



MAKE YOUR MARK

CHALLENGE & CONQUEST LEADERSHIP SERIES

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BOOK ONE

Intro to Challenge &
Conquest Youth Ministry

Friendship
Challenge
Catholic *Service*

THIS BOOKLET IS A MUST READ FOR YOU, IF...

- You are looking for new ideas for Catholic Youth Ministry.
- You are stretched thin and want to find a simple way to reach more teens each week by building a strong volunteer team.
- You are searching for a dynamic, fun, Catholic curriculum that goes deep, answering the questions teens have about their life and faith.
- You are interested in ready to use, flexible, weekly curriculum that has enough material for the entire school year.
- You want to offer activities that are interesting for both boys and girls and are different for middle school and high school groups.
- You are trying to integrate attractive and meaningful service projects into the youth ministry activities in the parish and community.
- You are considering small group mentoring with teen leaders and team based methods to create an experience where everyone feels important, accepted and part of a team.
- You are looking for a comprehensive youth ministry program that combines online resources, training videos and hands on material for the adult leaders, teen leaders and the youth in the group.
- You are a parent who wants to volunteer or start up a program in your child's parish or school as a compliment or part of the youth ministry program.
- You are a new or returning Challenge or Conquest adult leader who would like a brief summary of all that Challenge and Conquest youth ministry programs can offer to the kids in your groups.

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WHAT ARE AND CONQUEST ?

Challenge and Conquest are Catholic Youth Ministry programs for girls and boys in 5th - 12th grade to grow in knowledge of their Catholic faith, friendship with Christ, and make a difference and positive impact on their families, friends and in the world around them. We also offer three programs for boys and girls K-4th grade: Challenge Jr, Conquest Jr & Conquest Fr Son Program.

FAST FACTS

Challenge and Conquest are proven to be a successful youth ministry option for the past 15 years in the US and Canada. They are currently present in over 200 parishes & schools with over 6500 youth every week, led by 300 adult leaders and 700 teen leaders. Offering over 40 summer camps with 2000 campers every year.

OUR MISSION

Challenge and Conquest strive to offer effective methods & materials in Catholic Youth Ministry for families, parishes and schools, helping youth 5th - 12 grade to know and love:

CHRIST



with real friendship

THE CHURCH & THE POPE



with loyalty

MARY



as a son & daughter

EVERY PERSON



with real genuine charity & respect

Challenge and Conquest try to teach the teens how to follow Christ's example and live authentic Christian virtues:

FRIENDSHIP

SINCERITY

OBEDIENCE

GENEROSITY

PURITY

CHARITY

HOPE

JOY

FAITH

PERSEVERANCE



METHOD



TEAM BASED & TEEN LED

small group
mentoring

SERVICE DRIVEN

over 30 + hands on
apostolic projects

VIRTUE CENTERED

focused on
putting faith
into practice

FOR 5TH-12TH GRADE

3 age specific series
for middle school,
high school

READY TO USE & FLEXIBLE

60 weekly
guide books &
online training

RELEVANT & FUN FOR TEENS

activities focused
on their questions
with 400+ games

100 % CATHOLIC CURRICULUM

grounded in
catechism, gospels
& lives of saints

GENDER SPECIFIC

parallel programs
adapted for boys
& girls

MATERIALS

ADULT LEADER KITS

Curriculum Guides,
Planning Material,
Promo Materials

TEEN LEADER KITS

Weekly Guidebook
Series with
Curriculum & Projects

MEMBER KITS FOR ALL YOUTH

Tshirts,
prayer books,
calendars & more.

ACTIVITIES

WEEKLY TEAM ACTIVITIES

SERVICE PROJECTS

RETREATS & CAMPS

TRAINING

ADULT LEADER ONLINE SERIES

Sessions on How Challenge
& Conquest work.

ADULT LEADER BOOK SERIES

5 Guidebooks with detailed
information to run the programs

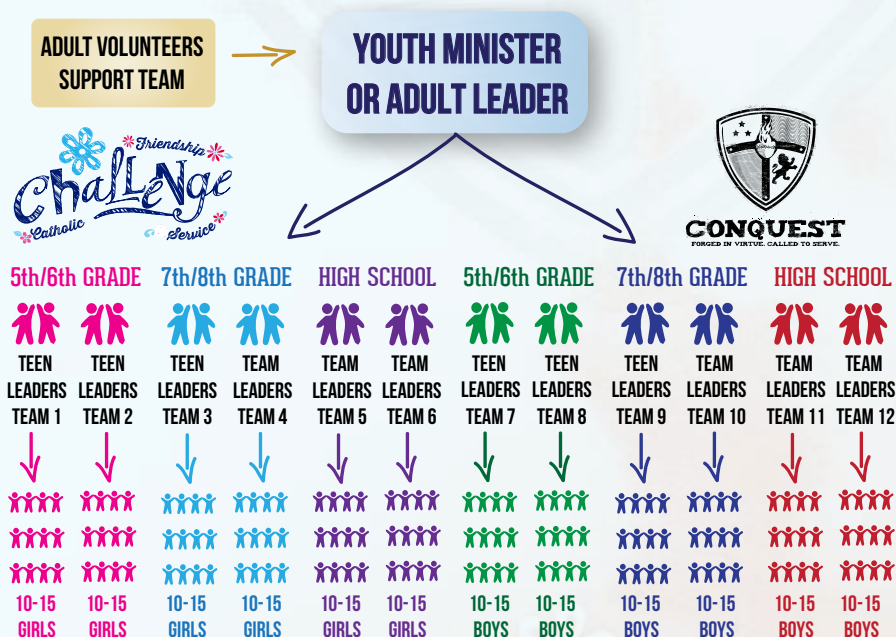
TEEN LEADER ONLINE SERIES

Sessions on how to use the
guidebooks & run meetings

WHAT DO WE MEAN BY TEAM BASED AND TEEN LED?

Challenge and Conquest are designed so that you organize your youth group into smaller teams of about 10-15 teens, who are around the same age. Each team is led by one or two teen leaders who are usually 2 or 3 years older than the group they lead. This is small group mentoring & peer ministry where everything is done in teams especially the weekly activities & service projects. The youth minister & adult leaders work with the teen leaders training them & helping them prepare to lead their team activities each week. In this way the youth group could be large in number but no one will feel lost in the crowd because they are part of a team with a team leader looking out for them.

Peer mentoring is not only a life changing experience for the teen leaders, it truly makes an impact on the younger teens when they learn about their faith and see positive role models in their team leaders, who are only a few years older than they are.



**YOU CAN REACH HUNDREDS OF TEENS IN YOUR YOUTH
GROUP WITH JUST A HANDFUL TEAM LEADERS.**

THE CHALLENGE & CONQUEST CURRICULUM IS IN THE TEAM LEADER GUIDEBOOKS



**THE GUIDEBOOKS
HAVE EVERYTHING
THE TEAM LEADERS
NEED TO LEAD THE
WEEKLY ACTIVITIES.**

**9 DIFFERENT BOOK SETS FOR CONQUEST:
SERIES 1 - SERIES 2 - SERIES 3
FOR 5TH/6TH, 7TH/8TH, & HIGH SCHOOL
PLUS THE NEW ADVENT LENT BOOK**

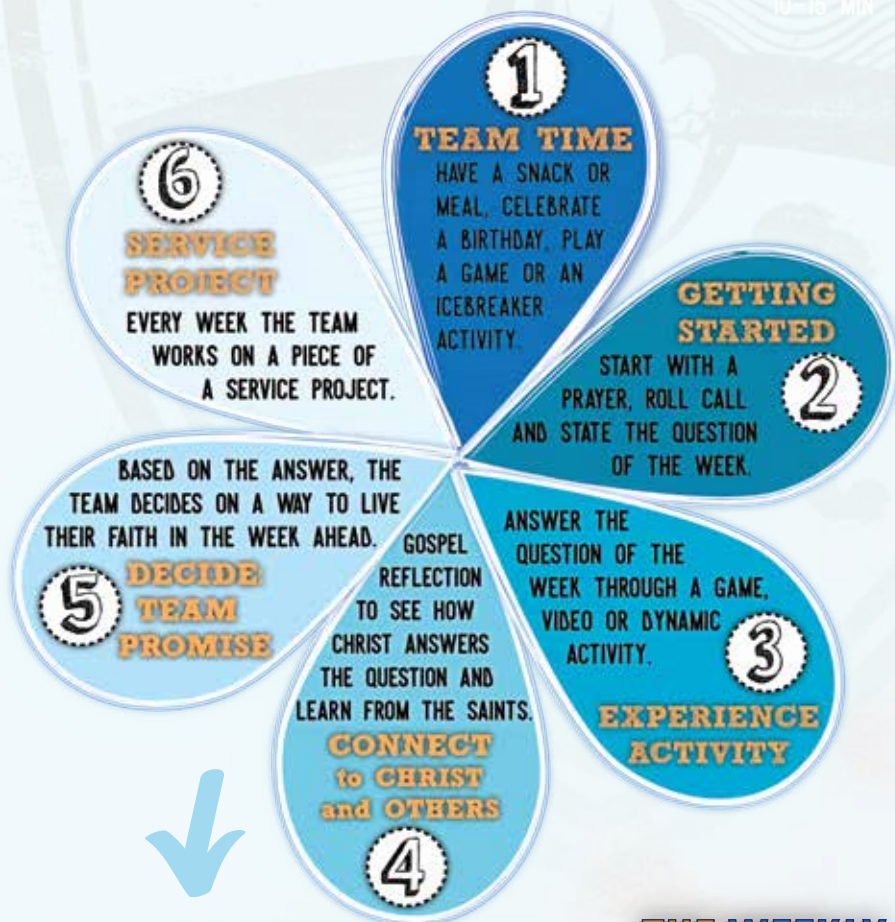
**WE PUT THE TOOLS
& MATERIALS IN THE
TEAM LEADER'S HANDS
TO MENTOR EACH WEEK.**



