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This book is meant to be a guide to help you lead your team's weekly meeting & activities. There is one service project and 6 weeks of activities per book. The final week is meant to be a hands on apostolic service project with your team. Use your team leader guidebook as a workbook where you write in it and plan and prepare your team activities. You will find other helpful things for the activities on your Team Leader online resource center.

THIS BOOK BELONGS TO:

Each weekly meeting is an opportunity to help your team members discover something new about God, themselves and the world around them. We all have questions in our hearts and Conquest gives you a unique way to work together to discover the answers to those questions. In Conquest, we have a special way to help the boys discover the answers to their questions:



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HOW ICUSE INS GUIDEBOOK

This guidebook is intended for your personal use, the Conquest "teen" team leader, (ideally 2-3 years older than the boys you are leading). The team leader is the most important role in the group, and the success of the team is directly proportionate to your generosity in giving your time and talent for your team of boys entrusted to you. This cannot be taken lightly. This is your mission. In order to help foster this dedication and leadership, the Conquest adult leader is present to actively encourage and motivate you. Ideally he will be reviewing your planning and preparation each week, offering his support, suggestions, and critique, all to form you into the true leader God calls you to be, with an apostolic heart on fire for Christ and His Church! Don't forget to ask him for your password to the Team Leader online resource center on the Conquest website. This guidebook is broken down into the following areas:

1. PROJECT OVERVIEW SECTION: This is a complete overview of the entire proposed apostolic service project the team should complete in the weeks allocated. Of course you are free to choose any optional project from the online resources or even create your own!

INTRODUCTION PAGE:

Project Name and Logo: This states the suggested name and logo for the apostolic project.

Serves: This indicates who or what is aided. (Poor, Family, Church, Friends, Sick & Elderly, or Community)

Time Frame: This indicates the time of year best to apply this apostolic project.

Present the Need To My Team: This area contains some questions for you to pose to the team to incite discussions on the particular topic that will lead them to the apostolate. It also may contain some references that you can use (Catechism, YouCat, Gospel verses, stories, etc.) to help you motivate the team.

Called to Serve: This is a summary of the apostolic project, and what the team is called to do to directly meet the need.

WEEKLY PROJECT PLANNING: This section lists the activities and planning suggestions to be taken week by week along with the appropriate question of the week.

TACTICS BY AREAS

Location: The suggested place(s) where the project should be executed, along with some practical advice for the location planning.

Provisions: A list of items and materials needed to carry out the project.

Responsibilities: Since each boy needs a responsibility, this suggests some specific ones that will be needed for the project.



Indicates a moment to ask the boys a question and get them talking



Indicates you will need a computer or tablet to watch a video clip online



Indicates a reference or quote from the YouCAT (Youth Catechism)



Indicates indoor or outdoor activity







Indicates the amount of approximate time needed for an activity (15 min's to 1 hour)

DEBRIEFING: This area helps you to plan out the final details of the project including any last minute instructions for the team.

Special Ops: Provides key elements and best practices for the team's success.

Contingency Plans: This provides variations of the project. Depending on circumstances, projects can be varied to meet needs of the team or local area.

Roll Call- Organizing the team: This is where you can put the pertinent contact information for all those helping with this project including team members, adult volunteers and other contacts.

Appendices: Some projects may have an appendix which gives you an example or references that may be helpful for how certain aspects of the project can be done.

Project Notes: This area is left blank for you to write down any pertinent information for you to refer back to for this project.

2. WEEKLY ACTIVITIES:

PLAN & PREP: Each week you should review the weekly activity plan with the adult club mentor who can share some tips to help you better prepare for that next weeks activities. Each weekly activity has a "Prep and Plan" section to help you understand the theme.

Question of the Week: This is the actual theme to discuss and you need to gear all the activities to help answer this question.

Need we are Responding To: This presents the deeper need or reason why we ask this question.

Convictions & Decisions: These are ideas and decisions you are trying to help your team understand. Hopefully by the end of the meeting they are ready to live differently.

What is the answer to the question? Brief and summarized answer to present to the team.

Main Ideas: Usually a few ideas that help answer the question. Ideally, it is best to use this as a personal resource only for you to gain an understanding and come up with ideas to transmit this theme to the team. It is not meant to be read word for word, but rather summarized in your own words and stories.

What does the catechism say about this question? YouCat numbers are listed and quoted to help better answer the question of the week.

How would you summarize the answer and main ideas in your own words? A place for you to take notes to present the question and answer points to your team.

>>>>>>>> YOU WILL SEE THESE ICONS IN THE GUIDEBOOK TO HELP YOU.



Indicates videos on the Team Leader Online Resource Center



Indicates materials you will need for the activity



Very important!
Indicates there are
additional materials on
the Team Leader
online resource center

HOW ICUS-ins GUD-BOOK

This weeks meeting at A glance: A breakdown of the 6 steps of the weekly meeting and approximate time per step.

Material you will need for this week's meeting: A list of supplies and materials for you to plan ahead of time to bring. Adult leaders should help you obtain them.

What is on the team leader online resource center for this week?: A list of files, handouts and videos you will need for the activities.

EXECUTE: TEAM ACTIVITY TIMELINE

After you prepare, there are 6 steps to execute each week during your Conquest weekly activity.

STEP 1 - SPORTS & GAMES: Some suggestions are offered for an active activity that also ties in with the theme.

STEP 2 - GETTING STARTED: Always take attendance and choose someone to lead the opening prayer.

STEP 3 - EXPENIENCE: -> DYNAMIC ACTIVITY: This is the formative activity that will help you answer the question and get across the key ideas of the weekly theme. You want the boys to have an experience that helps them to better understand the question and the answer. Usually a game and video(s) for discussion.

STEP 4- CONNECT

TO CHRIST -> GOSPEL READING & REFLECTION: One member should be chosen to read the Gospel passage. At the end, instruct the members that there will be 1-2 minutes of silence. You then ask if anyone would like to share any lights or inspirations. Insights and questions are also provided to assist you in leading the boys.

TO OTHERS.-> SAINTS & INSPIRATIONAL STORIES: This is the time when you can tell them the story of a saint or modern day hero who also had this question of the week and found an answer.

STEP 5- DECIDE -> **TEAM COMMITMENTS**: The final connection should be to the boys own lives and they should want to live differently and make a decision – individually and as a team to do something that week. Suggestions are offered here for a commitment that the team can do. Review last weeks commitments, and how many team members fulfilled it.

STEP 6 - **PROJECT TIME & WRAP UP**: Review the previous weeks planning, action items and record this weeks new actions to be completed. Wrap up and closing prayer.

3. PROJECT EVALUATION

This area is great to evaluate how well the team did overall for this project. There are questions for you to answer and review with the Adult leader and your team.

IMPORTANT NOTE:

You will need to access the following websites for resources for this team leader guidebook.

<u>www.ConquestYouthMinistry.com</u>: Click on "Resources" along the top menu, then click on the "Login" button under the Team Leader Resource Center & Training section. Make sure to obtain your password from your Conquest Adult Leader. Also, he should ask you to watch the Team Leader Online Training Modules, take the short quiz at the end, and print your certificate and provide it to him.

THE 6 PARTS OF THE CONQUEST WEEKLY MEETING

1- SPORTS & GAMES

Have a fun physical activity each week. Make sure virtue is always the focus.

6- PROJECT TIME

every week the team works on the service project that is in the book or another project chosen.

5- DECIDE

TEAM COMMITMENT. They decide on an action to put into practice the lesson they just learned.

2- GETTING STARTED

Start off with a prayer and state the QUESTION of the week.

3- EXPERIENCE- ACTIVITY

An activity that ANSWERS the question of the week through a game, video or dynamic. FOLLOW
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OF THE
PAGES
TO KNOW
WHAT
PART
OF THE
MEETING
YOU ARE





4- CONNECT to CHRIST & the SAINTS

A gospel refection on how Christ answers the question of the week, plus lives of the saints & heroic stories.

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THE WEEKLY GUIDE SHEET HANDOUTS



The Team Leader online resource center has the weekly meeting guide sheets that you can print and hand out each week to your team members. You or the Adult Leader can also email them to the member's parents so they can see what their son learned and discussed that week.

EACH MEETING GUIDE SHEET HAS:

- The question of the week and a few YouCat 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
- A place to jot down the answer of the week in your own words.

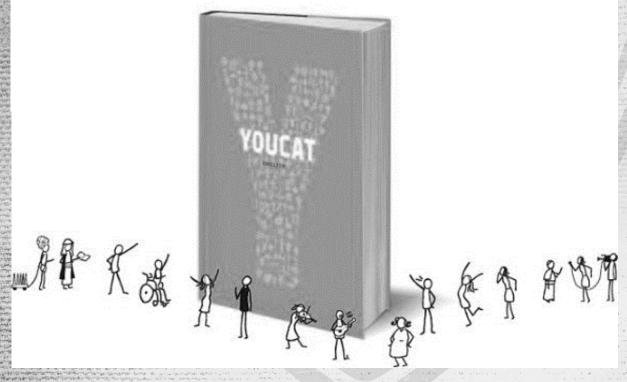
THE HIGH SCHOOL CURRICULUM

WHAT IS THE YOUCAT?

The YOUCAT (Youth Catechism of the Catholic Church) is the official Catholic catechism for young people. It takes all of the content of the Catechism and makes the teachings of the Church easily understood through a questions and answer format. If we want to be strong Christians, we need to know and love our faith.

WHAT DOES THE YOUCAT STAND FOR?

The "Youth Catechism". It is about YOU discovering the answers to your questions, doubts, about your faith.



IS A BASIC STUDY OF THE YOUCAT

INTRODUCTION VIDEOS



WATCH 3 INTRO VIDEOS

Can be found on the Conquest Team Leader
Online Resource Center at:
www.ConquestYouthMinistry.com/Resources



YOUCAT Intro

Video name: HS-YOUCAT INTRO



The YOUCAT

Video name: HS-THE YOUCAT



YOUCAT - Book Trailer

Video name: HS-YOUCAT BOOK TRAILER



HOW WILL WE USE IT IN THE WEEKLY MEETING FORMAT?

Every week in Conquest we set out to answer a question that we have deep down in our hearts. This year, each week we will cover a question that corresponds to a few numbers from the YOUCAT. By the end of the year we will have studied 99% of the YOUCAT and learn the basic principles and aspects of our Catholic faith.



PRESENTING THE NEED TO MY TEAM

- Have you ever been hungry? What if you didn't have any food to eat? What if you lived every single day not knowing when you will be able to eat your next meal?
- This is a real situation that thousands of people experience each and every single day. People that are homeless and have absolutely nothing but the clothes on their back.
- So what can we do? When we or our parents see this, so we simply look the other way? Or are we genuinely concerned as Christians and want to do something to help, even in a small way?
- Do you know an area downtown in your city that has lots of homeless people? Or perhaps a park where they sleep and hang out?



OUR CALL TO SERVE

There are options we can choose to do:

- Fundraise and serve hotdogs to the homeless downtown or at a park
- Fundraise and make sack lunches to help another organization
- Volunteer our time to serve the homeless at a local shelter or soup kitchen.

Let's not look the other way!

PROJECT OVERVIEW

WEEK	STEPS	QUESTION OF THE WEEK
	Decide: Decide which way to help the homeless. Option 1: Fundraise to buy hot dogs, buns, condiments, and chips to serve to the homeless in a specific area during week 6. Option 2: Fundraise to buy food to make sack lunches to donate to an organization in your community that already serves the homeless. Option 3: Contact a local shelter or soup kitchen to volunteer as a team to help serve the homeless. Contact: Contact the organization you choose to help, or make plans to visit a specific area where homeless are located. It may be good to contact the local park department or authorities and tell them of your plans if you will visit a park to deliver food.	What does the Holy Spirit do? Why is confirmation important?
2	Budget: Make a budget to see how much money you will need to buy food depending on how many people you want to serve.	Why does God want us to be part of the Church? How does that work?

WEEK	STEPS	QUESTION OF THE WEEK
	Invite: Invite parents to help assist with this project and come up with a fundraising plan. You can talk to your pastor to see if he would support you collecting funds after weekend Masses.	How should a Catholic live? How do I know what is right from wrong?
J	Plan: Make flyers for fundraiser, poster and start a social media campaign.	
	Promote: Promote the flyers this week, and hang the posters, and tweet and FB social media to friends, family, or even on the parish website and in the bulletin if possible.	
4	Collect Funds: Collect funds this week, after weekend Masses, from friends, family, etc. Promote: Keep promotion going this week.	What do the first three commandments have to do with my life?
5	Final fundraising: Finish up collecting funds this week from all sources. Final Plan: Depending on how much was collected, make a plan for how much food can be purchased next week, and how to cook/prepare hotdogs, and logistics for delivery to downtown area or park.	What do the rest of the ten commandments have to do with my life?
	Hot Dogs for the Homeless! There is a short Gospel reflect project starts. (see week 6 towards the end of the book)	tion to help the team before the
G	Cook: Cook the hotdogs in large pots of water, place in bu Pack: Put them in a cooler to keep them warm.	uns and wrap in foil individually.
	Serve: Go to the area and set up a table and joyfully ser pray for them!	ve the homeless! Make sure to
	Make sure to take pictures and send them along with a National Office info@Conquestclubs.com to get a story o	

HOT DOGS FOR THE HOMELESS

TACTICS BY AREAS

LOCATION

You need to decide on the locations that you will serve at well in advance (in week 1). Make sure to get some adults / parents involved for advice and help:

- · A downtown area
- A local park where homeless are known to congregate.
- Mobile plan Multiple locations where homeless are (such as under bridges, in parks, downtown streets, etc.)
- A homeless shelter
- A local soup kitchen
- A local organization that collects food / funds to help the homeless.

PROVISIONS

Depending on the type you choose to organize, here are some possible items that may be needed:

- · Posters / Flyers for promotion
- Social Media for promotion
- Parish bulletin ad or website for promotion
- Food items for hot dogs and side, or sack lunches and bags/foil
- (investigate all prices in advance calculate per person, but plan to buy in bulk Costco, Sam's Club, etc.)
- Logistics for transportation (vans, trucks, etc.)
- Tables / chairs large signs, etc.
- Conquest T-shirts for team project

RESPONSIBILITIES

- Team Members Should each have their own responsibility assigned to them, that they are fully responsible for. This ensures that they have their heart in this project and mission to serve the homeless.
- Adult Volunteers Should have their local diocesan certification for working with youth completed prior to assisting with the project. They should also register with the parish / institution to be volunteer drivers (some require proof of insurance and copies of drivers license.)
- Priest Ideally, a priest or deacon should accompany the team for this project (if possible) to offer blessings to the homeless, and even sacrament of confession to any Catholic homeless.





