice place to be. Sometimes things are difficult. People take advantage of us and hurt us. Jesus warns us that things will not always be easy. But he encourages us to persevere, to keep at it, always striving to do the right and loving thing.

Keeping At It

We are not alone in doing right. We have role models like Saint Paul and the support and help of other believers. The sacraments—especially the Eucharist—strengthen us to do right too.

Faith Words



justice

Justice is the good habit of giving to God and to all people what is rightfully due to them. It strengthens us to make decisions that build a world of peace.

Work for Justice

With My Family



We Listen

In the Gospel today, Luke has Jesus looking back at how the Temple in Jerusalem was destroyed. This was a tragic event, and hard for the people to understand. Jesus tells the people to *persevere*. To *persevere* means to “hang in there” and “keep at it.” Name a time when you have had to persevere in the face of hardship. How did Jesus help you?

We Believe

Justice is a *virtue*. A virtue is a habit that we develop. Justice is the virtue that leads us to treat everyone, especially those who are poor and oppressed, fairly and rightly. Justice is one of the important teachings of the Catholic Church. It is part of our Catholic Social Teaching.

We Live As Disciples

Like Saint Paul, we are to be imitators of Jesus. We imitate Jesus when we work for justice. Working for justice means we do work that helps others to be treated fairly and to receive what is their due. Feeding the hungry is a work of charity. Working to end hunger in your community is a work of justice. Both are important!

We Pray

The refrain of the psalm we sang at Mass today is, “The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice.” One night this week at dinnertime, read the entire psalm and have family members pray the refrain after each verse. Then talk about one way your family can work for justice.