**6 PARTS OF THE
CONQUEST WEEKLY ACTIVITY**

6 PARTS TO THE CHALLENGE WEEKLY MEETING

10-15 MIN



9 DIFFERENT BOOK SETS FOR CHALLENGE:

SERIES 1 - SERIES 2 - SERIES 3

FOR 5TH/6TH, 7TH/8TH, HIGH SCHOOL PLUS

THE NEW ADVENT LENT BOOK AND VIRTUE SAINT BOOK

**THE WEEKLY
TEAM ACTIVITY
IS WHERE IT
ALL COMES
TOGETHER IN
CHALLENGE
& CONQUEST.**



New Team Leader Guidebooks & Curriculum

5TH/6TH GRADE BOOKS

7TH/ 8TH GRADE BOOKS

HIGH SCHOOL BOOKS

New for 2017-18!

SERIES ONE CURRICULUM



SERIES TWO CURRICULUM



SERIES THREE CURRICULUM



ADVENT AND LENT CURRICULUM



30 BOOKS = 180 WEEKLY ACTIVITIES + 36 SERVICE PROJECTS

We offer 3 books each year for each grade level plus the Advent Lent Book.
Each regular book contains 5 weeks of activities and 1 service project.



NEW TEAM LEADER GUIDEBOOKS & CURRICULUM

5TH/6TH GRADE BOOKS

7TH/ 8TH GRADE BOOKS

HIGH SCHOOL BOOKS

New for 2017-18!

SERIES ONE CURRICULUM



SERIES TWO CURRICULUM



SERIES THREE CURRICULUM

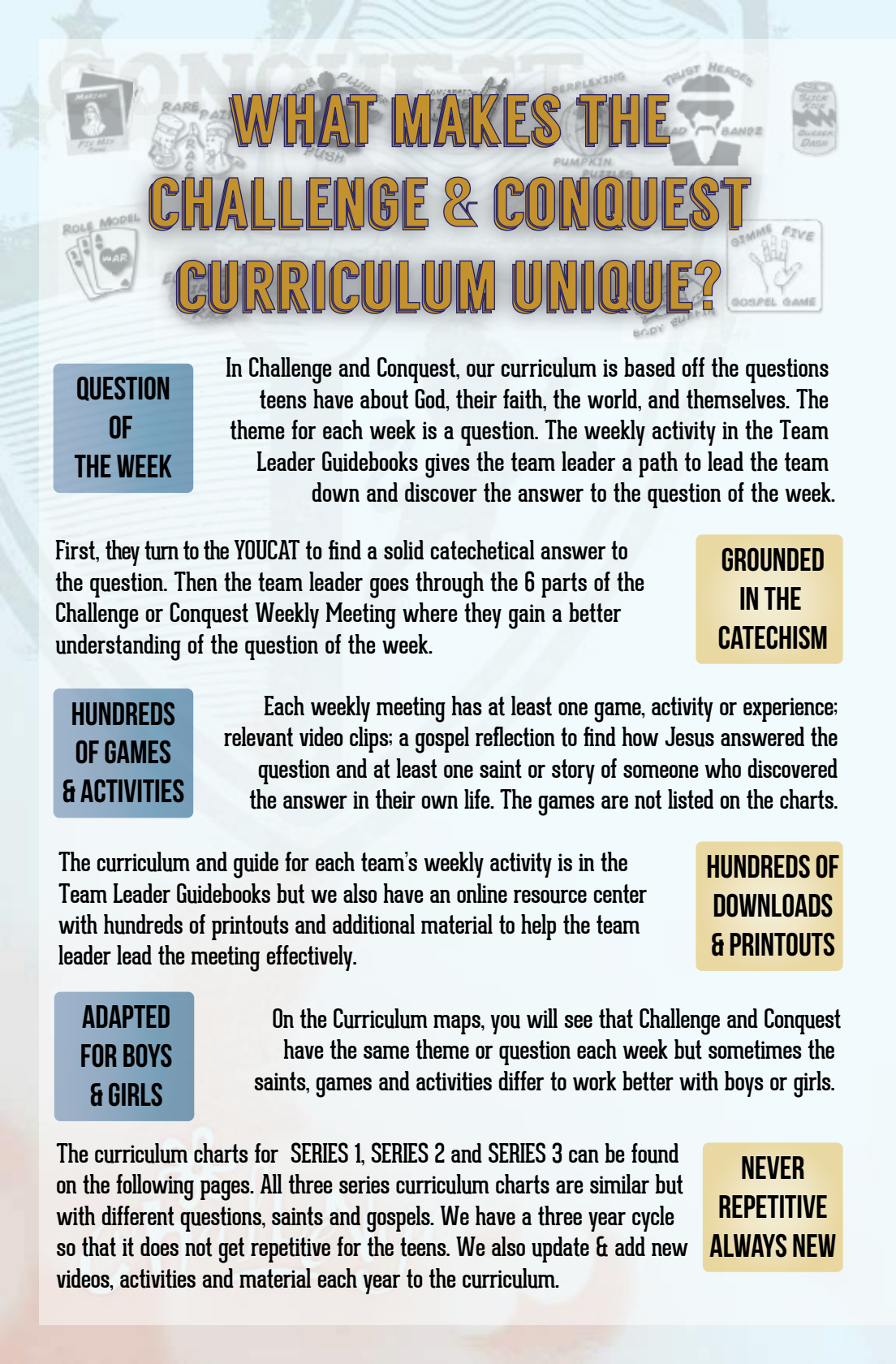


ADVENT AND LENT CURRICULUM



30 BOOKS = 180 WEEKLY ACTIVITIES + 36 SERVICE PROJECTS

Every year we update the books and series with new videos, activities and content so there is new and relevant content for the teens.



WHAT MAKES THE CHALLENGE & CONQUEST CURRICULUM UNIQUE?

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

In Challenge and Conquest, our curriculum is based off the questions teens have about God, their faith, the world, and themselves. The theme for each week is a question. The weekly activity in the Team Leader Guidebooks gives the team leader a path to lead the team down and discover the answer to the question of the week.

First, they turn to the YOUCAT to find a solid catechetical answer to the question. Then the team leader goes through the 6 parts of the Challenge or Conquest Weekly Meeting where they gain a better understanding of the question of the week.

GROUNDING IN THE CATECHISM

HUNDREDS OF GAMES & ACTIVITIES

Each weekly meeting has at least one game, activity or experience; relevant video clips; a gospel reflection to find how Jesus answered the question and at least one saint or story of someone who discovered the answer in their own life. The games are not listed on the charts.

The curriculum and guide for each team's weekly activity is in the Team Leader Guidebooks but we also have an online resource center with hundreds of printouts and additional material to help the team leader lead the meeting effectively.

HUNDREDS OF DOWNLOADS & PRINTOUTS

ADAPTED FOR BOYS & GIRLS

On the Curriculum maps, you will see that Challenge and Conquest have the same theme or question each week but sometimes the saints, games and activities differ to work better with boys or girls.

The curriculum charts for SERIES 1, SERIES 2 and SERIES 3 can be found on the following pages. All three series curriculum charts are similar but with different questions, saints and gospels. We have a three year cycle so that it does not get repetitive for the teens. We also update & add new videos, activities and material each year to the curriculum.

NEVER REPETITIVE ALWAYS NEW

VIRTUE CENTERED CURRICULUM?

The virtue centered curriculum in Challenge & Conquest encourages teens to put their faith into action each week. The weekly meetings and activities encourage the teams to live out what they have learned. Every year we have new virtues & saints for each month. These are the virtues we encourage the teens to live for that month & to get to know the life of that saint. These saint & virtues can be found in the calendars which are included in all of our member, team leader and adult leader kits.