DEBRIEFING



CONTACTS

- Each Facility or Center Director where the team will be visiting for the project.
- Adult Volunteers for chaperones and transportation
- Parish / Institution Business Office for obtaining permission forms for off-site club activities and certification of adult volunteers. Also for any promotional / fundraising needs.
- Priest to hopefully be able to accompany the team during the project.

SPECIAL OPS

- Adult Chaperones should ensure that the team members are always within their sight. Team
 members should always work the project in pairs of two or even three, never approach anyone by
 yourself.
- Preparing the team for first time encounters with the homeless is crucial. They should not take this lightly, and be shocked and quiet and not knowing what to say or do. They need to receive some sort of coaching ahead of time, preferably by someone who has experience and can share their experiences.

CONTINGENCY PLAN

- Any type of collection of funds or food to help the poor or homeless could also work. The teens need to have an experience of selfless service and love for others.
- PICS AND VIDEO WARNING: Do not take videos or pictures of the homeless, as this can be disrespectful, instead, take pics and videos of the project preparations, etc.

PROJECT NOTES:

WHAT DOES THE HOLY SPIRIT DO? WHY IS CONFIRMATION IMPORTANT?

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 have a new relationship with God.

CONVICTIONS & DECISIONS TO REACH IN THE ACTIVITY: God loves me and I can get to know him. I want to respond to God by loving him.

WHAT IS THE ANSWER TO THE QUESTION? The Holy Spirit is the third person of the Trinity and he teaches me to pray and helps me to be there for others. He strengthens and guides the Church. Confirmation is the sacrament that completes baptism and where we receive the gift of the Spirit.

MAIN IDEAS FROM THE YOUGAT:

The answer to this weeks question can be found in the YOUCAT: $\pm 113-120$, $\pm 203-207$, $\pm 310-311$, and ± 496 which are found on the meeting guide sheet and are summarized below.



- **#113:** What does it mean to say: I believe in the Holy Spirit? To believe in the Holy Spirit means to worship him as God just like the Father and the Son.
- **#114:** What role does the Holy Spirit play in the life of Jesus? It was the Holy Spirit who called Jesus to life in the womb of the Virgin Mary, endorsed him as God's beloved Son, guided him and enlivened him to the end.
- **#115:** Under what names and signs does the Holy Spirit appear? The Holy Spirit descends upon Jesus in the form of a dove. The first Christians experience the Holy Spirit as a healing ointment, living water, a raging storm, or a flaming fire. Jesus Christ himself speaks about the Counselor, Comforter, Teacher, and Spirit of Truth.
- **#116:** What does it mean to say that the Holy Spirit has "spoken through the prophets"? Already in the Old Covenant God filled men and women with the Spirit, so that they lifted up their voices for God, spoke in his name, and prepared the people for the coming of the Messiah.
- **#117:** How could the Holy Spirit work in, with, and through Mary? She was able to become the "Mother of God" through the working of the Holy Spirit.
- **#118:** What happened on Pentecost? Fifty days after his Resurrection, the Lord sent the Holy Spirit down from heaven upon his disciples. The age of the Church began. On Pentecost the Holy Spirit transformed fearful apostles into courageous witnesses to Christ.
- **#119:** What does the Holy Spirit do in the Church? The Holy Spirit builds up the Church and impels her. He reminds her of her mission. He calls people into her service and sends them the necessary gifts.
- **#120:** What does the Holy Spirit do in my life? The Holy Spirit makes me receptive to God; he teaches me to pray and helps me to be there for others.

PREP & PLAN
BEFORE ACTIVITY



REMEMBER THE WEEKLY MEETING GUIDES

Print out the Meeting Guide from the Team Leader online resource center for this week. The Meeting Guide Sheet for the team members has the ENTIRE numbers from the YouCat, gospel quote, saint stories and team discussion questions to help answer the question of the week.



If you have a YOUCAT make sure you use it.
These numbers in this book are shortened to highlight the main ideas.

CHRISM (from Greek chrisma = oil of anointing; and christos = anointed one): Chrism is an ointment made out of a mixture of olive oil and balsam.

#203: What is Confirmation? Confirmation is the sacrament that completes Baptism; in it the gift of the Holy Spirit is bestowed upon us.

#204: What does Sacred Scripture say about the sacrament of Confirmation? In the Acts of the Apostles, we see Peter and John traveling about to confirm new Christians by imposing hands on those who previously "had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus", so that their hearts might be filled with the Holy Spirit.

#205: What happens in Confirmation? In Confirmation the soul of a baptized Christian is imprinted with a permanent seal that can be received only once and marks this individual forever as a Christian. The gift of the Holy Spirit is the strength from above in which this individual puts the grace of his Baptism into practice through his life and acts as a "witness" for Christ.

#206: Who can be confirmed, and what is required of a candidate for Confirmation? Any Catholic Christian who has received the sacrament of Baptism and is in the "state of grace" can be admitted to confirmation.

#207: Who may confirm? The sacrament of Confirmation is normally administered by the Bishop. The bishop can also delegate a priest to do it.

#310: What are the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit? The seven gifts of the Holy Spirit are wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and fear of the Lord.

#311: What are the fruits of the Holy Spirit? The fruits of the Holy Spirit are charity, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, generosity, gentleness, faithfulness, modesty, self-control, and chastity.

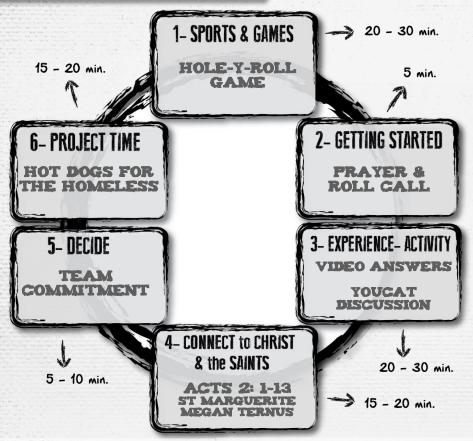
#496: Why do we need the Holy Spirit when we pray? The Bible says, "We do not know how to pray as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with sighs too deep for words" (Rom 8:26). Praying to God is possible only with God. It is not primarily our accomplishment that our prayer actually reaches God. We Christians have received the Spirit of Jesus, who wholeheartedly yearned to be one with the Father: to be loving at all times, to listen to each other with complete attention, to understand each other thoroughly, to want wholeheartedly what the other person wants. This holy Spirit of Jesus is in us, and he is speaking through us when we pray. The Holy Spirit helps our spirit to pray.

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

PREP & PLAN

WHAT DOES THE HOLY SPIRIT DO? WHY IS CONFIRMATION IMPORTANT?

WEEK 1 MEETING AT A GLANCE





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

- FILE: HS-1 ser2 wk 1 Meeting_Guide.pdf
- VIDEO: HS-1 ser2 wk1 -Chris Padgett on Fire with The Holy Spirit
- VIDEO: HS-1 ser 2 wk1 c4: Ignite Your Catholic Faith – Why is Confirmation important?
- VIDEO: HS-1 ser 2 wk1 Sacraments 101: Confirmation (why we're confirmed)

MATERIALS YOU WILL NEED:

- ✓ A computer or tablet to show videos Hole-Y-Roll Game:
- ✓ An old ironing board (with holes in it) or a grill rack (with squares)
- ✓ At least 2 marbles and 2 ping pong balls
- ✓ Colored tape to mark the board (or masking tape and some colored markers.

PREP & PLAN

HOLE-Y ROLL

CHECK IT OUT:

Have you ever played those little plastic hand held games with the little metal ball you have to get through a maze? This is very similar, but much bigger!



TALK ABOUT IT

MAKE IT HAPPEN:

- 1. Before the game starts you need get either an ironing board (the kind with the holes) or a grill or oven rack can also work as long as it has squares or circles.
- 2. Using tape and a colored marker, draw a bulls-eye around one of the circles or squares. You can use a marble for the first round and a ping pong ball for those who make it to the second round. Designate a start zone at one end of the board.
- 3. Have the team members get into pairs. Each pair can take a turn and has 60 seconds to try and get the marble to the bulls-eye and to stay on it by tilting the board in different directions. Both people should have both hands holding the board with a the marble preloaded on the ironing board. Once the clock starts, players may place their hands on the sides of the ironing board and will begin rolling the marble down the board by tilting the board. If the marble falls off of the board at any time, the player must stop, pick it up and place it in the start zone before attempting the game again. To complete the game, players must get the marble from the start position to the bulls-eye. If they cannot do it in 60 seconds, the next team tries.
- 4. If players successfully complete it, they can move onto the same challenge but with ping pong balls.

WRAP IT UP:

Explain that this game has a lot to do with the theme of the week – the Holy Spirit. Our goal in life is essentially to love God and get to heaven. The Holy Spirit helps to guide us in a similar way that you tried to guide the marble to the hole. He does not force us but he moves us to go in a certain direction. As we get older – or bigger – like the ping pong ball it is sometimes more difficult to guide because the world weighs on us, as we begin to carry more baggage in our lives such as relationships and tons of other possible distractions.

NOTES:



WHAT DOES THE HOLY SPIRIT DO? WHY IS CONFIRMATION IMPORTANT?

EXECUTION STARTED

ROLL CALL

List each member in attendance, and record a check mark if they brought their Conquest Member Book and are wearing their T-shirt

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OPENING PRAYER

Ask a team member to lead the opening praye (Invocation of the Holy Spirit) in the Conques Member book. Ask the boys if they have any special		
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EXPERIENCE: VIDEO ANSWERS

VIDEO



ANSWERS

Watch the videos on the Conquest Team Leader Online Resource Center which touch on the topic of the week. You can choose the ones that you think would best reach your team. After watching the videos, get their feedback and how they think the videos relate to the question of the week.

VIDEO #1: HS-1 ser1 wk1 -Chris Padgett on Fire with The Holy Spirit



VIDEO #2: HS-1 ser 1 wk1 - C4: Ignite Your Catholic Faith – Why is Confirmation important?

VIDEO #3: HS-1 ser 1 wk1 - Sacraments 101: Confirmation (why we're Confirmed)

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DISCUSSION ABOUT YOUGAT NUMBERS



EXPLANATION: Since this is year we are focusing on doing a YOUCAT study, we will take a moment each week to actually talk to your team about the question of the week and the numbers from the YOUCAT found on this weeks **Meeting Guide Sheet.**

- 1. The first thing to do is to read the numbers from the YOUCAT with everyone. You can assign each guy to read one of the numbers.
- 2. After each number ask if anyone has any questions about what it means. Give examples of things you maybe did not understand at first and take advantage of the definitions and explanations found throughout the YOUCAT in the margins to help you to better explain.
- 3. Ask how each number of the YOUCAT helps answer the question of the week. Go through and help them see that the Church does help us find answers to our deepest questions.

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WEEK# 1

WHAT DOES THE HOLY SPIRIT DO? WHY IS CONFIRMATION IMPORTANT?



CONNECT: TO CHRIST in the GOSPEL REFLECTION

BIBLE READING: PENTECOST

ACTS 2: 1-13

When the time for Pentecost was fulfilled, they were all in one place together. And suddenly there came from the sky a noise like a strong driving wind, and it filled the entire house in which they were. Then there appeared to them tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each one of them. And they were all filled with the holy Spirit and began to speak in different tongues, as the Spirit enabled them to proclaim. Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven staying in Jerusalem. At this sound, they gathered in a large crowd, but they were confused because each one heard them speaking in his own language. They were astounded, and in amazement they asked, "Are not all these people who are speaking Galileans? Then how does each of us hear them in his own native language? We are Parthians, Medes, and Elamites, inhabitants of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the districts of Libya near Cyrene, as well as travelers from Rome, both Jews and converts to Judaism, Cretans and Arabs, yet we hear them speaking in our own tongues of the mighty acts of God." They were all astounded and bewildered, and said to one another, "What does this mean?"

PASSAGE INSIGHTS:

This passage is from the Acts of the Apostles- which is in the New Testament – and explains the different events that happened to the apostles after Jesus rose from the dead and ascended into heaven. In this passage we hear about Pentecost – which was actually originally a Jewish feast. This event happened around that time so the Catholic Church celebrates the coming of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost. The apostles were still very frightened even though weeks had passed since Jesus was crucified. They were worried they would be killed next and they were afraid to go out and spread the teaching that Jesus had taught to them. They knew it in their heads and hearts but fear overpowered them from acting so the Holy Spirit came down on them and gave them the push they needed to get out there and be apostles. We can see in the passage that they immediately run out to preach.

REFLECTION QUESTIONS TO TALK ABOUT:

- What do you think the apostles were afraid of facing if they spoke about Jesus?
- Have your ever had the experience where you love something so much that you want to tell everyone you know about it?
- The Holy Spirit filled their hearts with so much love for God that they had to go out and tell everyone they met about him. All fear vanished. Have you ever felt the strength to tell your friends about Jesus after being afraid?

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

This passage answers the question by showing us what the Holy Spirit did in the lives of the frightened apostles. He gave them the strength to go out and be apostles. He set their hearts on fire with God's love so that they wanted to share the message in any way possible.



CONNECT: TO OTHERS – Saints & Inspirational Stories

Remember – the goal of this moment is to help the boys realize that they are not the only ones who have dealt with this question. Share the story of the saint or other inspirational story.

MARGUERITE DE YOUVILLE



Marie-Marguerite Dufrost was born in 1701 in Quebec. Her father died when she was a young girl; despite her family's poverty, at age 11 she was able to attend the Ursuline convent in Quebec City for two years before returning home to teach her younger brothers and sisters. When she was 21 years old, she married François d'Youville, a handsome but irresponsible young fur trader. He was known to get his clients drunk and rip them off, squandering the family fortune. They had six children before François died. By age 30 she had suffered the loss of her father, husband and four of her six children. Marguerite experienced a religious renewal during and after her marriage. Her two sons became priests and Marguerite and three other women

founded a religious association to provide a home for the poor in Montreal. At first the home only housed four or five members, but it grew as the women raised funds. As their actions went against the social conventions of the day, d'Youville and her colleagues were mocked by their friends and relatives. She built a hospital to help the poor and by this time, the order was commonly known as the "Grey Nuns of Montreal". Marguerite d'Youville died in 1771. In 1990, she was canonized by Pope John Paul II and was called "Mother of Universal Charity". She is the first native-born Canadian to become a saint.

