



Think First & Stay Safe!



The Hate and Violence Lure

Lesson #23

This is another of the lessons for which no positive aspect could be identified. The children have likely experienced anger and may have even hit someone. Care will need to be exercised when teaching this lesson.

The approach here is simple: Love. Hate, violence, bullying, intolerance, and sexual harassment are all against the law of love. Jesus teaches us to love our neighbors as ourselves.

Dr. Martin Luther King and his example of passive resistance changed our world; it is possible.

Church documents are clear: violence is evil.



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Prayer	Loving and gracious God, Help us to remember to always think first and stay safe. <i>May others respect us as we respect them.</i> This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.
Scripture	Micah 6:8 (We are called) Luke 10:29-37 (Good Samaritan) Galatians 3:26-28 (Neither Gentile nor Jew)
Saint or Hero	St. Francis of Assisi Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Additional Catechist Resources:

Symbol	Native American Blanket or another colorful cloth—various colors woven together to form an intricate pattern of beauty. Use blanket as covering on prayer table.
Music	<i>We are Called</i> (David Haas, GIA) <i>We are many Parts</i> (Marty Haugen, GIA) <i>One Bread, One Body</i> (John Foley, SJ, OCP) <i>One Lord, One Faith</i> (Lori True, GIA)
Liturgy or Rites	Penitential Rite/Kyrie (asking forgiveness)
Prayers	Lord's Prayer Prayer of St. Francis
Church Teachings	CCC 1966: <i>The New Law is the grace of the Holy Spirit given to the faithful through faith in Christ. It works through charity...</i> 1970: <i>The Law of the Gospel requires us to make the decisive choice between "the two ways"...to put into practice the words of the Lord. It is summed up in the Golden Rule...</i> Social Doctrine of the Church 496: <i>Violence is never a proper response. ...violence is evil,...unacceptable as a solution to problems,...is unworthy of man. ...it goes against the truth of our faith, ...of our humanity. ...destroys what it claims to defend: the dignity, the life, the freedom of human beings.</i> Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church, p. 216, USCCB