CONQUEST 2017-18 SAINTS & VIRTUES OF THE MONTH

AUGUST

SERVANT OF GOD
ISAAC HECKER



PATIENCE

SEPTEMBER

BLESSED
ENGELMAR UNZEITIG



HONESTY

OCTOBER

SERVANT OF GOD
JAN TYRANOWSKI



FAITH

NOVEMBER

VENERABLE
VITTORIO TRANCANELLI



CHARITY

DECEMBER

SERVANT OF GOD
FLAVIAN LAPLANTE



HARD WORK

JANUARY

VENERABLE
TEOFILIUS MATOLIONIS



RESPECT

FEBRUARY

BLESSED JUSTO
TAKAYAMA UKON



FORGIVENESS

MARCH

BLESSED JOSEF
MAYR-NUSSER



COURAGE

APRIL

VENERABLE
RAFAEL ALMANSA



HOPE

MAY

VENERABLE
ISIDORO ZORZANO



FRIENDSHIP

JUNE

SERVANT OF GOD
FRANCESCO CONVERTINI



GENEROSITY

JULY

SERVANT OF GOD
JOSEPH VANDOR



KINDNESS

VIRTUE IS ESSENTIALLY A GOOD HABIT.
A HABIT COMES FROM REPETITION OF ACTIONS.
CHRISTIAN VIRTUE IS IMITATING HOW CHRIST LIVED.
SAINTS ARE PEOPLE WHO LIVED CHRISTIAN VIRTUE HEROICALLY.

Challenge Virtues and Saints 2017-18

AUGUST

SERVANT OF GOD
DAPHROSE MUKANSANGA



patience

SEPTEMBER

BLESSED
ENGELMAR UNZEITIG



honesty

OCTOBER

SERVANT OF GOD
JAN TYRANOWSKI



faith

NOVEMBER

SERVANT OF GOD
THEA BOWMAN



charity

DECEMBER

SERVANT OF GOD
DORA DEL HOYO



hard work

JANUARY

VENERABLE
TEOFILIUS MATOLIONUS



respect

FEBRUARY

BLESSED JUSTO
TAKAYAMA UKON



forgiveness

MARCH

BLESSED JOSEF
MAYR-NUSSER



courage

APRIL

BLESSED
MARIA TUCI



hope

MAY

SERVANT OF GOD
LUISE LOWENFELS



friendship

JUNE

ST LUCY
YI ZHENMEI



generosity

JULY

ST VINCENTA MARIA
LOPEZ Y VICUNA



kindness

CHALLENGE VIRTUE & SAINT TEAM LEADER GUIDEBOOK IN EVERY CHALLENGE TEAM LEADER KIT!

Challenge also offers an additional team leader guidebook in each team leader kit that focuses on the Virtue and Saint of the Month. This guidebook has 10 Challenge Monthly Meetings about the specific virtue and the saints found in the Challenge calendar. The activities, games and content will help the Team Leaders and girls learn more about Christian virtues and modern day saints. It is meant to be used each month as a compliment to the regular curriculum, and ideally held in the first meeting of the month. These activities have a craft each month that the teams can do. There are also holy cards for each month that are in the member kits that can be used to motivate the girls to practice the virtue of the month each day.



Challenge Jr.

If you would like to start a "Challenge Jr" group for younger girls in 3rd and 4th grade, this is the year! The Challenge Jr program is coming for Fall 2017. It's a completely virtue based program .

FORGED IN VIRTUE. CALLED TO SERVE.

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OFFERS 3 AGE SPECIFIC PROGRAMS:

CONQUEST FATHER SON LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

**K-2nd
GRADE**

CONQUEST JR LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

3rd & 4th GRADE

**CONQUEST
YOUTH
MINISTRY
PROGRAM**

5th -8th GRADE & High School

The Conquest Father & Son Program and Junior Leadership Program are meant to be run by dad volunteers, and have their own unique Conquest materials for each age group. This includes Adult Leader Guidebooks and USB drive with materials to lead the younger boys, t-shirts, cinch bags, & commitment cards specifically designed for the younger age group. Both Programs include point tracker posters to keep the boys motivated each month through campaign competitions. The Junior Program is focused on the boys learning more about their Catholic Faith in a fun way through stories of the saints.. The Father Son Program features videos that help the boys understand the virtue of the month through stories in the Bible. Each virtue campaign also includes coloring pages that you can print and send home. [Conquest point chip sets sold seperately.]



NEW for
the 2017-18
school year!

SERIES 1 5TH & 6TH GRADE

CURRICULUM CHART

DYNAMIC ACTIVITIES AND GAMES ARE NOT LISTED IN CHART BUT THE CURRICULUM INCLUDES 1-3 ACTIVITIES EACH WEEK.

BOOK 1



**SUPER HERO
FOR A DAY**



**ALL SAINTS
BASH**



SOCK STUFF



**WARM
WISHERS**



**BIKE FOR
COLLARS**



**MAY
CROWNING**

BOOK 2

BOOK 3

THEME:	WHY ARE TRUST AND HOPE IMPORTANT TO CATHOLICS?	HOW DO I HAVE A RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD?	WHAT SHOULD I KNOW ABOUT BEING CATHOLIC?
TIME	SEPTEMBER - OCTOBER	JANUARY - FEBRUARY	APRIL - MAY
WEEK 1	WHY DO PEOPLE SUFFER? CAN I HELP?	HOW CAN I BE FRIENDS WITH GOD IF I CAN'T SEE OR HEAR HIM?	WHAT DO WE BELIEVE AS CATHOLICS?
YOUCAT	YOUCAT #51 & 66	YOUCAT #21, 22, & 478	YOUCAT #25
GOSPEL	Jn 9:1-41 Blind Man	Jn 14:7-14 Show us Father	Mw 5:33-35; 38-40, 43-45 Sermon on the Mount
SAINTS	Bl Artemide Zatti & St Marianne Cope	Blessed Jose Luis Sanchez Atilio Giordani	St Thomas Aquinas Mother Therese of Jesus
WEEK 2	WHO CAN I TRUST?	WHY DO I NEED TO GO TO CONFESSION?	WHAT IS HEAVEN LIKE? ARE SAINTS REAL?
YOUCAT	YOUCAT #40 & 488	YOUCAT #316	YOUCAT # 52 & 342
GOSPEL	Lk 10:1-12, 17-20 Sending Out	Jn 20:19-23 Appearance to Apostles	Mw 13:33-44 Sower
SAINT	Blessed Francis Kesy & Friends	St Charles Borromeo Elia Comini	Blessed Josefa Naval St Brendan
WEEK 3	CAN PEOPLE TRUST AND COUNT ON ME?	WHY AND HOW DO I PRAY THE ROSARY?	DOES HELL EXIST? WHO GOES THERE?
YOUCAT	YOUCAT #455	YOUCAT #148	YOUCAT #161
GOSPEL	Mw 14:22-33 Peter Walks on Water	Joyful Mystery of the Rosary	Mw 18:1-9 Kingdom of Heaven
SAINT	St Christopher & St Jose of Arimathea	St Anne Fr Patrick Peyton	Blessed Stephen Sandor Fr Alfred Delp
WEEK 4	HOW DO I KNOW THE FUTURE WILL BE GOOD?	HOW DO I DO ADORATION AND REFLECT ON THE GOSPEL?	HOW DO WE KNOW THE CATHOLIC CHURCH IS THE TRUE CHURCH?
YOUCAT	YOUCAT #49	YOUCAT #485 & 491	YOUCAT #307
GOSPEL	Jn 21: 1-14 Miraculous Catch	Jn 20: 24-31 Doubting Thomas	Mw 16: 15 -20 Peter's Profession
SAINT	St Rita of Cascia & St Mary McKillop	Fulton J Sheen	St Andrew Kim Mary Aloysia Hardey
WEEK 5	HOW CAN I LEARN TO ACCEPT PEOPLE FOR WHO THEY ARE?	WHY DO I NEED TO GO TO MASS?	WHY IS IT WRONG TO SAY YOU ARE CATHOLIC AND ACT A DIFFERENT WAY?
YOUCAT	YOUCAT #59	YOUCAT #208	YOUCAT #454
GOSPEL	Mw 5:37-42 New Law	Lk 24:13-35 Road to Emmaus	Jn 8: 31-32 Truth will set you free
SAINT	St Helena St Blaise	Blessed Oscar Romero St Julianna	Mary Magdalen Bentivoglio Blessed Enrico Saiz and Co
WEEK 6	APOSTOLIC PROJECT	APOSTOLIC PROJECT	APOSTOLIC PROJECT
SAINT	St Cecilia	St Maimilian Kolbe	St John Apostle
GOSPEL	Mk 6:34-44 and Mw 5:13-16	Lk 22:31-32 and Luke 6:38	Mw16: 24-26 and John 19:26

NEW
for 2017-18
school year!