MEGAN TERMUS



Megan Ternus is a teenager leading a huge effort to provide handmade clothes to less fortunate children in Haiti. She knows what it's like to walk in their shoes. "I'm adopted from the Ukraine," said the 18-year-old high school student. "I had no clothing when I was their age." Ternus and her brother Mitchell, now 16, lived at the same Ukrainian orphanage before becoming part of a family in Vinton, Iowa. The young woman was seven years old when brought to the United States. She doesn't know much about her biological parents and only recently discovered while examining adoption records that she has a twin sister who she's never met. Memories of the poverty and

hardship orphans face inspired her to take Jesus' teaching, "clothe the naked" (Matthew 25:35), to a whole new level. Megan and her parish's Haiti committee presented over 500 dresses to a parish priest in Belle Fontaine, Haiti. Megan said "I don't want to take full credit for this because there are so many people involved," She is an active member of her parish and got the idea for the project while attending the National Catholic Youth Conference in Indianapolis. She saw a brochure there about a program that uses pillowcases to make dresses for Haitian girls. Using sewing skills she honed during many years participating in the 4-H Club, Megan started creating her own designs. Why pillowcases? "It's simple and inexpensive; it's light cotton, in Haiti, they wash everything in the river." Several groups have visited the Haitian parish, bringing supplies, financial support and other assistance. "These kids need someone to look up to and I feel like it can be me," said Megan. "I thought 250 dresses was going to be impossible to make," but she was surprised at the community response that allowed her to more than double that figure. She asked for help from her hometown. Megan and her mother have been holding sewing workshops at St. Mary's on a regular basis, teaching participants how to make the dresses.

WHAT DOES THE HOLY SPIRIT DO? WHY IS CONFIRMATION IMPORTANT?



DECIDE: TEAM COMMITMENT

TEAM REVIEW OF LAST WEEK'S COMMITMENT

WHAT WAS THE O & A FROM LAST WEEK? >>>

WHAT WAS OUR COMMITMENT FROM LAST WEEK? >>>

HOW DID WE ALL FULFILL THE COMMITMENT FROM LAST WEEK?

Every team member should indicate how well they did in fulfilling their commitments over the past week with a thumbs up, to the side, or down. The Team Leader should track each result by placing an "x" under the appropriate thumb symbol, then circle the hand with the most marks to indicate how well they performed their commitments as a team.







THIS WEEK'S TEAM COMMITMENT

Lead your team to come to a decision to live their lives differently after this activity...

WHAT WAS THE OUESTION WE STARTED OUT WITH?

What does the Holy Spirit do? Why is Confirmation important?



WHAT DID WE FIND OUT? WHAT WAS OUR ANSWER?

The Holy Spirit is the third person of the Trinity and he teaches me to pray and helps me to be there for others. Confirmation is the sacrament that completes baptism and where we receive the gift of the Spirit. The gospel shows us how the Holy Spirit helps give us strength.

SUGGESTIONS FOR PERSONAL COMMITMENTS:

Everyday I have the chance to turn to the Holy Spirit and ask him for strength.

WHAT IS SOMETHING WE CAN WORK ON TOGETHER AS A TEAM AND PUT THIS INTO PRACTICE?

Pray to the Holy Spirit when you are with your friends to be courageous to always do the right thing.

>>> OUR TEAM COMMITMENT FOR THIS WEEK:



6 PROJECT PLANNING & WORK

THIS WEEK'S PROJECT ACTION ITEMS

WHO	ACTION ITEM	NOTES
	Decide: Decide which way to help the homeless. Option 1: Fundraise to buy hot dogs, buns, condiments, and chips to serve to the homeless in a specific area during week 6. Option 2: Fundraise to buy food to make sack lunches to donate to an organization in your community that already serves the homeless. Option 3: Contact a local shelter or soup kitchen to volunteer as a team to help serve the homeless.	
	Contact: Contact the organization you choose to help, or make plans to visit a specific area where homeless are located. It may be good to contact the local park department or authorities and tell them of your plans if you will visit a park to deliver food.	

REMEMBER the VIRTUE >>> OF THE MONTH <<<

SEPTEMBER: OBEDIENCE OCTOBER: MERCY

Review the Conquest Member Calendar and remind all members of the particular Virtue of the Month. Discuss with the team how they can conquer this virtue this month and work on ways of living the virtue each and every day. Make sure they take notes in their Conquest Member Book and all commit to working on this virtue.

WRAP UP & CLOSING PRAYER

V: We give you thanks Almighty God for all your gifts, living and reigning now and forever.

R: Amen.

V: Christ our King!

R: Thy Kingdom come!

V: Mary Most Pure, Queen of the Family!

R: Pray for us!

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PREP and PLANNING FOR THE WEEKLY ACTIVITY

NEED WE ARE RESPONDING TO:

I need to have a new relationship with God.

CONVICTIONS & DECISIONS TO REACH IN THE ACTIVITY:

God loves me and I can get to know him. I want to respond to God by loving him.

WHAT IS THE ANSWER TO THE QUESTION?

God wants us to be saved together. The Church helps us in our lives and allows us to bring others closer to God.

MAIN IDEAS FROM THE YOUGAT:

The answer to this weeks question can be found in the YOUCAT: # 121-145, #217, #242, #249-259, #343-346, and #492 which are found on the meeting guide sheet and are summarized below.



#121: What does "Church" mean? The Greek word for Church is "ekklesia" = those who are called forth. All of us who are baptized and believe in God are called forth by the Lord. Together we are the Church.

CHURCH: (from the Greek kyriake = belonging to the Lord): consists of those called together from all nations (from Greek ex kaleo, ekklesia) who through Baptism belong to the Body of Christ.

#122: Why does God want there to be a Church? God wills the Church because he wants to redeem us, not individually, but together. He wants to make all mankind his people.

#123: What is the task of the Church? The Church's task is to make the kingdom of God, which has already begun with Jesus, germinate and grow in all nations.

#124: Why is the Church more than an institution? The Church is more than an institution because she is a mystery that is simultaneously human and divine.

#125: What is unique about the People of God? The founder of this people is God the Father. Its leader is Jesus Christ. Its source of strength is the Holy Spirit.

#126: What does it mean to say that the Church is the "Body of Christ"? Above all through Baptism and Holy Eucharist, an inseparable union comes about between Jesus and Christians.

#127: What does it mean to say that the Church is the "Bride of Christ"? Jesus Christ loves the Church as a bridegroom loves his bride. He binds himself to her forever and gives his life for her.

#128: What does it mean to say that the Church is the "Temple of the Holy Spirit"? The Church is the place in the world where the Holy Spirit is completely present.

#129: Why can there be only one Church? Just as there is only one Christ, there can be only one Body of Christ, only one Bride of Christ, and therefore only one Church of Jesus Christ. He is the Head, the Church is the Body.

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REMEMBER THE WEEKLY MEETING GUIDES

Print out the Meeting Guide from the Team Leader online resource center for this week. The Meeting Guide Sheet for the team members has the ENTIRE numbers from the YouCat, gospel quote, saint stories and team discussion questions to help answer the question of the week.



If you have a YOUCAT make sure you use it.
These numbers in this book are shortened to highlight the main ideas.

#130: Are non-Catholic Christians our sisters and brothers also? All baptized persons belong to the Church of Jesus Christ. Christians who find themselves separated from the full communion of the Catholic Church are rightly called Christians and are therefore our sisters and brothers.

CHURCHES & ECCLESIAL COMMUNITIES: According to the Catholic understanding, only those in which the sacraments of Jesus Christ have been preserved in their entirety have remained "Church". In the "ecclesial communities" that resulted from the Protestant Reformation, all the sacraments have not been preserved.

#131: What must we do for the unity of Christians? Christian unity is the business of all Christians, regardless of how young or old they are. Unity was one of Jesus' most important concerns.

ECUMENISM (from Greek oikumene = the inhabited earth, the globe): efforts to unify divided Christians.

#132: Why is the Church holy? The Church is holy, not because all her members are supposedly holy, but rather because God is holy and is at work in her.

HOLINESS The most essential attribute of God. In him we can see what "holiness" is: to love unconditionally and mercifully, in a helping and healing way, up to perfection in the Cross and Resurrection.

#133: Why is the Church called catholic? "Catholic" (Greek kat' holon) means related to the whole. The Church is Catholic because Christ called her to profess the whole faith, to preserve all the sacraments, to administer them and proclaim the Good News to all; and he sent her to all nations.

#134: Who belongs to the Catholic Church? Anyone who, in union with the Pope and the bishops, is united to Jesus Christ through profession of the Catholic faith and reception of the sacraments is in full communion with the Catholic Church.

#135: What is the relation between the Church and the Jews? Jews are the "older brethren" of Christians, because God loved them first and spoke to them first. Jesus Christ as man is a Jew, and this fact unites us.

#136: How does the Church view other religions? The Church respects everything in other religions that is good and true. She respects and promotes freedom of religion as a human right. Yet she knows that Jesus Christ is the sole redeemer of all mankind.

RELIGIOUS FREEDOM The right of every man to follow his conscience in choosing and practicing his religion. Acknowledgment of religious freedom is not saying that all religions are equal or equally true.

TWELVE APOSTLES (Greek apostolos = someone sent, messenger): "The names of the twelve apostles ar:, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother; James and John his brother; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him" (Mt 10:2-4).

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#137: Why is the Church called apostolic? The Church is called apostolic because she was founded by the apostles, holds fast to Tradition, and is governed by their successors. They conferred their mission and authority upon their successors, the bishops. This is called Apostolic Succession.

#138: How is the one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church structured? In the Church there are the laity and clerics. They are of equal dignity. They have equally important but different tasks.

LAITY (from Greek laos = people): the common state of life in the Church: baptized, non-ordained Christians who belong to the People of God.

CLERGY (from Greek kleroi = share or inheritance): the state of ordained men in the Church.

#139: What is the lay vocation? The laity are sent to engage in society so that the kingdom of God can grow among men. He sees to it that the people in his walk of life (in school, family and work) come to know the Gospel and learn to love Christ.

#140: Why is the Church not a democratic organization? Democracy operates on the principle that all power comes from the people. In the Church, however, all power comes from Christ. That is why the Church has a hierarchical structure.

HIERARCHY (from Greek hieros and arché = holy origin): the gradated structure of the Church under Christ, from whom all power and authority proceeds.

POPE (from Greek pappas = father): successor of the apostle Peter, Bishop of Rome.

#141: What is the Pope's responsibility? As successor of St. Peter and head of the college of bishops, the Pope is the source and guarantor of the Church's unity. He has the supreme pastoral authority and the final authority in doctrinal and disciplinary decisions.

#143: Is the Pope really infallible? Yes. But the Pope speaks infallibly only when he defines a dogma in a solemn ecclesiastical act ("ex cathedra"), in other words, makes an authoritative decision in doctrinal questions of faith and morals.

DOGMA (Greek dogma = opinion, decision, doctrine): an article of faith proclaimed by a Council or the Pope as divine revelation contained in Scripture and Tradition.

EX CATHEDRA (Latin = from the chair, symbol of teaching authority): This technical expression designates the special case of an infallible magisterial decision of the Pope

BISHOP (from Greek episkopein = to supervise): successor of the apostles; leader of a diocese (local Church); as a member of the college of bishops, under the leadership of the Pope, the bishop has a share in the responsibility for the universal Church.

#142: Can bishops act and teach against the Pope, or the Pope against the bishops? Bishops cannot act and teach against the Pope, but only with him. In contrast, the Pope can make decisions in clearly defined cases even without the approval of the bishops.

#144: What is the task of the bishops? Bishops have responsibility for the local Church that is entrusted to them and a share in the responsibility for the whole Church.



ECUMENICAL COUNCIL (Greek oikumene = the entire inhabited world): assembly of the Catholic bishops from all over the world; not to be confused with "ecumenism" in the sense of efforts to bring about unity among all Christians.

#252: What happens in episcopal ordination? In episcopal ordination the fullness of the sacrament of Holy Orders is conferred upon a priest. He is ordained a successor of the apostles and enters the college of bishops.

#253: How important for a Catholic Christian is his bishop? A Catholic Christian feels that he is under an obligation to his Bishop; the bishop is appointed for him, too, as Christ's representative.

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#258: Why does the Church require priests and bishops to live a celibate life? Jesus lived as a celibate and in this way intended to show his undivided love for God the Father.

#259: How is the universal priesthood of all the faithful different from the ordained priesthood? Through Baptism Christ has made us into a kingdom of "priests to his God and Father" (Rev 1:6). Through the universal priesthood, every Christian is called to work in the world in God's name and to bring blessings and grace to it.

#251: What are the degrees of the sacrament of Holy Orders? The sacrament of Holy Orders has three degrees: \rightarrow BISHOP (episcopate), \rightarrow PRIEST (presbyterate), \rightarrow DEACON (diaconate).

#145: Why does Jesus want there to be Christians who live their whole lives in poverty, unmarried chastity, and obedience? One form of loving surrender to God is to live as Jesus did—poor, chaste, and obedient.

#249: What happens in Holy Orders? The man who is ordained receives a gift of the Holy Spirit that gives him a sacred authority that is conferred upon him by Christ through the bishop.

#250: How does the Church understand the sacrament of Holy Orders? Through his ordination, the transforming, healing, saving power of Christ is grafted onto the priest.

#256: Who can receive the sacrament of Holy Orders? A baptized, Catholic man who is called by the Church to be a deacon, priest, or Bishop can be validly ordained to that ministry.

#257: Is it demeaning to women that only men may receive the sacrament of Holy Orders? The rule that only men may receive Holy Orders in no way demeans women. In God's sight, man and woman have the same dignity, but they have different duties and Charisms.

