



Diocese of Arlington

2007-8 Vocation Lesson Plans

K-3

Vocation Lesson One: You Belong to Me!

Objective:

To reinforce the reality that we are special in God's eyes and that we belong to Him through the gift of our baptism.

Materials:

Copies of "You belong to Me" Worksheet

Procedure:

Begin with a short prayer and a song like "I am special." Sitting in a circle, ask the children to tell what they know about baptism from their experiences, as well as facts about the sacrament. Teach them about the sacrament, especially that we become God's children and belong to him through this sacrament. Ask "Do you know anything about Jesus' baptism? How old was he? Where was he? Who was there with him?" Read/tell the story of Jesus' baptism from Luke 3:15-16, 21-22. Talk about how God the Father called him his beloved son. Discuss that they are beloved children too and especially blessed through baptism too. Remind them that God calls each of us to belong to him in a special way and to live the vocation he gives us. Follow with the "You belong to Me" worksheet.

Activity:

Distribute "You belong to Me" worksheet. Ask students to draw their first name and color it. Make a yarn hanger. Invite them to hang it where it is a reminder that they are loved by God and that he has called them by name. Ask them to find out the date of their baptism and write it under their name so that they can remember the day they became his child.

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### Vocation Lesson Two: By Our Actions We Bring Peace

#### Objective:

To teach that, like Jesus, our actions can bring peace to others.

#### Materials:

Copies of "By Our Actions We Bring Peace" Worksheet

#### Procedure:

Ask students to sit quietly and tell them you are going to darken the room, light a candle and play peaceful instrumental music. Invite them to find the quiet place in their hearts and listen to the music. After a few minutes, fade the music out and give them a chance to say how they felt and what they were thinking about during that time. Remind them that at Jesus' baptism, his Father told him that he was especially loved. Jesus remembered those words and he went out into the villages, telling others about God's love for them too. Jesus treated people in a kind way. Ask students to tell what Jesus did to show kindness to others. Ask "How do you think this made the people feel after Jesus did these things?" After they share, tell the children that his actions brought peace to the people who believed in him. It was a little like the quiet peace they knew when they listened to the music. Ask "In what ways can you bring peace to others?" Let them give some suggestions. Remind them that when we sit quietly we can listen to God in our hearts and he helps us know how to share his peace with others. End with a prayer of your own or use these words: *Dear Jesus, help me to bring peace to my world by my actions. Help me to be kind to others. Help me to play fairly. Help me to share your gifts with others. Thanks you, Jesus. Amen.*

**Activity:** Distribute "By Our Actions We Bring Peace" Worksheet. Ask students to complete the sentence and illustrate their idea.