SERIES 1 7TH & 8TH GRADE

CURRICULUM CHART

DYNAMIC ACTIVITIES AND GAMES HAVE MANY HANDOUTS AND PRINTOUTS THAT CAN BE FOUND ON THE RESOURCE CENTER.

BOOK 1



**PILGRIM
QUEEN**



**THE PIE
PROJECT**



**FEED THE
NEED**



CHARITEA



**CONQUERING
RETREATS**



**DADDY
DAUGHTER**

BOOK 2

BOOK 3

THEME:	CAN I MAKE A DIFFERENCE?	HOW DO I KNOW RIGHT FROM WRONG?	WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE CATHOLIC?
TIME	SEPTEMBER - OCTOBER	JANUARY - FEBRUARY	APRIL - MAY
WEEK 1	WHAT IS GOOD ABOUT ME?	DO I HAVE TO BE NICE TO EVERYONE? EVEN MEAN PEOPLE?	HOW CAN WE KNOW WHAT GOD IS LIKE?
YOUCAT	YOUCAT # 280	YOUCAT #330	YOUCAT #71
GOSPEL	Mk 10:17-31 Young Rich Man	Lk 7:36-50 Pharisee	Jn 6:16-21 Storm at Sea
SAINTS	St Philip de Jesus Blessed Dina Belanger	St Maria Goretti St Virginia Bracelli	Catherine Doherty Henri de Lubac
WEEK 2	WHY DON'T PEOPLE UNDERSTAND ME?	WHY DO I NEED MY FAMILY AND WHY DO THEY NEED ME?	IF GOD LOVES ME, WHY DON'T I GET EVERYTHING I WANT?
YOUCAT	YOUCAT #96	YOUCAT # 369,371,372	YOUCAT #338 and 339
GOSPEL	Jn 5: 1-18 Cure on the Sabbath	Lk 2:41-52 Finding in the Temple	Mw 7:7-11 Knock on the Door
SAINT	Blessed Nikolaus Gross Rolando Rivi	Gwen Coniker St Clelia Barberi	St Theodore Guerin Blessed Giuseppe Girotti
WEEK 3	WHY AM I HERE IN THIS WORLD? WHAT IS MY MISSION?	HOW SHOULD I TREAT MY FRIENDS?	WHY IS IT IMPORTANT TO GET TO KNOW JESUS? HOW DO I DO THAT?
YOUCAT	YOUCAT #1	YOUCAT #24	YOUCAT #60 and #110
GOSPEL	Mw 22: 24-30 Greatest Commandments	Jn 10:1-18 Good Shepherd	Jn 15:1-5 Vine and Branches
SAINT	St Justin Martyr St Laura of Catherine of Siena	Fr Joseph T. O'Callahan St Louis and Zelig Martin	Anthony Kowalczyk St Maria Chiara
WEEK 4	WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE A CHRISTIAN?	HOW DO I MAKE GOOD FRIENDS I CAN COUNT ON?	WHY IS IT HARD TO PRAY?
YOUCAT	YOUCAT # 344	YOUCAT #120	YOUCAT #20 and 470
GOSPEL	Lk 6:20-31 Beatitudes	Sirach 6:5-18	Mw 6:5-15 Prayer Tips
SAINT	Fr Thomas Fredrick Price & Therese Margaret of The Sacred Heart	Silvio Dissegna Blessed Peter Faber	St Jaime Barbal St Gemma Galgani
WEEK 5	WHY DO I FEEL LIKE I BOTHER ADULTS?	CAN I REALLY AFFECT THE PEOPLE AROUND ME?	WHY IS MASS AND COMMUNION IMPORTANT?
YOUCAT	YOUCAT #375	YOUCAT #347	YOUCAT #220 and 221
GOSPEL	Mw 22:17-22 Give to Caesar	Jn 1: 43-51 Phillip's Calling	Jn 20:24-29 Doubting Thomas
SAINT	St Stanislaus Kotska Blessed Laura Vicuna	St Aloysius Schwartz Blessed Irene Stefani	Blessed Jerzy Popieluszko Práxedes Fernández García
WEEK 6	APOSTOLIC PROJECT	APOSTOLIC PROJECT	APOSTOLIC PROJECT
SAINT GOSPEL	Glass of Water Mw 10:18-20	Domenica Bernadino Mk 6:34-44	St Joachim Lk 19: 11 - 26 Mw 6:5-15

NEW
for 2017-18
school year!

SERIES 1 HIGH SCHOOL CURRICULUM CHART

BOOK 1



**CARDBOARD
CITY**



**HOT DOGS FOR
THE HOMELESS**



**PARTY
ON**



**LINKS
OF LIGHT**



**GARAGE
SALE**



**PROLIFE
PATROL**

BOOK 2

BOOK 3

THEME:	WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BELIEVE IN GOD?	WHAT DO WE BELIEVE AS CATHOLICS?	HOW SHOULD I LIVE MY CHRISTIAN LIFE?
TIME	SEPTEMBER - OCTOBER	JANUARY - FEBRUARY	APRIL - MAY
WEEK 1	WHY DO WE BELIEVE AND SEEK GOD?	WHY DO WE HAVE A CREED AND BELIEVE CERTAIN THINGS?	HOW SHOULD I PRAY AND WHY IS IT HARD?
YOUCAT	YOUCAT #1-6, 342, 352-355	YOUCAT #26-29, 172, 360	YOUCAT #493-494, 497, 499-510
GOSPEL	Jn 1:35-43 What are you looking for?	Jn 3:1-21 Nicodemus	Mw 6:5-15 Our Father
SAINTS	St John Eudes Frank Parater	St Michael of Ecuador Blessed Jakob Gapp	St Madeline Sophie Barat Carlos Acutis
WEEK 2	HOW IS GOD A PART OF OUR LIVES?	WHAT DO WE BELIEVE ABOUT GOD? HOW IS GOD THE TRINITY?	WHY DO WE SIN?
YOUCAT	YOUCAT #7,8,9, 10, 194-200, 361	YOUCAT #30-39, 165, 454	YOUCAT #67-69,150-151,264, 315-320,389
GOSPEL	Lk 5:1-10 Jesus got into Peter's Boat	Jn 14:15-21 Advocate	Jn 21:15 -23 Peter do you love me?
SAINT	Alphonse Gallegos Mathias Barrett	Bartolomé Blanco Márquez St Francis Cabrini	St Zita St John Vianney
WEEK 3	HOW DO WE KNOW WHAT TO BELIEVE?	DID GOD REALLY MAKE EVERYTHING?	WHAT SHOULD I KNOW ABOUT JESUS?
YOUCAT	YOUCAT #11-13, 23-25	YOUCAT #40-48, 51, 56-57, 66	YOUCAT #72-79, 110, 208-213, 216,474-477
GOSPEL	Jn 6: 22-69 To whom shall we go?	Genesis 1:1-31	Mk 10:17-31 Young Rich Man
SAINT	Dorothy Day St Brigid of Ireland	Luigi Scrosoppi Federec Baraga	St Bartholomew Mary Virginia Merrick
WEEK 4	IS THE BIBLE TRUE?	HOW DOES GOD GUIDE MY LIFE?	WHAT DID JESUS DO WHEN HE WAS ON EARTH?
YOUCAT	YOUCAT #14-19,71 , 491	YOUCAT #49-50,260, 286-290, 295, 297, 305-306, 308-309	YOUCAT #60, 86-95, 336
GOSPEL	Jn 21:24-25 All that is written...	Mw 6: 25-34 Lilies of the field	Lk 4:31-44 Jesus cures various
SAINT	Alfredo Alemo Blessed Guiseppe Girotti	St Francis Solanus Montse Grases	Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos Vincent McAuley
WEEK 5	WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO HAVE FAITH IN GOD?	WHEN WILL THE WORLD END?	WHY IS THE OUR FATHER AN IMPORTANT PRAYER?
YOUCAT	YOUCAT #20-22, 307, 337,341,373	YOUCAT #111-112, 152-157, 163-164,278,393-394	YOUCAT # 511- 527
GOSPEL	Lk 7:1-10 Centurion's Servant	Mw 24:36- 51 End of times	Lk 11: 1-13 Jesus teaches to pray
SAINT	St Gaetano Catanoso St Angela of the Cross	Ruth Pakaluk St Stephen	Blessed Therese of Jesus Elisabetta Sanna
WEEK 6	APOSTOLIC PROJECT	APOSTOLIC PROJECT	APOSTOLIC PROJECT
SAINT	St Benedict Labre	Venerable Maria Quevada	St Gianna Molla
GOSPEL	Mw5: 40-42	John 3:16-18 and Luke 2:8-12	Luke 10:25-37 and Mark 15:37-41

NEW ADVENT & LENT SERIES

CURRICULUM CHART

SERIES 1 BOOKS for 2017-18

*NEW
for 2017-18
school year!*



THE GIVING TREE
RALLY ROUND THE WREATH

& LIVING STATIONS
& CHRIST'S PASSION MISSION

ADVENT 2017

NOVEMBER - DECEMBER

**WHAT ARE THE LITURGICAL SEASONS OF
ADVENT AND LENT?**

YOUCAT #101 & 104

1st Sunday Advent
Mark 13:33-37 Watch

St Vincent Ferrar
St. Josephine Bakhita

HOW DO I KNOW THAT GOD LOVES ME?