PRIEST (from Greek presbyteros = elder): co-worker with the bishop in proclaiming the Gospel and administering the sacraments. He carries out his ministry in communion with the other priests, under the leadership of the bishop.

#254: What happens in priestly ordination? In priestly ordination the Bishop calls down God's power upon the candidates for ordination. It imprints upon the souls of these men an indelible seal that can never be lost.

DEACON (Greek diakonos = servant, helper): He is ordained for the ministry (diakonía) of the Word, the liturgy, and charitable works. His ordination includes the authority to baptize, to preach at Mass, and to preside at the sacrament of Matrimony.

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#255: What happens in diaconal ordination? In diaconal ordination the candidate is appointed to a special service within the sacrament of Holy Orders.

#343: How does the Church help us to lead a good, responsible life? In the Church we hear the living Word of God and learn how we must live if we want to please God. Through the sacraments that Jesus entrusted to his disciples, the Church builds us up, strengthens, and consoles us.

#217: What happens in the Church when she celebrates the Eucharist? Every time the Church celebrates the Eucharist, she stands before the source from which she herself constantly springs anew.

#242: Why should the Church take special care of the sick? One of the distinctive characteristics of Christianity has always been that the elderly, the sick, and the needy are central to it.

#344: Why does the Church also make declarations about ethical questions and about matters of personal conduct? Believing is a path. One learns how to stay on this path, in other words, how to act rightly and to lead a good life, only by following the instructions in the Gospel. The teaching authority (magisterium) of the Church must remind people also about the demands of the natural moral law.

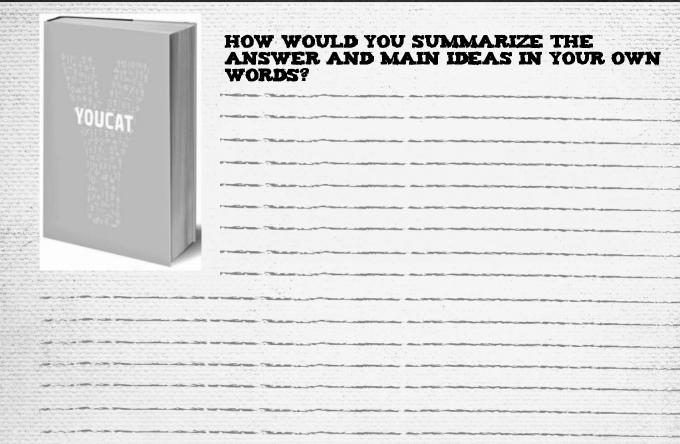
#345: What are the "Five Precepts of the Church"? (1) You shall attend Mass on Sunday and holy days of obligation and abstain from work or activities that offend against the character of the day. (2) You shall receive the sacrament of Penance at least once a year. (3) You shall receive the Eucharist at least during the Easter season. (4) You shall observe the prescribed seasons of fasting and days of abstinence (Ash Wednesday and Good Friday). (5) You shall contribute to the material support of the Church.

#346: What is the purpose of the precepts of the Church, and how binding are they? The "Five Precepts of the Church" with their minimum requirements are supposed to remind us that one cannot be a Christian without making a moral effort.

#492: Does my personal prayer have something to do with the prayer of the Church? In the Church's public worship, they unite the individual with the praying community of the Church.

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

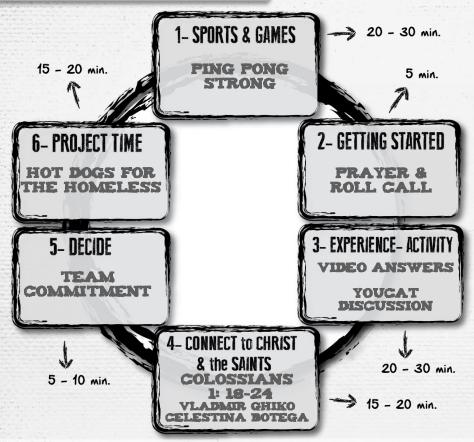
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WEEK 1 MEETING AT A GLANCE





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

- FILE: HS-1 ser2 wk2 Meeting_Guide.pdf
- VIDEO: HS-1 ser2 wk2 -C4: Ignite Your Catholic Faith - What's the Church All About?
- VIDEO: HS-1 ser2 C4: Ignite Your Catholic Faith
 What are the Marks of the Church?
- VIDEO: HS-1 ser2 wk2 -C4: Ignite Your Catholic Faith What are Holy Orders?
- VIDEO: HS-1 ser2 wk2-C4: Ignite Your Catholic Faith - Why So Many Churches?

MATERIALS YOU WILL NEED:

- ✓ A computer or tablet to show videos Ping Pong Strong:
- ✓ 4-10 sticky lint brushes
- ✓ Two Buckets and at least 20 ping pong balls for each team
- √ Two measuring tapes (retractable kind)
- ✓ Two chairs

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PING PONG STRONG

CHECK IT OUT:

Ready to get your Ping Pongs on strong?

MAKE IT HAPPEN:



- 1. This is a simple game to help the team get to understand what the Church offers us. To start, make it a competition by dividing the team into two groups. Each group gets a bucket of ping pong balls, 2 sticky lint brushes, an empty bucket, a chair and a retractable measuring tape.
- 2. It is a type of relay race in which there are 2 stations. Two people are needed at each station. They are racing to see which team finishes first. If you have more than 8 people in the group, you can create more teams and bring more supplies or simply play two rounds.
 - Station 1: Pong Stick The first person takes the bucket of ping pong balls and stands 8 feet away from their partner. The other person takes two lint brushes and stands across from their partner with an empty bucket. With one hand, the first player throws the ping pong balls to their partner who has to catch the balls by sticking them to lint brushes. They cannot remove their hands from the handles but they can hit the brushes against each other to get the ping pong balls off and into the bucket. They have to catch 10 balls before the next station can go.
 - Station 2: Ping Path The other two members of the team have the chair and the measuring tape. They need to grab the bucket of ping pong balls and the empty bucket. One person stands near the chair and clips the measuring tape on the top of the chair. They can use one finger to hold it in place. The other person extends the measuring tape as far as it will go and places the other end of the tape inside the other bucket. The goal of this station is for the person near the chair to roll the ping pong balls down the measuring tape (like a slide) and into the other bucket. They need to get 10 balls in the bucket to win. If they fall off, they have to try again.

WRAP IT UP:

When the game is complete, and one team has won, you can ask the team what they think this game has to do with being part of the Church. In the first station, we can think of each person as a ping pong ball. God sends us into this world and does not want us to go through life all alone. He place the Church in the world to catch us and give us a place to be with all the other people who are also on this journey (the bucket.) The Church receives us and brings us together. The second Station shows how the Church guides us to get to God. It gives us a path or track we can follow – the sacraments, the teachings of the Church – and if we follow it we will find happiness and reach our final goal.

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2 GETTING STARTED

ROLL CALL

List each member in attendance, and record a check mark if they brought their Conquest Member Book and are wearing their T-shirt

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OPENING PRAYER

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EXPERIENCE: VIDEO ANSWERS

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ANSWERS

Watch the videos on the Conquest Team Leader Online Resource Center which touch on the topic of the week. You can choose the ones that you think would best reach your team. After watching the videos, get their feedback and how they think the videos relate to the question of the week.

VIDEO#1: HS-1 ser2 wk2 -C4: Ignite Your Catholic Faith - What's the Church All About?



VIDEO#2: HS-1 ser2 C4: Ignite Your Catholic Faith - What are the Marks of the Church?

VIDEO#3: HS-1 ser2 wk2 -C4: Ignite Your Catholic Faith - What are Holy Orders?

VIDEO#4: HS-1 ser2 wk2-C4: Ignite Your Catholic Faith - Why So Many Churches?

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DISCUSSION ABOUT YOUGAT NUMBERS



EXPLANATION: Since this is year we are focusing on doing a YOUCAT study, we will take a moment each week to actually talk to your team about the question of the week and the numbers from the YOUCAT found on this weeks **Meeting Guide Sheet.**

- 1. The first thing to do is to read the numbers from the YOUCAT with everyone. You can assign each guy to read one of the numbers.
- 2. After each number ask if anyone has any questions about what it means. Give examples of things you maybe did not understand at first and take advantage of the definitions and explanations found throughout the YOUCAT in the margins to help you to better explain.
- 3. Ask how each number of the YOUCAT helps answer the question of the week. Go through and help them see that the Church does help us find answers to our deepest questions.

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CONNECT: TO CHRIST in the GOSPEL REFLECTION

BIBLE READING:

COLOSSIANS 1: 18-24

He is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things he himself might be preeminent. For in him all the fullness was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile all things for him, making peace by the blood of his cross [through him], whether those on earth or those in heaven. And you who once were alienated and hostile in mind because of evil deeds he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through his death, to present you holy, without blemish, and irreproachable before him, provided that you persevere in the faith, firmly grounded, stable, and not shifting from the hope of the gospel that you heard, which has been preached to every creature under heaven, of which I, Paul, am a minister. Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am filling up what is lacking in the afflictions of Christ on behalf of his body, which is the church.

PASSAGE INSIGHTS:

This passage is not from the gospel but it is from a letter St Paul wrote to the Collosians, which was one of the early Christian communities that Paul met and preached to in his many travels. Think back over 2000 years when the Apostles were going around teaching the Good News and spreading the word about Jesus. They were starting the first Church communities so they had to explain clearly what the Church was all about. In this letter, St Paul tells the people that God is the head of the Church and we are his body. It's a pretty simple explanation how we are all united and connected in Christ. HE guides us and we follow him.

REFLECTION QUESTIONS TO TALK ABOUT:



- Why do you think God wanted a Church?
- What did the first apostles do with Jesus message?
- What do you think would have happened if the apostles had not spread the good news?
- Why do you think it is so important for us to realize that our mission in the church is to spread Jesus' message?

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This passage from St Paul explains why we have a church and what the mission of the church is.

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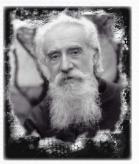




CONNECT: TO OTHERS – Saints & Inspirational Stories

Remember – the goal of this moment is to help the boys realize that they are not the only ones who have dealt with this question. Share the story of the saint or other inspirational story.

BLESSED VLADMIR GHIKA



Vladimir Ghika was born in 1873 in Turkey. He was raised in the Orthodox Catholic faith – not Roman catholic. His father was a minister. Vladmir was actually the grandson of the last Prince of Moldavia (a small country between Romania and the Ukraine that ceased to exist in 1859). He was sent to school in France. He moved to Romania to continue his studies and then to Rome where he studied with the Dominican Friars. There he decided to convert to Catholicism. At that time he was a Romanian diplomat. He wanted to be a priest or monk but the Pope encouraged him to work as a lay person in apostolate for the time being. So he did – working all over the world in Bucharest, Rome, Paris, Congo, Tokyo, Sydney, Buenos Aires, teaching and spreading the faith. He became one of the pioneers of the lay apostolate. He returned to Romania and dedicated his time to charity -

opening the first free clinic in Bucharest and then the first free hospital there. He would not only interact with diplomats on a daily basis but he would also go to the hospital and serve the sick and wounded from the war. He was ordained a priest in 1923 when he was 50 years old. He spent his time helping others and serving as a priest in different cities across Europe and even helping the Pope in Rome but he always returned to Romania where he wanted to stay – helping the sick and wounded in the war. After the war, the communists came to power and they persecuted the Catholic Church openly. He refused to leave his beloved country and he was arrested in 1952 for high treason for being Catholic. He was imprisoned and eventually died there in 1954. On March 27, 2013 Pope Francis declared Vladmir a martyr and blessed. He will be beatified in the near future.

SERVANT OF GOD CELESTINA BOTTEGA



Celestina Bottego was born in 1895 in Glendale, Ohio. Her mother was Irish and her father was Italian. She lived in Montana for her childhood. After her uncle died, her father decided to move their family back to Italy to be close to their relatives and grandparents. This is how Celestina moved to Italy when she was 15 years old. She studied to become an English teacher, and she taught for many years in public schools throughout Italy. Her students spoke of her as a wonderful educator, teacher and mentor. She opened a room in her house, with board games, books and refreshments for young people who were homeless or living on the streets. She also taught them catechism. In the meantime, Celestina and her sister together tried to learn more about their Catholic faith and prayer. Eventually, Celestina decided to become a nun and her sister decided to become a missionary. With the outbreak of WWII, Celestina's commitment to the poor and the

needy became more intense and heartfelt, while her relationship with God deepened, as demonstrated by her ever ready and welcoming smile and her extreme faith in Providence. When she was 50 years old, she visited India for a few months to see her sister Maria who was living there as a missionary. At the same time, she received an offer to found the first group of female Xavieran missionaries. Thinking she was too old, she initially refused, but finally agreed. She became like a mother to many young missionaries. She helped them spiritually and materially in every way she could. She died in 1980 at the age of 85. She has been declared a servant of God for her holy life and her process of canonization has begun. Today, the Missionaries of Mary - Xaverian Sisters - are present in Italy, Brazil, Mexico, United States, Sierra Leone, Cameroon, Chad, Congo, Japan and Thailand.

WEEK# 2 WHY DOES GOD WANT US TO BE PART OF THE CHURCH? HOW DOES THAT WORK?



DECIDE: TEAM COMMITMENT

TEAM REVIEW OF LAST WEEK'S COMMITMENT

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WHAT WAS OUR COMMITMENT FROM LAST WEEK? >>>

HOW DID WE ALL FULFILL THE COMMITMENT FROM LAST WEEK?

Every team member should indicate how well they did in fulfilling their commitments over the past week with a thumbs up, to the side, or down. The Team Leader should track each result by placing an "x" under the appropriate thumb symbol, then circle the hand with the most marks to indicate how well they performed their commitments as a team.







THIS WEEK'S TEAM COMMITMENT

Lead your team to come to a decision to live their lives differently after this activity...

WHAT WAS THE OUESTION WE STARTED OUT WITH?

Why does God want us to be part of a Church? How does that work?



WHAT DID WE FIND OUT? WHAT WAS OUR ANSWER?

We learned that the Church exists because God wants us to be saved together. The Church helps us in our lives with the sacrament and its teachings to lead us to God and allows us to bring others closer to God. The YOUCAT numbers explain this and the gospel shows us that Jesus is the first person who thought we needed a leader to unify us in the Church.

