



Think First & Stay Safe!

"See that no one returns evil for evil, rather, always seek what is good [both] for each other and for all."
1Thessalonians 5:15

The Threats & Weapons Lure

Lesson 19

In this lesson, it is our responsibility to turn the negative message and lure of violence to a positive action of standing firm in our faith and loving our neighbor.

St. Juan Diego ignored the threats of the Church authorities and continued to do what the Virgin of Guadalupe asked of him. He was turned away again and again, yet he persisted in giving her message to the bishop.

Each week, at the Mass, we share the sign of peace with one another. It gives us the opportunity to renew our relationships with one another; it is a sign of reconciliation with each other.

The 5th Commandment states simply "Thou shall not kill". Physical violence is just a part of this lesson's topic. In today's world we encounter many forms of threats against people; many are physical but more often they are not. Bullying is one example with which the children will be familiar. We can overcome this behavior by living the gospel message of loving one another.



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Prayer	Loving and gracious God, Help us to remember to always think first and stay safe. Lord help me to refrain from evil and retain the good This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen
Scripture	Micah 4:1-3 <i>They shall beat their swords into plowshares</i> 1 Thessalonians 5:18 <i>Retain the Good</i>
Saint or Hero	St. Juan Diego St. Michael the Archangel St. Joan of Arc Bishop Oscar Romero

Additional Catechist Resources:

Symbol	St. Michael's sword Plow
Music	<i>You are Mine</i> (David Haas, GIA) <i>This Little Light of Mine</i> (African American Spiritual, GIA) <i>Let There Be Peace on Earth</i> (Sy Miller Jan-Lee Music)
Liturgy or Rites	Eucharist Sign of Peace
Prayers	Prayer of St Francis (Peace Prayer) Prayer to St. Michael
Church Teachings	CCC: 2258 <i>Human life is sacred...from its beginning it involves the creative action of God...it remains for ever in a special relationship with the Creator, who is its sole end. God alone is the Lord of life...no one can under any circumstance claim for (themselves) the right to directly destroy an innocent human being.</i> 2262: <i>In the Sermon on the Mount, the Lord adds to (the 5th Commandment) the proscription of anger, hatred, and vengeance...Christ asks his disciples to turn the other cheek.</i> 2265: <i>Legitimate defense can be not only a right but a grave duty for one who is responsible for the lives of others.</i> 2308: <i>All citizens and all governments are obliged to work for the avoidance of war.</i> 2317: <i>Injustice...inequalities, envy, distrust, and pride...among men & nations constantly threaten peace & cause wars. Everything done to overcome these...contributes to building up peace & avoiding war...</i> Social Doctrine of the Church 494: <i>Peace is a value & a universal duty... it has its roots in God himself...not merely the absence of war...it is founded on correct understanding of the human person. ...requires the establishment of an order based on justice & charity.</i> Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church, USCCB 2005