YOUCAT #7 & 9

2nd Sunday Advent
Mark 1:1-8 Make Straight His Paths
Dorotea Chopitea
Blessed Carlo Gnocchi

**DOES REAL LOVE EXIST? WHY ARE PEOPLE
GRINCHES?**

YOUCAT #402

Third Sunday Advent
John 1:6-8, 19-28 John the Baptist
Blessed Catherine Troiani
Fr Aloysius Schmitt

**WHAT DO I NEED TO KNOW ABOUT MARY
THIS CHRISTMAS?**

YOUCAT #80-85, 147-149, 479-481

Fourth Sunday Advent
Lk 1: 26-45 Annunciation
St Antonio of Saint Anne
John Hardon

APOSTOLIC PROJECT

Story of the Drummer Boy
Luke 9: 10-12

LENT 2018

MARCH- APRIL

**IS GOD FAIR? DOES HE LOVE ME NO MATTER
WHAT I DO?**

YOUCAT #33 & 314

First Sunday Lent
Mark 1:12-15 Jesus in Desert

Blessed Caterina Cittadini
Charles de Foucauld

**WHY IS MERCY IMPORTANT TO OUR
CATHOLIC FAITH?**

YOUCAT #9, 70, 241, 282-283, 314, 338-340,
449-451

Second Sunday Lent
Mark 9: 2-10 Transfiguration
St Faustina
St John Paul II

WHY IS IT HARD TO GO TO CONFESSION?

YOUCAT #234

Third Sunday Lent
John 2:13-25 Jesus in Temple
St Raphael Kalinowski
St Philip Neri

**WHY DID JESUS DIE ON THE CROSS? AND RISE
FROM THE DEAD?**

YOUCAT #96-109, 277

Fourth Sunday Lent
John 3: 14-21 Nicodemus
St Veronica
Blessed Teresa Bracco

APOSTOLIC PROJECT

Rosa Giovanetti
Mw 27:27 and Mk 6:34-44

SERIES 2



BLOCK OF TOYS
HOLY WEEK MISSIONS



COOKIE CAROLING
CHALLENGE MISSIONS

ADVENT SERIES 2

What are Lent and Advent all about?

Why is Mary important at Christmas and in our
lives?

Even though God became man, how do I talk
to God?

Why was Jesus born the way he was? Do I have
to obey?

LENT SERIES 2

Why does evil exist if God is good?

Why did Jesus die for everyone on the cross?
How should I respect others?

Do I have to be nice to everyone even my
enemies?

Why does the Church exist? What does it have
to do with Easter?

SERIES 3



BETHLEHEM SHOP
EXULTATION CELEBRATION



BETHLEHEM BACKYARD
SPREAD THE WORD

ADVENT SERIES 3

Why is Advent a time to get to know Mary?

What is the difference between God and
Jesus?

Why should I be kind to people at Christmas
and any time of the year?

Is Christmas true? Is Christ real?

LENT SERIES 3

Can I really make a difference like Jesus?

Why did Jesus not get out of being crucified?
Do I always need to be honest?

Can I help people get to heaven by my actions?
Like Jesus?

Why are Christians hopeful in the future?

NEW SERIES 2 CURRICULUM CHART

Coming in
Fall 2018

5th & 6th
Grade

BOOK 1



TRICK OR TREAT



BLESSING BAGS



EMMAUS WALK



DIVINE VALENTINE



NO PAIN NO GAIN



LIGHT HOUSE

BOOK 2

BOOK 3

WEEK 1	Am I a good person? Why did God make me this way?	Does the world need my help?	What makes people famous? Why do I admire them?
WEEK 2	Why don't people understand me?	Why can't I do what I want?	What virtues should I live?
WEEK 3	How do I know my convictions and values?	What defines me?	How do you know what you should do when you grow up?
WEEK 4	How do I stop caring about what other people think?	Is God interested in me?	Why is it important to receive communion?
WEEK 5	Can I help people today?	What is expected of me?	Is it true that everyone needs a family?
WEEK 6	APOSTOLIC PROJECT	APOSTOLIC PROJECT	APOSTOLIC PROJECT

7th & 8th
Grade

BOOK 1



DEFEND TO THE END



GROW GOODNESS



BIG AND BOLD



FRS DAY DINNER



CONFESSION MISSION



LIFE SAVER

BOOK 2

BOOK 3

WEEK 1	What do we believe as Catholics?	How can I have a friendship with God?	Why are priests important to us?
WEEK 2	Why does the Church exist?	How can I get to know Jesus?	Why does suffering exist?
WEEK 3	What does the Pope do?	What was Jesus like?	Should I worry about the end of the world? Are heaven and hell real?
WEEK 4	How should a Catholic believe in Mary?	How do I get closer to Mary?	Is it wrong to want people to like me? Where do I fit in?
WEEK 5	Why do people do adoration?	Does God think about me?	Why did God make me this way?
WEEK 6	APOSTOLIC PROJECT	APOSTOLIC PROJECT	APOSTOLIC PROJECT

High
School

BOOK 1



HOT DOGS for the HOMELESS



MOM & ME TEA



TEACH THE WORD



WALK WITH CHRIST



BREAKIN' A SWEAT



PILGRIM QUEEN

BOOK 2

BOOK 3

WEEK 1	Why is confirmation important?	What should I know about prayer?	Why do we need to go to mass?
WEEK 2	Why does God want us to be part of a Church? How does that work?	Why did God make us the way we are?	Why do we follow the Pope?
WEEK 3	How should a Catholic live? How do I know right from wrong?	What should I know about heaven, hell, purgatory?	Why do we need to go to confession?
WEEK 4	What do the first 3 commandments have to do with my life?	Why are the sacraments important to Catholics?	What place should Mary have in my life?
WEEK 5	What do the rest of the ten commandments have to do with me?	Why is going to confession important?	Why do people dislike the Catholic Church?
WEEK 6	APOSTOLIC PROJECT	APOSTOLIC PROJECT	APOSTOLIC PROJECT

NEW SERIES 3 CURRICULUM CHART

Coming in
Fall 2019

5th & 6th
Grade

BOOK 1



AGENT ANGEL



GRANDMA GRINS

BOOK 2



VIRTUE VIDEO



CHARITY CHALLENGE

BOOK 3



CATHOLIC MOVIE MADNESS



BASKETS OF JOY

WEEK 1	Where do I fit in?	What does God do?	What is being a teenager all about?
WEEK 2	What do I need to be happy?	Is the Bible True? How should I use it?	Why don't adults understand me?
WEEK 3	Why did God give me life?	What was Christ like?	Why are people mean?
WEEK 4	Am I cool just the way God made me?	How should I treat my friends?	How do I know what is good and bad?
WEEK 5	Do we all need friends?	Who do I want to be in 10 years?	How long will the world last?
WEEK 6	APOSTOLIC PROJECT	APOSTOLIC PROJECT	APOSTOLIC PROJECT

7th & 8th
Grade

BOOK 1



CLOTHE THE NAKED



MOMMY MISSIONS

BOOK 2



FALL ON YOUR KNEES



SOUP FOR THE SOUL

BOOK 3



COOKIN' FOR PADRES



LITTLE ACTS OF LOVE

WEEK 1	Can I make a difference?	How do I know what is right and wrong?	Why am I Catholic?
WEEK 2	Can I help people get closer to God?	Do the movies and tv I watch effect me?	Why are the sacraments important?
WEEK 3	Do my actions really effect other people's lives?	Who can I look up to?	How important are the commandments?
WEEK 4	How do I make the most out of my life?	Why is it wrong to criticize people?	What do I need to know about being catholic?
WEEK 5	What does God want me to do in this life?	Why is friendship complicated?	How do I act according to what I believe?
WEEK 6	APOSTOLIC PROJECT	APOSTOLIC PROJECT	APOSTOLIC PROJECT