SUGGESTIONS FOR PERSONAL COMMITMENTS:

Each day we have the opportunity to get to know more about the Church and the Pope's teachings.

WHAT IS SOMETHING WE CAN WORK ON TOGETHER AS A TEAM AND PUT THIS INTO PRACTICE?

We can all pray for the Pope each day and get to know what things are going on in our diocese.

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DECIDE: COMMITMENT

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6 PROJECT PLANNING & WORK

THIS WEEK'S PROJECT ACTION ITEMS

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		Budget: Make a budget to see how much money you will need to buy food depending on how many people you want to serve.	

REMEMBER the VIRTUE >>> OF THE MONTH <<<

SEPTEMBER: OBEDIENCE OCTOBER: MERCY

Review the Conquest Member Calendar and remind all members of the particular Virtue of the Month. Discuss with the team how they can conquer this virtue this month and work on ways of living the virtue each and every day. Make sure they take notes in their Conquest Member Book and all commit to working on this virtue.

WRAP UP & CLOSING PRAYER

V: We give you thanks Almighty God for all your gifts, living and reigning now and forever.

R: Amen.

V: Christ our King!

R: Thy Kingdom come!

V: Mary Most Pure, Queen of the Family!

R: Pray for us!

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PREP and PLANNING FOR THE WEEKLY ACTIVITY

NEED WE ARE RESPONDING TO:

I need to have a new relationship with God.

CONVICTIONS & DECISIONS TO REACH IN THE ACTIVITY:

God loves me and I can get to know Him by getting to know the teachings of the Church.

WHAT IS THE ANSWER TO THE QUESTION?

The Church gives us guidelines and teachings of how to live as faithful followers of Christ and do what is right. Getting to know the Church teachings will help us to live a life pleasing to God.

MAIN IDEAS FROM THE YOUGAT:

The answer to this weeks question can be found in the YOUCAT: #291-292, #321, #330-331, #347, #371-372, #374-377, #395-399, #419, #436-441, #445-448, #455-457, and #459-461 which are found on the meeting guide sheet and are summarized below.



#291: How can a person tell whether his action is good or bad? A person is capable of distinguishing good actions from bad ones because he possesses reason and a conscience, which enable him to make clear judgments.

#292: May we do something bad so that good can result from it? No, we may never deliberately do something evil or tolerate an evil so that good can result from it.

#321: Can a Christian be a radical individualist? No, a Christian can never be a radical individualist, because man is by nature designed for fellowship. Every person has a mother and a father; he receives help from others and is obliged to help others and to develop his talents for the benefit of all.

#330: To what extent are all men equal in God's sight? All men are equal in God's sight insofar as all have the same Creator, all were created in the same image of God with a rational soul, and all have the same Redeemer. Every person possesses the same dignity and same human rights.

#331: Why is there nevertheless injustice among men? There is a kind of inequality among men that does not come from God but rather originates in societal conditions, especially in the unjust distribution of raw materials, land, and capital worldwide. God expects us to remove from the world everything that is plainly contrary to the Gospel and disregards human dignity.

PRINCIPLE OF SOLIDARITY (from Latin solidus = thick, firm, strong): a principle of Catholic social teaching that aims at strengthening community and promoting a "civilization of love" (Pope John Paul II).

NATURAL MORAL LAW "In all cultures there are examples of ethical convergence, some isolated, some interrelated, as an expression of the one human nature, willed by the Creator; the tradition of ethical wisdom knows this as the natural law" (Pope Benedict XVI)

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BEFORE ACTIVITY



REMEMBER THE WEEKLY MEETING GUIDES

Print out the Meeting Guide from the Team Leader online resource center for this week. The Meeting Guide Sheet for the team members has the ENTIRE numbers from the YouCat, gospel quote, saint stories and team discussion questions to help answer the question of the week.

#347: Why is "not practicing what you preach" such a serious deficiency in a Christian? Agreement between one's life and one's witness is the first requirement for proclaiming the Gospel. Not practicing what you profess is therefore hypocrisy, a betrayal of the Christian duty to be "salt of the earth" and "light of the world".



If you have a YOUCAT make sure you use it.
These numbers in this book are shortened to highlight the main ideas.

#371: How does a child respect his parents? A child respects and honors his parents by showing them love and gratitude. Children should be grateful to their parents in the first place because they received their life from the love of their parents.

#372: How do parents respect their children? God entrusted children to parents so that they might be steady, righteous examples for those children, that they might love and respect them and do everything possible so that their children can develop physically and spiritually.

#374: Why is God more important than the family? Man's most important relationship is the one he has with God. This has priority over all human relationships, even family relationships. Children do not belong to the parents, nor do parents belong to their children. Every person belongs directly to God. Only to God is man bound absolutely and always.

#375: How is authority exercised correctly? Authority is exercised properly when it is understood according to Jesus' example as service. The authority of parents, teachers, educators, and superiors is given to them by God, so that they might understand and exercise their duty of guiding and training as service.

#376: What duties do citizens have toward the State? Every citizen has the duty to cooperate loyally with the civil authorities and to contribute to the common good in truth, justice, freedom, and solidarity. A Christian, too, should love his homeland. He should exercise the right to vote.

#377: When must we refuse to obey the State? No one may follow orders from the State that violate God's laws.

#395: What is peace? Peace is the consequence of justice and the sign of love put into action. Peace is more than the absence of war, more than a carefully maintained balance of powers ("balance of terror"). In a state of peace, people can live securely with their legitimately earned property and freely exchange goods with one another.

#396: How does a Christian deal with anger? Anger is initially a natural emotion, a reaction to perceived injustice. If anger becomes hatred, however, and someone has ill-will toward his neighbor, this normal feeling becomes a serious offense against charity.

#397: What does Jesus think about nonviolence? Jesus places a high value on nonviolent action. Jesus does not call his disciples to take up weapons.

#398: Must Christians be pacifists? The Church strives for peace but does not preach radical pacifism. Indeed, no one can deny either the individual citizen or particular governments and alliances the fundamental right of armed self-defense. War is morally justifiable only as a last resort.

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- **#399:** When is the use of military force allowed? The use of military force is possible only in an extreme emergency. There are several criteria for a "just war": (1) Authorization by the competent authority; (2) a just cause; (3) a just purpose; (4) war must be the last resort; (5) the methods used must be proportionate; (6) there must be a prospect of success.
- **#419:** How many children should a Christian married couple have? A Christian married couple has as many children as God gives them and as they can take responsibility for. All children whom God sends are a grace and a great blessing.
- **#434:** May a Christian make bets and play games of chance? Betting and gambling are immoral and dangerous when the gambler risks his livelihood. They can be addictive and enslave people.
- **#436:** How should we treat the environment? We fulfill God's commission with regard to creation when we care for the earth, with its biological laws, its variety of species, its natural beauty, and its dwindling resources, as a living space and preserve it, so that future generations also can live well on earth.
- #437: How should we treat animals? Animals are our fellow creatures, which we should care for and in which we should delight, just as God delights in their existence. It is a sin to torture them, to allow them to suffer, or to kill them uselessly.
- **#438:** Why does the Catholic Church have her own social teaching? Because all men, as children of God, possess a unique dignity, the Church with her social teaching is committed to defending and promoting this human dignity for all men in the social sphere.
- **#439:** How did the Church's social doctrine develop? The Church's social doctrine was a response to the economic problems of the nineteenth century.
- **#440:** Are Christians obliged to become involved in politics and society? It is a special duty of the Christian laity people to become involved in politics, society, and commerce in the spirit of the Gospel: in charity, truth, and justice.
- **#441:** What does the Church say about democracy? The Church supports democracy, because of all political systems it offers the best conditions for achieving equality before the law and safeguarding human rights.
- **#445:** What is meant by the principle "labor before capital"? The Church has always taught "the priority of labor over capital". Man owns money or capital as a thing. Labor, in contrast, is inseparable from the person who performs it. That is why the basic needs of laborers have priority over the interests of capital.
- **#446**: What does the Church say about globalization? Globalization is in itself neither good nor bad; it is, rather, the description of a reality that must be shaped. Everyone's fortune matters. No one's poverty should leave us indifferent.

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#447: Is globalization exclusively a matter of politics and economics? What is needed today is not just the strengthening of transnational political institutions, but also the initiatives of individuals and social groups that are active economically in the poorer regions of the world, not primarily for the sake of profit, but rather out of a spirit of solidarity and love.

#448: Are poverty and underdevelopment an inescapable fate? God has entrusted to us a rich earth that could offer all men sufficient food and living space. The rich countries have the moral obligation to help the underdeveloped nations out of poverty through developmental aid and the establishment of just economic and commercial conditions.

#455: What does it mean to be truthful? Truthfulness means that one acts sincerely and speaks honestly. The truthful individual guards against double-dealing, misrepresentation, malicious deception, and hypocrisy. The worst form of untruthfulness is perjury.

#456: What should you do if you have lied to, deceived, or betrayed someone? Every offense against truth and justice, even if it has been forgiven, demands reparation.

#457: Why does telling the truth require discretion? Communicating truth must be done prudently within the context of charity. Often the truth is wielded as a weapon and thus has a destructive rather than a constructive effect.

DISCRETION (from Latin discernere = distinguish): the ability to determine what one can say to whom and when.

#459: What ethical responsibilities are connected with the communications media? Media producers have a responsibility toward media consumers. Above all they must truthfully inform.

#460: What dangers result from the media? Many people, think that whatever they see in the media is real. If in the name of entertainment violence is glorified and human sexuality is trivialized, this is a sin both of those in the media who are responsible and of those supervisory authorities that ought to put a stop to it. Every person is responsible for his soul. Those who consume violence and pornography in the media become spiritually deadened and do themselves harm.

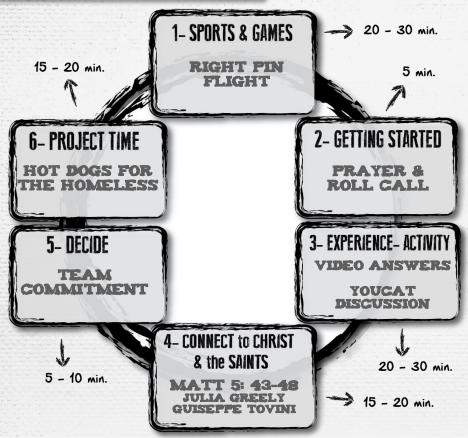
#461: How does art mediate between beauty and truth? The true and the beautiful belong together, for God is the source of beauty and also the source of truth.

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

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WEEK 1 MEETING AT A GLANCE





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

- FILE: HS-1 ser2 wk3 Meeting_Guide.pdf
- FILE: HS-1 ser2 wk3_Right Pin Flight.pdf
- VIDEO: HS-1 ser2 wk3 -C4: Ignite Your Catholic Faith - Who Determines Right from Wrong?
- VIDEO: HS-1 ser2 wk3 –Welcome Home
- VIDEO: HS-1 ser2 wk3 –Once upon a Tandem
- VIDEO: HS-1 ser2 wk3 –Pursing Holiness

MATERIALS YOU WILL NEED:

- ✓ A computer or tablet to show videos Right Pin Flight
- ✓ Nerf bow & arrow, guns or simple rubber bands.
- ✓ Table or box
- ✓ 20 clothes pin
- ✓ Two sets of the Right Pin Cards printed and attached to clothes pins
- ✓ Optional: Play-Doh

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RIGHT PIN FLIGHT

CHECK IT OUT:



Ready, aim, FIRE!

MAKE IT HAPPEN:



- 1. There should be two tables one for each team with a foul line drawn or marked on the floor about 8 feet away.
- 2. Before the meeting you can print the Right Pin Cards from the Team Leader Resource Center online and attach them to the mouth of the clothes pins so they stand up on the table.
- 3. Each team should get a bunch of rubber bands or a nerf gun. There should be 4 cards on the table for each person's turn. The cards should be rotated each turn. The person steps up to the line and reads out loud what the Right Pin Cards say. Their team has 60 second to tell them which card does not belong to how a Catholic should live. Then the person has to try to hit and knock over the 3 other correct cards with their rubber bands or nerf guns. (If you cannot get the clothes pins to stand up with the card in them, use a bit of Play-doh to secure the clothes pin to the table).
- 4. After each turn, the score keeper takes count of how many correct cards were hit down for each team. If a WRONG PIN CARD is hit over, it cancels out one of the correct cards. The winning team is the one with the most correct cards after everyone has gone.

WRAP IT UP:

TALK ABOUT IT!

After the game you can discuss the 10 incorrect statements about how a Catholic should not live, especially those that they may have been confused about. You can also talk about the other 40 statements about how a Catholic should live and talk about any in particular that surprised them or that they did not understand fully.

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CATHOL	ICS SHOULD	CATHOLICS SHOULD NOT	
Genuflect before the Eucharist	Do adoration of the blessed sacrament	Tolerate injustice	
Go to mass every sunday	Go to mass on holy days of obligation	Go to mass <u>only</u> at	
Go to confession if they miss Sunday mass	Fast 1 hour before receiving communion	easter and christmas	
Not be in mortal sin when receiving communion	Never strive to have wealth – give it all away		
Care about the people in their family	Care about their friends		
Care about the world around them & the poor	Stop things that are contrary to the gospel and human dignity	Do whatever makes them feel happy	
See every human being with the same dignity no matter race, ethnicity, etc	Put your relationship with god above all else		
Respect and obey authority	Love your homeland & vote	Do things that are bad	
Respect and honor your parents with gratitude	Practice what you preach	if good things come out of them.	

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2 GETTING STARTED

ROLL CALL

List each member in attendance, and record a check mark if they brought their Conquest Member Book and are wearing their T-shirt

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EXPERIENCE: VIDEO ANSWERS

VIDEO



ANSWERS

Watch the videos on the Conquest Team Leader Online Resource Center which touch on the topic of the week. You can choose the ones that you think would best reach your team. After watching the videos, get their feedback and how they think the videos relate to the question of the week.



VIDEO#1: HS-1 ser2 wk3 -C4: Ignite Your Catholic Faith - Who Determines Right from Wrong?

