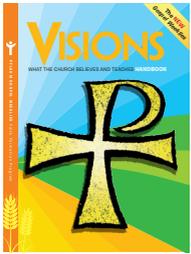




hold most important. **3.** Being a Christian isn't easy; some may reject Jesus' message because they don't want to follow God's commandments. Jesus did not argue with those who rejected him, nor did he fight back when they tried to throw him over the cliff. He just passed through them and walked away.



- **Open the *What the Church Believes and Teaches* handbook to page 24.** Read aloud Section 4 on the Sacraments of Healing. Emphasize the effects of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Continue the reading on page 25 and repeat the five effects of the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick.

Once you have completed this section of the lesson, close the handbook and return to Visions page 5.

- **Catholic Faith Word • Anointing of the Sick (page 5)** Read the definition aloud. This sacrament continues Jesus' healing actions. You might ask your child to give examples of how Jesus brings healing to both bodies and souls. *In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus fulfills the words of the prophets; he brings healing to a community waiting for its Messiah. He also brings healing through his peaceful actions; he does not argue or retaliate when the people reject him.*
- **Our Catholic Faith • The Old Testament Tells Us Who Jesus Is (page 5)** Read this feature aloud. Then help your child look up the Scripture passage and complete the Bible sleuth questions. *Answers: 1. There will be freedom for all people and plenty to eat. People will deal fairly with one another and help their relatives. 2. Elijah tells the poor widow—a person who would be among the most vulnerable in society—that she will have enough food for her and her son. Her flour and oil do not run out. 3. He will be the one anointed by God who will bring Good News to those who are sick, brokenhearted, and those who are imprisoned or held captive. 4. Remind your child that Luke was a doctor, so stories about healing would have been of special interest to him. This story is about God's healing power.*

Live the Gospel

- **Living the Gospel • Confront Your Prejudices (pages 6–7)** Read aloud the introduction, top left. Instead of organizing into small groups, work together with your child on the responses and discuss the statements. Then read aloud the paragraph below the photo on page 6. Together, brainstorm ways to complete to the statements.
- **World Church • World Day of the Sick (page 8)** Read aloud this feature together. Share about anyone you know who is dealing with a serious injury or illness and invite your child to do the same.
- **Closing Prayer • We Celebrate God's Forgiving Love** Finish this session by explaining that there are many types of healing—healing of hearts, minds, bodies, and souls. Spend some time reflecting silently. Think of a prejudice or selfishness you feel needs healing and invite your child to do the same. Remember, you don't have to share these aloud. Instead, read the words from 1 Corinthians on the cover. After each line, respond together: "Heal us, loving God."



Parent Resources

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