High
School

BOOK 1



SAVE THE DATE



DREAMS COME TRUE

BOOK 2



MOVIE NIGHT DONE RIGHT



REAL 2 REEL

BOOK 3



INT'L COURAGE



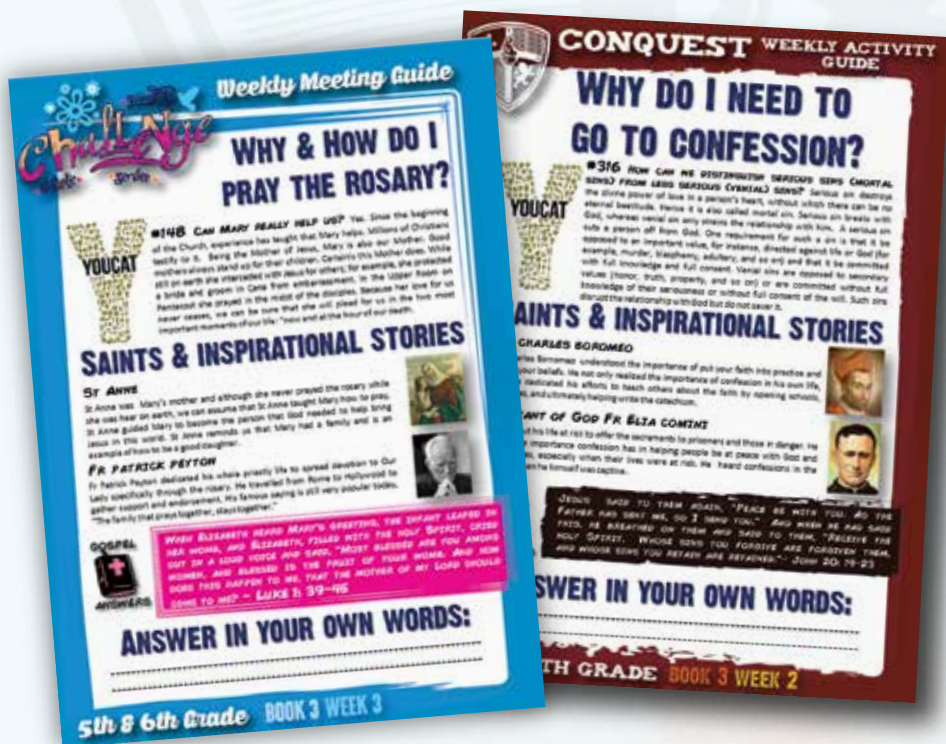
HOSPITAL HELPERS

WEEK 1	What does God do?	Why did God make me the way I am?	How do I know what is right & wrong?
WEEK 2	Does God think of me?	Who am I and who do I want to be?	Do I need to be honest all the time?
WEEK 3	Who can I trust in life?	How do I make myself a better person?	Why can't I do whatever I want?
WEEK 4	What was Jesus like?	How do I know what I should do in life?	How can I be strong when things are hard?
WEEK 5	How do I make time to pray every day?	Why do I care what people think about me?	Can I really help other people get to heaven?
WEEK 6	APOSTOLIC PROJECT	APOSTOLIC PROJECT	APOSTOLIC PROJECT

CHALLENGE & CONQUEST

WEEKLY MEETING GUIDE SHEETS

The Team Leader online resource centers have the weekly meeting guide sheets that you can print and hand out each week to the team members. The Team Leader or the Adult Leader can also email them to the members parents so they can see what their son or daughter learned and discussed that week. The 5th 6th and 7th 8th sheets are one page and have a summary of the meeting. The High School sheets are a few pages because they contain the YOU CAT numbers to discuss for that week.



EACH MEETING GUIDE SHEET HAS:

- * The question of the week
- * A few YOU CAT numbers that help answer the question
- * A passage from the Gospel that helps answer the question
- * A recap or quote from the saint and stories of the week that help answer the question
- * Some team discussion points to help to discover the answer to the question
- * A place to jot down the answer of the week in your own words.

NEW CHALLENGE & CONQUEST

ADVENT & LENT TEAM LEADER BOOKS

For 2017-18 we made an addition to our team leader kits - the new Advent and Lent Team Leader Guidebook. We listened to the requests of the leaders to add in themes and activities that could help the teens live the seasons of Advent and Lent each year. So every team leader kit includes this new special guidebook. This guidebook themes and gospel reflections go along with the 2017-18 liturgy readings for Sunday Mass, and we will have new Advent and Lent Guidebooks each year.



THE NEW ADVENT AND LENT TEAM LEADER GUIDEBOOKS HAVE:

- * 2 Apostolic Service Projects [1 for Advent and 1 for Lent]
- * 8 Weeks of Curriculum [4 for Advent and 4 for Lent]
- * Gospel Reflections each week based off the Sunday Mass Liturgy Readings
- * Christmas and Easter themed games and activities
- * Advent and Lent Weekly Meeting Guides

EXAMPLE OF THE CONQUEST TEAM LEADER GUIDEBOOKS

WEEK #1

HOW CAN I BE FRIENDS WITH GOD IF I CAN'T SEE OR HEAR HIM?

This section is meant to be a guide to help you prepare the activity for your team.

PREP and PLANNING FOR THE WEEKLY ACTIVITY

NEED WE ARE RESPONDING TO: I need to know I am important. **CONVICTIONS & DECISIONS TO REACH IN THE ACTIVITY:** I need to have a new relationship with God; deep, real, captivating and founded on the truth.

WHAT IS THE ANSWER TO THE QUESTION? God is present and speaks to me in his Word, through my conscience and through the Church. I can recognize God in everything around me. I can be friends with God even though I don't see or hear him. I can have a friendship with Christ because he loves me and made me most capable of friendship with him.

MAIN IDEAS:

These ideas will help you answer this week's question. Highlight the main ideas that jump out at you or that you can have them clear in your mind.

- Every man has a deep down desire to get to know God. We are always seeking him. St. Augustine said, "You have made us for yourself and our heart is restless until it rests in you." Only God can fully satisfy us.
- What is it that I am looking for in my friends? Can God be my friend at all? How can I see and hear God? YouCat #? "God reveals himself to us in the person of the blessed Trinity. Jesus Christ is God made man. He became man so that we can identify with him and he can identify with us."
- In order to become friends with someone, we have to get to know that person. We can get to know Jesus Christ and see and hear him speak to us in the Gospel. When we read the Gospel we see the words that Jesus says and he can speak them directly to me.
- We also need to spend time with someone if we want to be their friend. How will we be someone's friend if I never go over to his house, if we never do anything together? That friendship won't last long. If I want to be a friend of God, I have to go to his house to spend time with him, and to talk with him. We find Jesus physically present here on earth in the Eucharist. How often do we go to Mass? How often do we make time for adoration?
- What type of friendship am I looking for? What is true friendship? A real friend is someone who puts his friend before himself. Jesus Christ has laid down his life for me, he considers me his best friend.

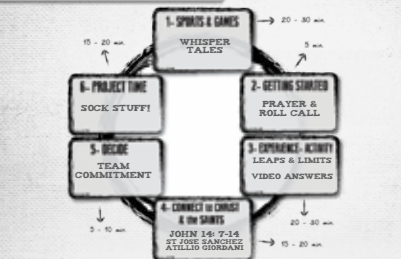
HOW WOULD YOU SUMMARIZE THE ANSWER AND MAIN IDEAS IN YOUR OWN WORDS?

PREP & PLAN BEFORE ACTIVITY

WEEK #1

HOW CAN I BE FRIENDS WITH GOD IF I CAN'T SEE OR HEAR HIM?

WEEK 1 MEETING AT A GLANCE



WHAT IS ON THE TEAM LEADER ONLINE RESOURCE CENTER FOR THIS WEEK?

- FILE 5-6-a: 1st wk's Meeting_Guide.pdf
- FILE 5-6-a: 1st wk's Whisper_Tales.pdf
- FILE 5-6-a: 1st wk's Leaps and Limits Game.pdf
- VIDEOS: 5-6-a: 1st wk's Miracle! Deaf boy hears Father's voice for the first time!!

MATERIALS YOU WILL NEED:

- A computer or tablet to show videos
- Whisper Tales
 - A set of headphones and something to play music
 - Whisper Tale card printed out
 - Poster board or white board and markers
- Leaps & Limits Game
 - 2 sets of Shedd's and Explains
 - 12 empty soda cans and 12 paper cups
 - A bag of balloons, 3 belts and 3 boxes of tissues
 - Print out Leaps & Limits cards and questions (2 sets of each)

PREP & PLAN BEFORE THE ACTIVITY

WEEK #2

WHY DO I NEED TO GO TO CONFESSION?

EXPERIENCE: DYNAMIC ACTIVITY

FIB FACTOR

CHECK IT OUT:

Have you ever heard of the game Box of Lies or Balderdash? This is a combination of them both!