VIDEO#2: HS-1 ser2 wk3 –Welcome Home VIDEO#3: HS-1 ser2 wk3 –Once upon a Tandem VIDEO#4: HS-1 ser2 wk3 –Pursing Holiness

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DISCUSSION ABOUT YOUGAT NUMBERS



EXPLANATION: Since this is year we are focusing on doing a YOUCAT study, we will take a moment each week to actually talk to your team about the question of the week and the numbers from the YOUCAT found on this weeks **Meeting Guide Sheet.**

- 1. The first thing to do is to read the numbers from the YOUCAT with everyone. You can assign each guy to read one of the numbers.
- 2. After each number ask if anyone has any questions about what it means. Give examples of things you maybe did not understand at first and take advantage of the definitions and explanations found throughout the YOUCAT in the margins to help you to better explain.
- 3. Ask how each number of the YOUCAT helps answer the question of the week. Go through and help them see that the Church does help us find answers to our deepest questions.

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CONNECT: TO CHRIST in the GOSPEL REFLECTION

GOSPEL READING:

MATTHEW 5:43-48

LOVE YOUR ENEMIES

You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' But I say to you, love your enemies, and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be children of your heavenly Father, for he makes his sun rise on the bad and the good, and causes rain to fall on the just and the unjust. For if you love those who love you, what recompense will you have? Do not the tax collectors do the same? And if you greet your brothers only, what is unusual about that? Do not the pagans do the same? So be perfect, just as your heavenly Father is perfect.

GOSPEL INSIGHTS:

This passage is talks about one of the most difficult aspects of being Christian – loving your enemies. Jesus speaks very directly to his apostles, explaining to them that being a true Christian is about living charity and forgiveness to the fullest. It is not enough to just be nice or get by putting up with people or being nice to those people who are nice to you. Being a true follower of Christ is not just forgiving your enemies – but loving them. Think of the people you love and what you would do to help them. Think of the person you dislike the most in the world – who has hurt you in ways you cannot imagine. Jesus is asking that we treat those two groups of people in the same way. This was not something any easier for the apostles. They probably thought that Jesus was crazy asking them to do this but then they saw him love his enemies in his own life. He forgave those who killed him. He forgave Judas. Jesus loved everyone and died for everyone.

REFLECTION QUESTIONS TO TALK ABOUT:

- Have you ever prayed for someone who dislikes you? Or hurt you?
- Why do you think it is hard to forgive people who offend you?
- What do you think Jesus means about God the Father having the sun shine and rain fall on the good and bad alike?

CONNECT: TO CHRIST in the GOSPEL REFLECTION

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

This passage gives us clear directions from Jesus about how to live as a Catholic and love our neighbor. Jesus does not tell us merely to put up with them or forgive them- he wants us to love them and this sets the bar for how a Catholic should live. We should go beyond being good, and strive to truly be heroic examples.

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CONNECT: TO OTHERS – Saints & Inspirational Stories

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The political unification of Italy in 1870 unleashed the forces of secularization and the Papal States and Rome itself were seized, religious orders were persecuted, divorce was legalized, and the government took over the schools. Pope Pius IX was a prisoner of the Vatican. Catholic laymen sought to influence local governments by participating in administrative elections. Giuseppe Tovini was born in 1841 to a simple family that gave him a strong Christian education. He went to university and became a lawyer. His mother and father died during that time, leaving him with the responsibility of raising his siblings.

He worked in various law firms and in one met the daughter of his employer. Her name was Emilia and they were married a few years later. They were blessed with 10 children. One of his sons became a Jesuit, and two daughters entered the convent. Guiseppe was a strong Catholic, a devoted husband and father, and a skilled lawyer.

Tovini worked for the rest of his life to support his family, yet he realized God was also calling him to use his talents and training to address contemporary social problems. He became one of those late 19thcentury local politicians and became the town mayor. He accomplished a tremendous amount of lay apostolic work in his community. He founded a catholic newspaper. As a lawyer he knew that the Catholic institutions require full financial and economic autonomy in order to operate freely, so he founded the Bank of St. Paul to help the catholic institutions.

He also supported the cause of Catholic education and started St. Joseph's Kindergarten and a secondary school. Everything he did was proclaiming a Christian message. He died at the age of 55 in 1895.

Pope John Paul II declared him blessed in 1998. In the homily at Tovini's beatification, the Holy Father noted, "His constant concern was to defend the faith, convinced that—as he said at a congress—" without faith our children will never be rich; with faith they will never be poor."



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Julia Greeley is known as Denver's Angel of Charity. She was born into slavery in Missouri, sometime between 1833 and 1848. While she was still a young child, a cruel slave master, left Julia blind in one eye. Freed by Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation in 1863, Julia subsequently earned her keep by serving families in Missouri, Colorado, Wyoming and New Mexico—though mostly in the Denver area. Whatever she did not need for herself, Julia spent assisting poor families in her neighborhood. When her own resources were inadequate, she begged for food, fuel and clothing for the needy. One writer later called her a "one-person St. Vincent de Paul Society." To avoid embarrassing the people she helped, Julia did most of her charitable work under cover of night through dark alleys. Julia entered the Catholic Church at

Sacred Heart Parish in Denver in 1880, and was an outstanding supporter of all that the parish had to offer. The Jesuits who ran the parish considered her the most enthusiastic promoter of devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus they had ever seen. Every month she visited on foot every fire station in Denver and delivered literature of the Sacred Heart League to the firemen, Catholics and non-Catholics alike. She went to mass and received communion every day. She had a rich devotion to the Blessed Sacrament and the Blessed Virgin and continued her prayers while working and moving about. Every year, she got fifty subscriptions to The Messenger of the Sacred Heart and sold something like 200 Catholic almanacs. And she could neither read, write nor count. Her marvelous piety and her constant charity made her the friend of everybody. She died in 1918 of a sudden illness. At her funeral limousines came carrying the rich to see her. The poor flocked to the chapel in throngs.

WEEK# 3 HOW SHOULD A CATHOLIC LIVE? HOW DO I KNOW WHAT IS RIGHT FROM WRONG?



DECIDE: TEAM COMMITMENT

TEAM REVIEW OF LAST WEEK'S COMMITMENT

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WHAT WAS OUR COMMITMENT FROM LAST WEEK? >>>

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THIS WEEK'S TEAM COMMITMENT

Lead your team to come to a decision to live their lives differently after this activity...

WHAT WAS THE OUESTION WE STARTED OUT WITH?

How should a Catholic live? How do I know right from wrong?



WHAT DID WE FIND OUT? WHAT WAS OUR ANSWER?

The Church gives us guidelines and teachings of how to live as faithful followers of Christ and do what is right. Getting to know the Church teachings will help us to live a life pleasing to God. The gospel shows us how Jesus wants us to act as Catholics and the YOUCAT numbers explain different instances of how to determine what is the right and wrong way to live.

SUGGESTIONS FOR PERSONAL COMMITMENTS:

Every day I have the opportunity to live according to what I believe.

WHAT IS SOMETHING WE CAN WORK ON TOGETHER AS A TEAM AND PUT THIS INTO PRACTICE?

Before you make a decision, stop and make sure it is the right thing to do.

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DECIDE: COMMITMENT

>>> OUR TEAM COMMITMENT FOR THIS WEEK:



6 PROJECT PLANNING & WORK

THIS WEEK'S PROJECT ACTION ITEMS

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	Invite: Invite parents to help assist with this project and come up with a fundraising plan. You can talk to your pastor to see if he would support you collecting funds after weekend Masses. Plan: Make flyers for fundraiser, poster and start a social media campaign.	
	Promote: Promote the flyers this week, and hang the posters, and tweet and FB social media to friends, family, or even on the parish website and in the bulletin if possible.	

REMEMBER the VIRTUE >>> OF THE MONTH <<<

SEPTEMBER: OBEDIENCE OCTOBER: MERCY

Review the Conquest Member Calendar and remind all members of the particular Virtue of the Month. Discuss with the team how they can conquer this virtue this month and work on ways of living the virtue each and every day. Make sure they take notes in their Conquest Member Book and all commit to working on this virtue.

WRAP UP & CLOSING PRAYER

V: We give you thanks Almighty God for all your gifts, living and reigning now and forever.

R: Amen.

V: Christ our King!

R: Thy Kingdom come!

V: Mary Most Pure, Queen of the Family!

R: Pray for us!

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WHAT DO THE FIRST THREE COMMANDMENTS HAVE TO DO WITH MY LIFE?

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 have a new relationship with God.

CONVICTIONS & DECISIONS TO REACH IN THE ACTIVITY:

God loves me and I can get to know him. I want to respond to God by loving him.

WHAT IS THE ANSWER TO THE QUESTION?

The first three commandments are valid and applicable to every person in every day and age. The Church helps us understand how they apply to us today.

MAIN IDEAS FROM THE YOUGAT:

The answer to this weeks question can be found in the YOUCAT: # 187, # 348-351, # 355- 359, and # 362-366 which are found on the meeting guide sheet and are summarized below.



#348: "Teacher, what ... must I do to have eternal life?" (Mt 19:16) Jesus says, "If you would enter life, keep the commandments" Then he adds, "and come, follow me" Christianity is more than a correct life & keeping the commandments. Being a Christian is a living relationship to Jesus.

#350: Are the Ten Commandments a random list? No. The Ten Commandments form a unity. One commandment refers to another. You cannot arbitrarily toss out individual commandments.

#351: Aren't the Ten Commandments outdated? No, the Ten Commandments express man's fundamental obligations toward God and neighbor, which are always and everywhere valid.

1ST COMMANDMENT: "I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. You shall have no other gods before me"

#358: Why does the Old Testament forbid images of God, and why do we Christians no longer keep that commandment? However, since God himself acquired a human face in Jesus Christ, the prohibition against images was repealed in Christianity.

ICON (from Greek ikona = image): An icon is a sacred image in the Eastern Church that is painted according to venerable patterns by an artist who is praying and fasting.

PANTHEISM (Greek pan = all, theos = God): the world view that nothing exists except God; accordingly, everything that exists is God, and God is everything that exists. This doctrine is incompatible with the Christian faith.

OCCULTISM (Latin occultus = hidden, secret): a collective term for teachings and practices through which man supposedly acquires power over his destiny, matter, and surroundings. Examples of occult practices are Ouija boards, astrology, and clairvoyance.



REMEMBER THE WEEKLY MEETING GUIDES

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#357: Is atheism always a sin against the First Commandment? Atheism is not a sin if a person has learned nothing about God or has examined the question about God's existence conscientiously and cannot believe.

ATHEISM (Greek theos = God): the view that God does not exist.

AGNOSTICISM (Greek gnosis = knowledge): the view that God cannot be known.

If you have a YOUCAT make sure you use it.
These numbers in this book are shortened to highlight the main ideas.

2ND COMMANDMENT: You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.

#359: Why does God want us to "hallow" his name (that is, keep it holy)? Since God has told us his name, he makes himself recognizable and grants us access to him through this name. One must not pronounce the name of God irreverently. It is a terrible offense to blaspheme God, to curse using God's name, or to make false promises in his name. The 2nd Commandment also protects places, things, names, and people who have been touched by God are "holy".

3RD COMMANDMENT: "Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy"

#187: How important is Sunday? Sunday is the center of Christian time, for on Sunday we celebrate Christ's Resurrection, and every Sunday is a miniature Easter.

#366: Why is it important for the State to preserve Sunday? Sunday is a genuine service to the good of society, because it is a sign of opposition to the total absorption of man by the working world.

#362: Why do Jews celebrate the Sabbath? The Sabbath recalls in the first place the seventh day of creation, when God "rested, and was refreshed" (Ex 31:17), this, so to speak, authorizes all men to interrupt their work and replenish their energies.

SABBATH (Hebrew, approximately "break for rest"): the Jewish day of rest commemorating the 7th day of creation and the Exodus from Egypt. Fri evening to Sat. evening.

#363: How does Jesus deal with the Sabbath? Jesus observes the Sabbath, but at the same time he deals with it very liberally, as one who has complete command over it: "The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath" (Mk 2:27).

#364: Why do Christians replace the Sabbath with Sunday? Christians replaced the celebration of the Sabbath with the celebration of Sunday because Jesus Christ rose from the dead on a Sunday.

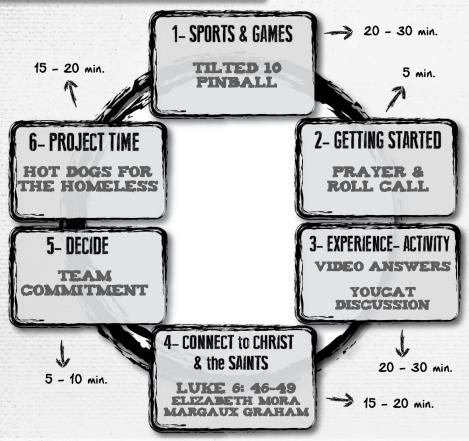
#365: How do Christians make Sunday "the Lord's day"? A Catholic Christian attends Holy Mass on Sunday or on the vigil of Sunday. On that day he refrains from all work that would prevent him from worshipping God or disturb the festive, joyful, restful, and restorative character of the day.

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

PREP & PLAN

WHAT DO THE FIRST THREE COMMANDMENTS HAVE TO DO WITH MY LIFE?

WEEK 1 MEETING AT A GLANCE





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

- FILE: HS-1 ser2 wk4 Meeting Guide.pdf
- FILE: HS-1 ser2 wk4 Tilted 10 Pinball.pdf
- VIDEO: HS-1 ser2 wk4 Jimmy and the 10 Commandments
- VIDEO: HS-1 ser2 wk4 C4: Ignite Your Catholic Faith - Is It Wrong to be Rich?

MATERIALS YOU WILL NEED:

✓ A computer or tablet to show videos Tilted 10 Pinball:



- ✓ A table or large cardboard box or piece of plywood for the machine.
- ✓ Books or reams of paper (if you use a table)
- ✓ 9 paper / plastic cups and duct tape or glue
- ✓ Lots of ping pong balls
- ✓ Labels printed out.
- ✓ Scotch tape

PREP & PLAN



TILTED 10 PINBALL

CHECK IT OUT:

Who can make the best pinball sounds? Ping, pong, ding and dong!

