

THE TABLET *jr.*

Dignity of the Human Person

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Each month has a specific theme tied to Catholic Social Teaching. The themes of Catholic Social Teaching can be integrated into many subjects. This Instructional Guide is full of resources to help you connect the stories and features to your lesson plans.

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PROVERBS 31:25

She is clothed with strength and dignity; she can laugh at the days to come.

Death Penalty



Read the Tablet Jr. article as a class.

Essential Question: How can we ensure dignity for all human beings?

YouTube Video: [DE: Eighth Amendment](#)

Video Description: Investigates the ways in which the Eighth Amendment ensures that punishments for those convicted of crimes are not excessive, cruel, or unusual. The program discusses how judges determine whether or not bail is excessive and how cruel and unusual punishment is defined.

Activities

→ [YouTube: A Little Respectful Spot](#)

◆ [Cloudstopmotion](#)

- Create a Stop Motion video on how to show dignity to all.

→ [iCivics: Constitution Explain \(6-8\)](#)

◆ [iCivics: Webquest](#)

→ [Reuters News: Death Penalty](#)

- ◆ Create a poster describing other ways to punish criminals instead of using the death penalty

→ [Sister Helen Prejean Biography](#)

◆ [Timeline Activity](#)

→ [Capital Punishment: Definition Forms & Moral Arguments](#)

◆ [Freckle: The Bill of Rights](#)

Additional Resources Continued

Reflection Questions can be presented in different ways depending on grade level and ability. Platforms that can be used are Padlet and Jamboard.

Reflection Questions:

- 1) What is the relationship between rights and responsibility?
- 2) How do we address dignity between an individual and society?
- 3) What rights do you feel need protection?

Additional Resources

- What if World Podcast: What if you found a red crystal with mysterious powers? (G&G 19)
 - ◆ Fiction Podcast Summary
- Peacemakers Teacher Guide

What are our Responsibilities as Catholics to Stop Cyberbullying?



Read the Tablet Jr. article as a class.

Essential Question: If there are universal moral principles, how do we spread and uphold them?

DE: Me, Myself, and I

Video Description: Explores how extensive access to the internet has potential for many pitfalls. This program demonstrates how to stay safe online by sharing content thoughtfully, dealing with cyberbullies, avoiding online predators, and protecting your information.

Activities

- YouTube: Bully by Patricia Polacco
 - ◆ Talk it Out Role Play Activity
- Freckle: Cyberbullying
 - ◆ Loving My Enemy
 - ◆ Complete the writing prompt and draw a picture of your response.
- Stand up Together
 - ◆ Create a Stand up Together poster to display in your school building
- Internet Bullies: Keep Yourself Safe
 - ◆ Being a Friend Activity
 - ◆ Say No to Bullying Activity
- Putting a Stop to Bullying Lesson K-2
 - ◆ Building a Class Community

Additional Resources Continued

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Reflection Questions:

- 1) Are there times when you have stayed silent over a public issue?
- 2) Is it always better to speak out?
- 3) Could you imagine approaching your community about a challenging issue?

Additional Resources

- What is Dignity?
 - ◆ Create an image of dignity/respect through the Random Image Generator
- The Berenstain Bears: Show Some Respect
 - ◆ What would you do? Role Play Activity

Taking Action Against Illiteracy



Read the Tablet Jr. article as a class.

Essential Question: How can we protect people from their political leaders?

DE: Literacy and War in Afghanistan

Video Description: Discusses the low-literacy rate in Afghanistan, and discusses the Taliban and other aspects of war and violence in Afghanistan.

Activities

- YouTube: Thank You, Mr. Falker
 - ◆ The Teacher Who Changed Everything
 - ◆ Do you have a teacher who inspired you to learn a specific subject? Write them a letter of appreciation
- Kenya and the United Kingdom: Books for Africa
 - ◆ Think & share
- The First Word
 - ◆ How do words give us power?
- The Power of Words Lesson
 - ◆ The Power of Words Video
- Literacy and War in Afghanistan
 - ◆ STOP-A-BULLY game
 - ◆ Remix the code to the STOP-A-BULLY game that sends the same message

Additional Resources Continued

Reflection Questions can be presented in different ways depending on grade level and ability. Platforms that can be used are Padlet and Jamboard.

Reflection Questions:

- 1) How can we protect minorities?
- 2) How can knowing about human rights make any difference in the work I do in my community?
- 3) How does one advocate for human rights and still maintain respect for cultural, religious, and other differences?

Additional Resources

- Desmond and the Very Mean Word
 - ◆ Words Uplift Others Lesson Plan
- Words Create Our World Lesson Plan
- Freckle: Braille
 - ◆ Create a Braille alphabet card
 - ◆ Braille printable worksheet

Sister Elizabeth

Together as a class, read the questions and answers from Sr. Elizabeth.



Questions from kids like you!

Human dignity can be protected and a healthy community can be achieved only if human rights are protected and responsibilities are met. Therefore, every person has a fundamental right to life and a right to those things required for human decency.

- Blackout Poetry
 - ◆ Read James 3 The Taming of the Tongue and create a Blackout Poetry with a positive message of life and dignity
- Love Your Difficult Neighbor
 - ◆ Create a comic strip showing how classmates forgive each other
- Everyone Needs Self-Respect
 - ◆ Why does everyone need self-respect?
 - ◆ How does this connect to our Christian faith?

Diocesan History Corner



Bishop Mugavero

Activities

“...The American Catholic Bishops’ way of carrying out the mission of Jesus Christ.”

→ The Tablet: We Can Help Alleviate Pain of Poverty

◆ Hexagon Activity

As a class/school choose a community project to complete

→ One Can Make a Difference

→ Take a Bite Out of Poverty

→ Hall of Heroes

→ Poverty Action Kit

→ USA Postcards

→ Social Justice Walk-a-Thon

→ Community Action Guide

→ Poverty Action Bill

→ Community Free Library



Sadlier



St. Josephine Bakhita

Activities

Part of our Catholic faith is learning to live out our faith to the world. Our guidelines are called Catholic Social Teachings, a foundation for life that is rooted in Scripture.

Following in the footsteps of Jesus and living your life with love, peace, and justice can seem overwhelming. By focusing on one of the Catholic Social Teachings at a time, you will live more like Jesus each day. Be the Great Person that God created you to be.

→ The life of St. Josephine Bakhita

- ◆ Sisters of Life: The Story of St. Josephine Bakhita(5-8)
- ◆ My Catholic Family St. Josephine Bakhita (k-4)
- ◆ Sadlier St. Josephine Bakhita

→ Reflect on the importance of recognizing your “specialness” and how you can make a difference in others’ self-dignity.

- ◆ Read John 6:3-15 & complete iWitness activity
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