MAKE IT HAPPEN:

- Set Up:** Before the game you will need to print out the Fib Factor Cards. You will need 10 boxes. In each box you need to put one Fib Factor card and a random strange item (see suggestions below). Set up a long table with one chair at each end. In the middle of the table should be a poster board or white board with the words FIB and FACT on the top and Team 1 & 2 on bottom so you can use it as a score board. Stack the boxes behind the table with numbers on them.
- Explanation:** Split the group into two teams. Each team will have one player represent their team against a player from the other team, like a showdown. The person from team one will need to select a box and take the item out without showing their opponent, but they will show the crowd. Instruct the crowd to not say anything. The person who has selected the item can then choose to say what was in the box or tell a lie about the item. They also read the Fib Factor card about confession out loud. The goal of the game is trick your opponent and get them to guess incorrectly. If they guess correctly, they are given a point for the item and a point for the fact. If not, the "liar" is awarded a point for each. Once the first round (first set of players) have gone, put the points on the board and tape the facts and fibs about confession. The next set of players then go, with the opposite team this time choosing a box. Then have more players go until everyone has a turn or you run out of boxes. The team with the most points wins.
- Suggested bizarre items in boxes:** Stuffed animal in mouse trap, Goldfish cracker box with glitter jewelry, live bug in paper envelope, Turkey baster with legos people in it, picture of Spiderman with Elvis as the head, doll made out of carrots, potatoes and toothpicks porcupine, frozen jar filled with cooked spaghetti noodles and seltzer, yellow glove decorated like a rooster, frozen DVD case frozen in a block of ice, etc. Be creative and crazy to keep it fun!

WRAP IT UP:

Discuss with the team the facts and fibs about confession and why.

1 2 3 4 5 6 EXPERIENCE: ACTIVITY

WEEK #2

WHY DO I NEED TO GO TO CONFESSION?

CONNECT- TO CHRIST in the GOSPEL REFLECTION

GOSPEL READING:

JOHN 20: 19-23

APPEARANCE TO THE APOSTLES

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained."

GOSPEL INSIGHTS:

- John writes that the disciples were locked in a room because they feared the Jewish people or Romans would kill them like they killed Jesus. Jesus miraculously appears among them anyway, and twice wishes on them peace. This is the peace of the risen Christ, which is not just being unafraid, but knowing that you are deeply united with God. It is also important for the apostles to feel at peace since only a few days ago most of them feel the guilt of abandoning Christ at the crucifixion.
- The only other time God breathes on human beings is in the Garden of Eden when he creates Man (Gen 2:7). Now, Jesus breathes on his apostles, gives them the Holy Spirit, and makes them into "new men" capable of forgiving sins. This is symbolic of the priesthood.
- Jesus sends his apostles just as the Father had sent him. A very important part of Jesus' ministry was to forgive sins. This is therefore a very important part of what the apostles and his successors (all future bishops and priests) would do throughout the ages: forgive the sins of God's people.

REFLECTION QUESTIONS TO TALK ABOUT

- Why were the disciples in a room with the doors locked?
- Why does Christ say "Peace be with you"? not just once, but twice?
- What kind of peace does Christ wish upon his apostles?
- Why does Christ breathe on the disciples his hands and his side?
- What does Christ do when he gives his disciples the power to forgive and retain sins? Why is this significant?

HOW DID CHRIST HELP US ANSWER THIS WEEK'S QUESTION IN THIS PASSAGE?

In this passage, Jesus answers the question by showing us that in one of the few appearances to his apostles after his death, he gives them the power to forgive sins. He knew that we would need this sacrament.

1 2 3 4 5 6 CONNECT TO CHRIST

Each Weekly activity is 8 -10 pages long. Download your free one week sample curriculum from the Conquest website!

EXAMPLE OF THE CHALLENGE TEAM LEADER GUIDEBOOKS

WEEK #1

Why do people suffer?
How can I help?

Getting ready is the first step to a great weekly meeting and activity with your team. Remember – your whole meeting should be a series of activities and experiences that help the girls as you team answer the question of the week

BEFORE: PREP and PLAN

Deeper Need We Are Responding To: need to know I am important.
Convictions & Decisions to Reach This Week: I have a unique mission to fulfill in this life. I will leave a lasting, positive impact on this world.

What is the Answer to the Question?
It is hard to understand why people suffer so much, and so often I want to do something to help them but yet I don't know what to do. Understanding suffering and knowing how to help makes a big difference in the world that I live in. Christ suffered the ultimate sacrifice in order to redeem me from my sins. I want to share his love for others so that they too can find meaning amidst the suffering they must so often endure.

Main Ideas:

- God does not cause suffering to happen directly but he allows it to happen because he allows us to be free. He is always good but sometimes we are not. God sees the big picture that we do not always see. We can help people who suffer and in that way show them God's love. People suffer because of either choices they themselves made, choices others made that affect them, or because of our condition as creatures. Sometimes we are affected by the very world we live in (Storms, Earthquakes, Fires, Sickness).
- When Adam and Eve committed the first sin, they allowed death to enter into the world. They fell from the original grace God bestowed on them, and thus were given the just consequences. Even physically, the world was affected. When we commit evil it has not just spiritual consequences but physical as well. Every moral decision we make has a consequence for either better or for worse and affects the lives of those around us. God allows this because he gave us each a free will so we can truly love him.
- By enduring sufferings that come our way and overcoming such challenges, we can gain merit, and become stronger all because God Himself gave suffering value because he himself underwent the worst of sufferings for us. We can console people and alleviate their suffering.

WEEK #1

Why do people suffer?
How can I help?

MEETING AT A GLANCE

MEETING AT A GLANCE

1 GETTING STARTED 5-10 min
Prayer
Roll Call

2 TEAM TIME 10-15 min
Icebreaker
Word Lingo
or
Snack

3 EXPERIENCE ACTIVITY 25-40 min
Inflatable Puzzles
Videos
Song
Slushies

4 CORRECT YOUR COURSE AND OTHERS 10-15 min

5 DECIDE TEAM PROMISE 5-10 min
John 9:1-41
Blind Man
St. Margarete
Come & Share
Antislavery Zaffi

6 SERVICE PROJECT 10-15 min
All Saints
Teach
What will we do?

MEETING YOU WILL NEED FOR THIS WEEK'S MEETING:

- Computer or tablet to watch videos and song
- Print off of Song Slushie Sheet and pens for each girl
- About 25 feet of rope or cord and a timer
- 45 Clothes pins, clip clips or paper clips
- 45 Balloons with the Inflatable Puzzles taped or written on them
- 4 Pool Noodles

WHAT IS ON THE TEAM LEADER ONLINE RESOURCE CENTER FOR THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES?

- Song Slushies Sheet
- Inflatable Puzzle Pieces and Answers
- Book 1 Week 1 Meeting Guide
- Video Links

Every weekly meeting is 8 - 10 pages long. The first pages help the team leader prepare for the activity and the other pages walk them through the meeting step by step. Additional print outs and hand outs can be found on the Resource center.

and loving people are trustworthy. You can count on or trust someone who is honest in the little things each day. You can count on or trust someone who is reliable and always there for you when you need them. You can definitely trust someone who loves you because they are looking out for your good. It is tricky to gain others trust, just like the game was tricky. It takes effort and each action we do every day is important to be trusted in greater things, just like each "trust" was important.

Activity 2: Video Answers

Discusses: Trustworthiness was just as important 65 years ago as it is now. What did you learn about trustworthiness in this video?

Watch on youtube or go to the online resource center to find the link.
Am I Trustworthy? (1960)
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KxMj0>

Activity 3: Mob Charades

Set Up: Before the game you can will need to make a sign with a poster board and appoint one person to be the cue card person. Print off the Mob Charade Words from the Team Leader Resource Center and have the Cue Card person tape them to the sign for each turn. You will need a large timer or a person who is keeping track of time. Print off the Mob Charades letters "COUNT" and "TRUST". Give one letter to each girl on the team and have them scramble to find their team mates who make up the same word. Have something to keep track of points for each team (stickers, balloons, candy).

Explanation: The game's very simple. You call up the person with the first letter of the word from team one ("C") and they come to the front and face the two teams. Instead of acting out the word, they need to guess what the charade word is while all of the other team members act out the word. The cue card person will turn behind the guesser, showing the word to the crowd. When the timer starts, everyone needs to act out the word. The opposing team may try to act out distracting things. No talking aloud from the crowd. If they guess correctly, the team gets the point. If they do not guess, no point. Any cheating from the other team means they will lose a point. The team leader can give a clue and explanation of the word at the beginning of each turn to learn about trust. The winning team is the one with the most points at the end.