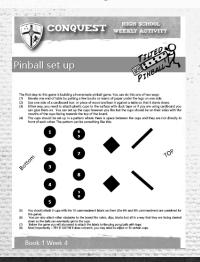
MAKE IT HAPPEN:



- 1. This game will require a bit of preparation before the meeting because you need to make a homemade pinball machine. You can do this one of two ways (1) Elevate one end of table by putting a few books or reams of paper under the legs on one side. (2) Use one side of a cardboard box or piece of wood and lean it against a table so that it slants down. Attach plastic cups to the surface with duck tape or if you are using cardboard you can glue them on. You can set up the cups however you like but the cups should be on their sides with the mouths of the cups facing towards the top of the board. The cups should be set up in a pattern where there is space between the cups and they are not directly in front of each other. The pattern can be something like the one found on the team leader resource center. You should attach 9 cups with the 10 commandment labels on them (the 6th and 9th commandment are combined for this game). You can also attach other obstacles to the board like rulers, clips, blocks but all in a way that they are facing slanted down so the balls can eventually get to the cups. Before the game you will also need to attach the labels to the ping pong balls with tape. The team leader resource center has the labels and answers.
- 2. Either split the team into two groups or simply have each person compete individually and keep tally of their wins. The goal of the game is to take a ping pong ball from the bucket, read the label out loud and decide which commandment it goes with. They then have to roll the ball from the top of the board and try to get it in the cup that corresponds to that commandment. Every time they get it in, they keep the ball and count it as a point at the end.

WRAP IT UP:

Once the game has finished, you can talk to the team about the things they learned about what Jesus did on earth. Was there anything they did not know? Or that surprised them?





WHAT DO THE FIRST THREE COMMANDMENTS HAVE TO DO WITH MY LIFE?

2 GETTING STARTED

ROLL CALL

List each member in attendance, and record a check mark if they brought their Conquest Member Book and are wearing their T-shirt

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EXPERIENCE: VIDEO ANSWERS

VIDEO



ANSWERS

Watch the videos on the Conquest Team Leader Online Resource Center which touch on the topic of the week. You can choose the ones that you think would best reach your team. After watching the videos, get their feedback and how they think the videos relate to the question of the week.



VIDEO#1: HS-1 ser2 wk4 - Jimmy and the 10 Commandments

VIDEO#2: HS-1 ser2 wk4 – C4: Ignite Your Catholic Faith - Is It Wrong to be Rich?

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DISCUSSION ABOUT YOUGAT NUMBERS



EXPLANATION: Since this is year we are focusing on doing a YOUCAT study, we will take a moment each week to actually talk to your team about the question of the week and the numbers from the YOUCAT found on this weeks **Meeting Guide Sheet.**

- 1. The first thing to do is to read the numbers from the YOUCAT with everyone. You can assign each guy to read one of the numbers.
- 2. After each number ask if anyone has any questions about what it means. Give examples of things you maybe did not understand at first and take advantage of the definitions and explanations found throughout the YOUCAT in the margins to help you to better explain.
- 3. Ask how each number of the YOUCAT helps answer the question of the week. Go through and help them see that the Church does help us find answers to our deepest questions.

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WHAT DO THE FIRST THREE COMMANDMENTS HAVE TO DO WITH MY LIFE?



CONNECT: TO CHRIST in the GOSPEL REFLECTION

GOSPEL READING: KEEP MY COMMANDMENTS

LUKE 6: 46-49

Why do you call me, 'Lord,' but not do what I command? I will show you what someone is like who comes to me, listens to my words, and acts on them. That one is like a person building a house, who dug deeply and laid the foundation on rock; when the flood came, the river burst against that house but could not shake it because it had been well built. But the one who listens and does not act is like a person who built a house on the ground without a foundation. When the river burst against it, it collapsed at once and was completely destroyed.

GOSPEL INSIGHTS:

This passage is from one of the many moments where Jesus preached to the apostles and his followers about how to live a Christian life. Here he speaks of following his commandments. Calling Jesus "Lord" would mean that you publically say you believe in him, but your life does not follow his teachings or commandments. Jesus explains that a person who practices what they preach is like someone who builds a house on a solid foundation. The ten commandments are this strong foundation and you build a life on them, by living them out each day. On the contrary if we simply life our lives however we want and do not follow the ten commandments, your life has no moral foundation and you will not know what to do when hardship or difficulties come your way.

REFLECTION QUESTIONS TO TALK ABOUT:



- How do you think you build a life on the ten commandments?
- How do you make Jesus' commandments the foundation of your life that all your decisions are based upon?
- Do you know people who do not practice what they preach? Do you trust them or look up to them? Do you want to be a person like that?

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

This passage directly answers the question of the week by allowing us to see that Jesus took the commandments seriously. He did not want people to simply pray or say they love him but then live immoral lives. Our lives have to reflect what we believe.

GOSPEL NOTES:



CONNECT: TO OTHERS – Saints & Inspirational Stories

Remember – the goal of this moment is to help the boys realize that they are not the only ones who have dealt with this question. Share the story of the saint or other inspirational story.

BLESSED ELIZABETTA CANORI MORA



Elisabetta was born of noble and well-off family in Rome in 1774. When she was 21 years of age, she married Cristoforo Mora, a young lawyer. A few months into the marriage, Cristoforo became jealous of his wife. He became controlling in a troublesome manner and also interfered with the visits of the relatives. Then, little by little, his feelings for Elisabetta began to change into resentment and indifference. In the first five years of the marriage, Elisabetta gave birth to four daughters, of whom two died and two survived, Marianna and Lucina. During this time, Cristoforo, lived an immoral life and deceived his wife and deserted his family. He squandered his family's fortune. His wife and the two daughters fell into extreme poverty. Elisabetta remained faithful to her family and husband. She became very ill and almost died but was cured in an inexplicable way.

Elisabetta had to pay creditors and to safeguard the good name of her husband, so she sold all her jewelry and, even, her wedding dress. She continued to care for her daughters and the daily chores of the home with utmost care. She also dedicated much time to prayer, to the service of the poor and assisting the sick. She dedicated special care to families in need. She was ridiculed by Cristoforo for her "pious" behavior, but continued to pray for him. Elisabetta was convinced that "nobody can be saved all alone, and the God has entrusted to everyone the responsibility of the salvation of others in order to carry out his project of love". She knew that God entrusted Cristoforo to her through the Sacrament of Marriage and that she had the responsibility to carry this cross to salvation. Supported by a strong intimate relationship with Jesus, her love for Cristoforo grew with more intensity every day. She died in 1825 and her husband came to her bedside and converted. He later repented and became a Franciscan and eventually a priest.

MARGEAUX GRAHAM



While the nation discusses and debates the attacks on religious freedom, a high school junior in Florida has put her academic reputation on the line to stand up for her faith. Margeaux Graham was selected this year to participate in a prestigious 9-day leadership event in her state's capital. The American Legion Auxiliary (ALA) of Florida has an annual "Girls State" program whereby the participants "learn how to participate in the functioning of their state's government in preparation for their future roles as responsible adult citizens." It is a "nonpartisan program that teaches

young women responsible citizenship and love for God and Country. They are awarded 3 college credits and rare notoriety in the college application process. Margeaux is a faithful Catholic. That is, she takes her obligation to attend Mass as just that — her obligation. When she inquired about nearby Catholic churches to plan where she would attend, she was told by the staff that the only opportunity any of the girls would have to participate in a Sunday service is to attend the "non-offensive", non-denominational service offered for all at the conference. The event takes place at the University of Central Florida. Florida State University and the cathedral is nearby the campus. A member of the national American Legion even contacted the Auxiliary to arrange for a priest to celebrate Mass on campus, and this accommodation was denied. So Margeaux took action herself. She wrote to the organizers declining the invitation, with firm resolve, unless she was allowed to attend Mass. She is a high school junior.. In response to her letter, the organization said she would have to make a "sacrifice" and miss Mass. Margeaux decide to sacrifice the ALA instead. In her own words, "I wouldn't miss Mass for the world, it is that important to me. I am grateful for the all of the people that have shown support towards the issue of honoring the gift of the Eucharist. I can only pray that this means others will have the courage to stand up for their faith and not let the secular society impede on religious practices, no matter what they are."

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The Ten Commandments are valid and applicable to every person in every day and age. The Church helps us understand how they apply to us today. The gospel shows us how important following the commandments was to Jesus and the YOUCAT numbers explain the specifics about each of the 10 commandments. The saints are good examples of how to live the 10 commandments today.

SUGGESTIONS FOR PERSONAL COMMITMENTS:

Each day I have the opportunity to be a person who lives according to the 10 commandments.

WHAT IS SOMETHING WE CAN WORK ON TOGETHER AS A TEAM AND PUT THIS INTO PRACTICE?

We can each pick the commandment that is hardest for us to personally live and focus on it in this next week. We can all do an examination of conscience before going to bed each night this week, examining how well we are living the first three commandments.

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DECIDE: COMMITMENT

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6 PROJECT PLANNING & WORK

THIS WEEK'S PROJECT ACTION ITEMS

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	Collect Funds: Collect funds this week, after weekend Masses, from friends, family, etc.	
	Promote: Keep promotion going this week.	

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WHAT DO THE REST OF THE TEN COMMANDMENTS HAVE TO DO WITH MY LIFE?

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 have a new relationship with God, deep, real, captivating, and founded on the truth.

CONVICTIONS & DECISIONS TO REACH IN THE ACTIVITY:

I have a unique mission to fulfill in life.

WHAT IS THE ANSWER TO THE QUESTION? The commandments are still valid guidelines for living our lives today. The commandments should be something you reflect on often.

MAIN IDEAS FROM THE YOUGAT:

The answer to this weeks question can be found in the YOUCAT # 367-370, 378-385, 387-388, 402,405,416,426,452-453,463,465-467 which are found on the Meeting Guide Sheet and are summarized below.



4TH COMMANDMENT: – "Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land which the Lord your God gives you"

#367: To whom does the Fourth Commandment refer, and what does it require of us? It refers to one's physical parents, but also to the people to whom we owe our life, our well-being, our security, and our faith. What we owe in the first place to our parents—namely love, gratitude, and respect—should also govern our relations to people who guide us and are there for us.

#368 What place does the family have in God's plan of creation? A man and a woman who are married to each other form, together with their children, a family. The family is the unique school of living in relationships. Faith grows in the family, too.

#369: Why are families irreplaceable? Every child is descended from one father and one mother and longs for the warmth and safety of a family so that he may grow up secure and happy.

#370: Why should the State protect and promote families? The welfare and future of a State depend on the ability of the smallest unit within it, the family, to live and develop.

5TH COMMANDMENT: "You shall not kill"

#378: Why is it not permissible to take one's own life or the lives of others? God alone is Lord over life and death. No one may kill another human being.

#379: What sorts of attacks on human life are forbidden by the Fifth Commandment? Murder and accomplice to murder, abortion, euthanasia, suicide and self-destructive behavior.

#380: Why is it permissible to tolerate the killing of another human being in the case of legitimate self-defense? Legitimate defense against aggression is a right; for some a duty.

#381: Why is the Church opposed to capital punishment? The Church is committed to opposing the death penalty because it is "both cruel and unnecessary"

PREP & PLAN
BEFORE ACTIVITY



REMEMBER THE WEEKLY MEETING GUIDES

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#382: Is it permissible to offer assistance in dying? To bring about death directly is always against the commandment. To stand by and assist a dying person is humane.

#383: Why is abortion unacceptable at any phase in the development of an embryo? God-given human life is God's own property; it is sacred from the first moment of its existence #384: Can a handicapped child be aborted? No. Aborting a handicapped child is a crime.

#385: Can experiments be performed on living embryos and embryonic stem cells? No.

#387: How should we treat our body? This commandment forbids violence to your body.

#388: How important is health? We should treat our God-given body gratefully and carefully, but not be obsessed with it.

6TH & 9TH COMMANDMENTS: "You shall not commit adultery" "You shall not covet .

..your neighbor's wife"

#402: What is love? Love is the free self-giving of the heart. In every friendship there is love.

#405: How can anyone live a chaste life? What can help? Someone lives chastely when he is free to be loving and is not the slave of his drives and emotions.

#416: What are the essential elements of Christian marriage? Unity: Marriage brings about bodily and spiritual union. Indissolubility: Marriage is "until death". Openness to children Commitment to the spouse's welfare.

#463: How does one achieve "purity of heart"? The purity of heart required for love is achieved through union with God in prayer. He gives us the strength to reject impure thoughts. 7th: You shall not steal.

#426: What is regulated by the Seventh Commandment: "You shall not steal"? The Seventh Commandment not only forbids taking something away from another person, it also requires the just management and distribution of the earth's goods.

8th: You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

#452: What does the Eighth Commandment require of us? This commandment teaches us not to lie. Lying means consciously and intentionally speaking or acting against the truth.

#453: What does our relationship to the truth have to do with God? Someone who really follows Jesus eliminates all lies, falsehood, pretense, and becomes transparent toward the truth. 10th: You shall not covet your neighbor's goods.

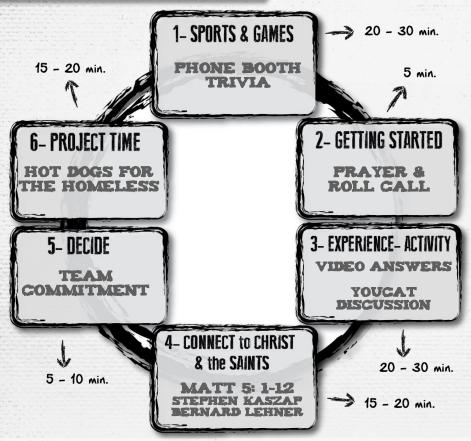
#465: What attitude should a Christian take toward other people's property? Covetousness leads to greed, avarice, theft, robbery and fraud, violence and injustice, and envy.

#466: What is envy, and how can you fight against it? Envy is sadness and annoyance at the sight of another's well-being and the desire to acquire unjustly what others have. #467: Why does Jesus demand that we practice "poverty in spirit"? I have to seek with my whole heart the one who can fill my emptiness and make wealth out of my poverty.

PREP & PLAN

WHAT DO THE REST OF THE TEN COMMANDMENTS HAVE TO DO WITH MY LIFE?

WEEK 1 MEETING AT A GLANCE





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

- FILE: HS-1 ser2 wk5 Meeting_Guide.pdf
- FILE: HS-1 ser2 wk5 –Phone Booth Trivia.pdf
- VIDEO: HS-1 ser2 wk5 -C4: Ignite Your Catholic Faith - What Does Pro-Life Really Mean?
- VIDEO: HS-1 ser2 wk5 -C4: Ignite Your Catholic Faith - What Kind of Response Does Jesus Require of Me?

MATERIALS YOU WILL NEED:

- ✓ A computer or tablet to show videos Phone Booth Trivia:
- ✓ 2 Phone booths made out of a large box or closet (or use 2 tents)
- √ 3 walkie-talkies
- ✓ Balloons to keep points (about 50)
- ✓ 2 lines of chairs
- ✓ Large bulky items: stuffed animal, pillow, sleeping bags, pool noodles, blankets, bean bag chair, etc.
- ✓ Print out of trivia answers for team leader
- ✓ Timer

PREP & PLAN



PHONE BOOTH TRIVIA

CHECK IT OUT:



This game is pretty much exactly what it sounds like – a trivia game where the teams cram into a "phone booth." It is a game that has been on the Tonight Show. We are adding a Catholic twist to it and making it Trivia about the commandments.



MAKE IT HAPPEN:

- 1. Set Up: You will need to make a phone booth for two teams. You do not actually need a large box, although an appliance box would work well. You can simply use a closet and decorate the doorway to look like a phone booth. You will need one for each team. This game can also be played with two tents and two walkie-talkies. If that is the case, you can call it Tent Trivia. You will need a line of chairs for each team in front of their "phone booth". To keep track of points and fill up the phone booth, you can use balloons. You should also look for other bulky items that will fill up the booth: large stuffed animal, sleeping bags, pillows. Go to the team leader online resource center and print off the trivia questions for the team leader and make sure you have a timer.
- Explanation: Split the group into two teams. Assign each team a phone booth and give them the phone receiver or walkie-talkie. The team leader asking the questions should also have a walkie-talkie. The game is pretty simple. The team starts off by sitting in the line of chairs and taking turns answering questions about the commandments from inside the phone booth. The first person from team one picks up the walkie-talkie and is asked a question about the commandments. He has 60 seconds to answer. If he is correct, then he is safe and can go back to his chair. His team gets a balloon point which he can hold while sitting in his chair. If he answers the question wrong, he has to stay in the phone booth and a large awkward item is added to the booth (pillow, sleeping bag, etc..) He has to stay in the phone booth for the rest of the game, unless he answers a question right on his turn (once all the other team mates have gone) and then he can get out. If a question is answered wrong, the other team can be asked that question. So the team leader alternates asking questions from one team to another. If a person sitting in the chair (who has a balloon) gets a question wrong, they need to go in the booth with their balloon. The game continues until all the questions have been answered. The team with the most points at the end wins. By the end of the game, most of the players will be in the phone booth and they still need to take turns answering questions.

WRAP IT UP:

After the game, have a discussion with the team about what they learned.





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ROLL CALL

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OPENING PRAYER

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EXPERIENCE: VIDEO ANSWERS

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ANSWERS

Watch the videos on the Conquest Team Leader Online Resource Center which touch on the topic of the week. You can choose the ones that you think would best reach your team. After watching the videos, get their feedback and how they think the videos relate to the question of the week.



VIDEO#1: HS-1 ser2 wk5 -C4: Ignite Your Catholic Faith - What Does Pro-Life Really Mean?

VIDEO#2: HS-1 ser2 wk5 -C4: Ignite Your Catholic Faith - What Kind of Response Does Jesus Require of Me?

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DISCUSSION ABOUT YOUGAT NUMBERS



EXPLANATION: Since this is year we are focusing on doing a YOUCAT study, we will take a moment each week to actually talk to your team about the question of the week and the numbers from the YOUCAT found on this weeks **Meeting Guide Sheet.**

- 1. The first thing to do is to read the numbers from the YOUCAT with everyone. You can assign each guy to read one of the numbers.
- 2. After each number ask if anyone has any questions about what it means. Give examples of things you maybe did not understand at first and take advantage of the definitions and explanations found throughout the YOUCAT in the margins to help you to better explain.
- 3. Ask how each number of the YOUCAT helps answer the question of the week. Go through and help them see that the Church does help us find answers to our deepest questions.

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CONNECT: TO CHRIST in the GOSPEL REFLECTION

GOSPEL READING: BEATITUDES

MATTHEW 5: 1-12

When he saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he had sat down, his disciples came to him. He began to teach them, saying: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are they who mourn, for they will be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the land. Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be satisfied. Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy. Blessed are the clean of heart, for they will see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter every kind of evil against you [falsely] because of me. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven. Thus they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

GOSPEL INSIGHTS:

Explain the gospel passage to your team so that they can better understand the life of Jesus. This moment of preaching in Christ's public life is called the Sermon on the Mount, when Jesus would sit on the hillside in Galilee and teach about Christian values. It was like a natural amphitheater where he could speak and many could listen. This passage is referred to as the beatitudes because in Latin the term beatitude means "happiness" and Jesus starts each phrase with Blessed or Happy are the poor in spirit, etc. Since there are 8 beatitudes, some people call this the New Testament Commandments. Both the ten commandments and the beatitudes were given to us by God. The tablets were given to Moses and these beatitudes came straight from Jesus. They are both divine revelations and instructions of how to live a good Christian life. Both the commandments and the beatitudes are specific, not generic. God does not just say "Be good." He explains to us how to be good and love him. The commandments and the beatitudes also are imperative like commands – not suggestions. Jesus clearly states in this passage – if you act this way, then this is the result.

REFLECTION QUESTIONS TO TALK ABOUT:



- Which one of the Beatitudes speaks to you the most?
- Which one do you think is most needed in the world today?
- What do you think the people who listened to Jesus thought?
- How do you think the people in your life will react if you lived on of these beatitudes?

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

Jesus answers the question in this passage by explaining that the ten commandments given to Moses almost 1400 years before Jesus was born. The Beatitudes are a continuation of the same message of the commandments to be merciful, kind, peaceful and loving.



CONNECT: TO OTHERS – Saints & Inspirational Stories

Remember – the goal of this moment is to help the boys realize that they are not the only ones who have dealt with this question. Share the story of the saint or other inspirational story.

VENERABLE BERNARD LEHNER



Bernard was born in 1930 in Bavaria, Germany. He was the son of a carpenter and grew up in a simple home with a loving family. In elementary school, he would go to mass almost every day to the nearby parish. After he made his first communion and confession, he said "I want to be something in order to get to heaven." He decided at a young age to become a priest and went to school at a minor seminary. During that time, the Nazi regime had taken over Bavaria. He had no fear of living his faith and was known by all to love God and to be a joyful person. Bernard was compassionate and always took an interest in all suffering of those he encountered. When he was just 13 years old, he fell ill of a serious disease which led him to be

hospitalized. The doctors and nurses were amazed at how he dealt with his disease with no complaints, offering it up for the souls of those in need. After a month of illness, he passed away in 1944 when he was only 14 years old. In the life of Bernard no striking or even outstanding achievements of holiness stand out. Rather, his holiness came from a conscientious, persevering faithfulness in everyday duties. In 2011, Pope Benedict declared his virtues heroic and venerable.

ST ANGELA OF THE CROSS



Stephen Kaszap was born in 1916 in a small town in Hungary. His father was a devout Christian, very concerned with the religious education of his children. Stephen's mother made sure to have family prayers each evening and to be certain that the children memorized their basic prayers at an early age. They attended mass every Sunday together as a family. Stephen had two brothers and two sisters. Their family was poor but he was able to go to school with the Cistercian brothers from an early age and get a good education. From the time he was young, Stephen made a decision to become a priest. No one would have guessed that because he was not very serious about his studies and did not get good grades, simply because he

preferred to play sports and be with his friends. When he was in 11th grade, he heard about the opportunity to go to apply to enter the novitiate to be a Jesuit. His teachers at school told him that if he did not improve his grades he would probably not be accepted into college with the Jesuit priests, so Stephen worked hard all summer to catch up and went from a being a "D student" to almost straight "A"s. When he came back to school the following year, he took on being a team leader in Scouts and other youth groups. He served mass daily and received communion. That year they introduced gymnastics as a sport at school. Stephen was a natural at the sport and won ten medals in one year – even gold at the national championship. In his senior year of high school, Stephen announced to his family and friends that he had decided to be a Jesuit priest. He joined the novitiate at the Jesuit College and did very well. He was known for his kindness, athleticism and prayer life. In 1935, when he was only 19 years old, he was diagnosed with a bacterial infection on his tonsils which had spread to the rest of his body. He recovered for a time and returned to the seminary but he was frail and had to use a cane to walk. Unfortunately, the infection returned and he went home to his family to recover. His condition worsened and the doctors operated on his throat, leaving him unable to speak. He died shortly after in 1935 when he was only 19 years old. His process for beatification is underway.

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DECIDE: TEAM COMMITMENT

TEAM REVIEW OF LAST WEEK'S COMMITMENT

WHAT WAS THE O & A FROM LAST WEEK? >>>

WHAT WAS OUR COMMITMENT FROM LAST WEEK? >>>

HOW DID WE ALL FULFILL THE COMMITMENT FROM LAST WEEK?

Every team member should indicate how well they did in fulfilling their commitments over the past week with a thumbs up, to the side, or down. The Team Leader should track each result by placing an "x" under the appropriate thumb symbol, then circle the hand with the most marks to indicate how well they performed their commitments as a team.





THIS WEEK'S TEAM COMMITMENT

Lead your team to come to a decision to live their lives differently after this activity. . .

WHAT WAS THE OUESTION WE STARTED OUT WITH?

What do the rest of the commandments have to do with my life?



WHAT DID WE FIND OUT? WHAT WAS OUR ANSWER?

The commandments are by no means irrelevant to modern culture. The commandments are full of natural virtues and guidelines that are inscribed on our hearts. The saints show us what a life lived according to the commandments looks like.

SUGGESTIONS FOR PERSONAL COMMITMENTS:

Each day I can choose to put into practice the 10 commandments.

WHAT IS SOMETHING WE CAN WORK ON TOGETHER AS A TEAM AND PUT THIS INTO PRACTICE?

We can all commit to review the 10 commandments and reflect on how we are living them each night in the next week.

>>> OUR TEAM COMMITMENT FOR THIS WEEK:



6 PROJECT PLANNING & WORK

THIS WEEK'S PROJECT ACTION ITEMS

WНО	ACTION ITEM	NOTES
	Final fundraising: Finish up collecting funds this week from all sources.	
	Final Plan: Depending on how much was collected, make a plan for how much food can be purchased next week, and how to cook/prepare hotdogs, and logistics for delivery to downtown area or park.	

REMEMBER the VIRTUE >>> OF THE MONTH <<<

SEPTEMBER: OBEDIENCE OCTOBER: MERCY

Review the Conquest Member Calendar and remind all members of the particular Virtue of the Month. Discuss with the team how they can conquer this virtue this month and work on ways of living the virtue each and every day. Make sure they take notes in their Conquest Member Book and all commit to working on this virtue.

WRAP UP & CLOSING PRAYER

V: We give you thanks Almighty God for all your gifts, living and reigning now and forever.

R: Amen.

V: Christ our King!

R: Thy Kingdom come!

V: Mary Most Pure, Queen of the Family!

R: Pray for us!

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SERVICE PROJECT: HOT DOGS FOR THE HOMELESS



ATTENDANCE & OPENING PRAYER

OPENING PRAYER

Ask a team member to lead the opening prayer (Invocation of the Holy Spirit) in the Conquest Member book. Ask the boys if they have any special

This week is about getting out and doing the project so there is not a theme or question. but you should still try to make time to take attendance and do a gospel reflection

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CONNECT TO CHRIST: Gospel Reflection

GOSPEL READING:

Read a passage of the gospel and give a short reflection to help the boys be motivated to do the project.

JESUS & APOSTLES

LUKE 9: 10-11

When the apostles returned, they explained to him what they had done. He took them and withdrew in private to a town called Bethesda. The crowds meanwhile, learned of this and followed him. He received them and spoke to them about the kingdom of God, and he healed those who needed to be cured.



SERVING THE POOR

REFLECTION ABOUT THE PASSAGE TO HELP US WITH THE PROJECT:



Like Jesus and the Apostles, take time as a team and regroup for your event. Make sure to pray for each and every homeless person you will encounter.



ACTION ITEM	NOTES
Hot Dogs for the Homeless! There is a short Gospel reflection to help the team before the project starts. Cook: Cook the hotdogs in large pots of water, place in buns and wrap in foil individually. Pack: Put them in a cooler to keep them warm. Serve: Go to the area and set up a table and joyfully serve the homeless! Make sure to pray for them!	
Make sure to take pictures and send them along with a short write up to the Conquest National Office info@Conquestclubs.com to get a story on the national website!	

AFTER THE PROJECT

PROJECT EVALUATION AS A TEAM:

- What was our goal?
- · Did we reach it?
- Did we work together as a team?
- Concretely, how did we help each other?
- · What could have been done better?
- What was the best thing about this project?

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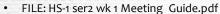
ONLINE RESOURCES RECAP

REMEMBER-This book is not complete without the handouts and material found on the Team Leader Resource Center. Visit your team leader headquarters www.conquestyouthministry.com / resources





ON THE TEAM LEADER ONLINE RESOURCE CENTER



- VIDEO: HS-1 ser2 wk1 -Chris Padgett on Fire with The Holy Spirit
- VIDEO: HS-1 ser 2 wk1 C4: Why is Confirmation important?
- VIDEO: HS-1 ser 2 wk1 Sacraments 101: Confirmation (why we're confirmed)





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- VIDEO: HS-1 ser2 wk2 -C4: What's the Church All About?
- VIDEO: HS-1 ser2 C4: What are the Marks of the Church?
- VIDEO: HS-1 ser2 wk2 -C4: What are Holy Orders?
- VIDEO: HS-1 ser2 wk2-C4: Why So Many Churches?





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- VIDEO: HS-1 ser2 wk3 -C4: Who Determines Right from Wrong?
- VIDEO: HS-1 ser2 wk3 -Welcome Home
- VIDEO: HS-1 ser2 wk3 -Once upon a Tandem
- VIDEO: HS-1 ser2 wk3 -Pursing Holiness







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- VIDEO: HS-1 ser2 wk4 C4: Is It Wrong to be Rich?







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