NOTES

GHOST

CONNECT TO THE SAINTS

St Rita of Cascia

Margaretta was born in Italy, in 1781, and expressed from an early age the desire to become a nun. Her elderly parents insisted that she be married young to a man who they thought would take care of her. After she was married she discovered he was cruel and harsh, involved in crimes and violence in their town. She spent eighteen extremely unhappy years with her husband. She had two sons who were influenced by his behavior. She was finally widowed when her husband was killed in a brawl. Her ambitious sons planned to get into the army, but they died of sickness before they could obtain it. Rita, still anxious to become a nun, tried unsuccessfully to enter a convent in Cascia. She was refused because she was a widow and because of the requirement that all sisters should be unmarried. She insisted for 6 years and finally they let her become a nun. She earned fame for her austerity, devotion to prayer, and charity. On Good Friday, she prayed before a crucifix and begged Christ for some small share of his suffering. As though punctuated by a crown of thorns, a single wound opened on Rita's forehead. For fifteen years it caused her daily pain and embarrassed her. She died of tuberculosis in 1847 in Cascia, Italy and many miracles were reported instantly. Canonized in 1900, she is honored as a patron saint of hopeless causes. At every stage of her life, Rita seems to have bravely endured unendurable circumstances. None of these things, however, prevented her from serving God. There is also a miracle associated with St. Rita of Cascia that has been translated to English. You can find it online but some parts are violent since it was in the middle ages. If you want to show girls, choose carefully.

St Mary McKillop

Mary McKillop was born on Jan. 19th, 1842 in Australia. She was the eldest of 8 brothers and sisters. Her parents were Scottish immigrants and although her father tried to work, many of his business ventures did not turn out well and Mary grew up moving a lot and working to help bring home money for her family. When she was 18 years old, she became a governess for her cousins. While educating her cousins, she also saw many children in poverty, nearly who needed education and she invited them to her daily lessons. Soon her aunt and uncle's home was a place for poor children to learn. A priest in town heard of Mary's teaching and spoke to her about founding a group of nuns who would dedicate their lives to teach poor children. Mary agreed and the Sisters of St. Joseph began in (including 2 of Mary's sisters) (some of Mary's sisters) in 1866. Ten other young women joined Mary and they had joined her as nuns, helping to educate poor children. The nuns would go from city to city in groups of two or three teaching and living with families. After many years of working and teaching in New Zealand and Australia, Mary suffered a stroke in 1901 and died on August 8th, 1909. When she died there were over 750 nuns working in 17 schools. Pope Benedict XVI canonized her on Oct. 17th, 2010.

REMEMBER – YOUR TEAM AND YOU ARE NOT THE ONLY PEOPLE WHO HAVE ASKED THE QUESTION. LET'S TALK ABOUT OTHER PEOPLE WHO HAVE ASKED THEMSELVES THE SAME QUESTION AND FOUND AN ANSWER.

Shared to the saints

WHAT DO WE MEAN BY SERVICE DRIVEN?

In every guidebook there are AGE & GENDER specific service projects that have been successful in Challenge & Conquest groups over the past 10 years.

On the following pages you can see the Challenge & Conquest service projects at a glance for each age level as well as the extra projects. Book 3 in the Adult Leader Series is dedicated specifically to the topic of service in Challenge & Conquest.

CHALLENGE & CONQUEST SERVICE “STYLE”

In Challenge and Conquest, we try to make sure that we do service projects in a certain way, which has proven itself to work for the past 15 years.

#1

**IT SHOULD MAKE
A REAL IMPACT
ON SOMEONE’S
LIFE.
NOT BUSY WORK.**

#2

**THE PROJECT IS
ATTRACTIVE &
THE TEENS
SHOULD KNOW
THEY ARE NEEDED.**

#3

**IT’S A TEAM
PROJECT. THE
TEENS SHOULD
TAKE IT ON & GIVE
IT THEIR ALL.**



APOSTOLIC SERVICE PROJECTS

CONQUEST

In each of the Challenge & Conquest Team Leader Guidebooks you will find several pages at the beginning of the book that are dedicated to the project with suggestions of how to plan and organize the team.

SERIES ONE PROJECTS FOR 2017-18

5TH&6TH GRADE



**SUPERHERO
FOR A DAY**



SOCK STUFF



BIKE FOR COLLARS

ADVENT-LENT

7TH&8TH GRADE



PILGRIM QUEEN



FEED THE NEED



**CONQUERING
RETREATS**



GIVING TREE

HIGH SCHOOL



CARDBOARD CITY



PARTY ON!



GARAGE SALE



LIVING STATIONS

SERIES TWO PROJECTS

5TH & 6TH GRADE

7TH & 8TH GRADE

HIGH SCHOOL

ADVENT - LENT



TRICK OR TREAT



DEFEND TO THE END



HOT DOGS FOR HOMELESS



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COMMUNION IN CHURCH



MISSION FAMILY



KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS



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REAL CHRISTMAS



UNCLE SCROOGE'S CHRISTMAS



INGLES IGLESIA



AGAINST THE GRAIN



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APOSTOLIC SERVICE PROJECTS

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SERIES ONE PROJECTS for 2017 18

5TH&6TH GRADE



ADVENT & LENT

7TH&8TH GRADE



HIGH SCHOOL



CHRIST'S
PASSION
MISSION



SERIES TWO PROJECTS

5TH & 6TH GRADE



7TH & 8TH GRADE



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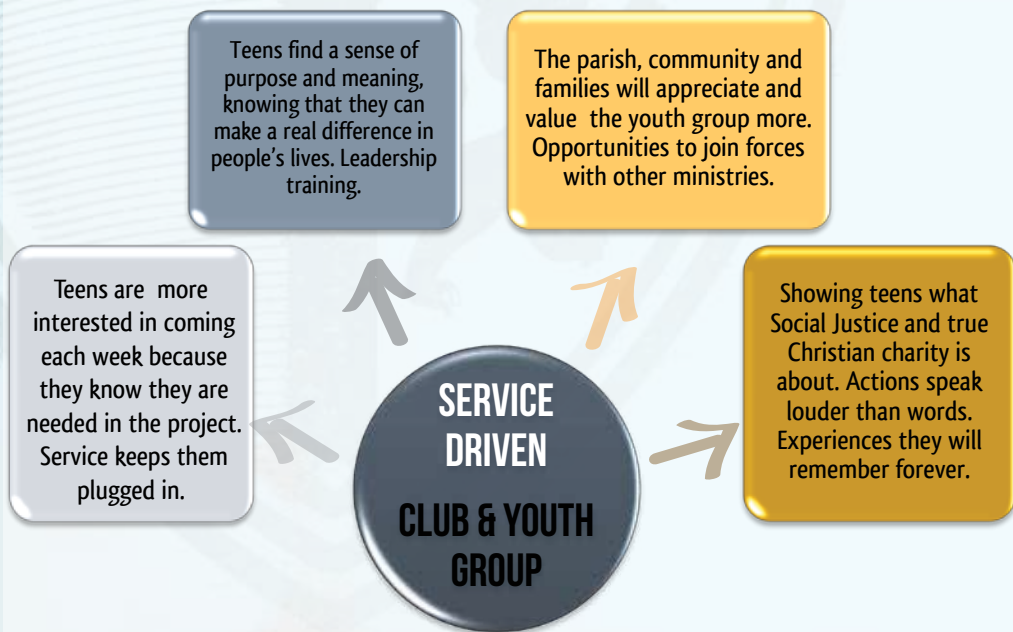
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FIRST



Brighter
BIRTHDAY
Bash



HOW CAN SERVICE PROJECTS TRANSFORM MY YOUTH GROUP?



STRUCTURED YET FLEXIBLE

Over the course of the year, each team can do 4 to 5 projects.

Each team leader guidebook has a service project in it.

There are also over 30 other project options they can choose from on the online resource center if they want to do something different. It's a structured but flexible program.

WHAT ARE PEOPLE SAYING ABOUT



AND

CONQUEST ?

FORGED IN VIRTUE. CALLED TO SERVE.

“ I think it’s an excellent program. Teens have an opportunity to grow in faith both younger ones who are participants and also the older ones who serve as role models. It gives them wonderful footing for the years ahead as they enter high school and college. It’s shaped them in their personal values, it’s deepened their personal relationship with Christ, and given them a solid foundation of the teachings of the faith. It’s focused on charity and the command to love one’s neighbor - what a great lesson to learn at a young age.” - **MSGR. STUMPF, PASTOR, INDIANAPOLIS**

“ Challenge and Conquest has been an incredible joining of all the pieces of our parish. With the school principal and the director of religious education helping me to communicate, we have been able to take High School youth and implement this program to help them be the effective Catholics in a fun way.” - **MARGARET MERRILL, YOUTH MINISTER, TENNESSEE**

“ Challenge fosters the gift of self at a time in life when they tend to be quite self-absorbed. It’s truly remarkable to see how these girls grow into young women who are formed in their faith.” - **SALLY IVERS, VOLUNTEER, COLORADO**

“It’s a program that helps you understand that it’s not weird to have faith. It’s actually cool and fun, to believe in God.”

- **JEFF SHEPHERD, DAD & VOLUNTEER**

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