



Working Together for Catholic Education

THOUGH MANY, WE ARE ONE

UNIT 4

People Who Make A Difference!

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Lesson Overview:

The value of the Ten Commandments in living a Christian moral life through the lenses of people who Make a Difference! with Social Justice issues.

Duration: 40 minutes

CURRICULUM CONNECTIONS

Religious Education:

Grade 4: ML1.3 Identify efforts being made by your family, school, Church to live according to the Ten Commandments.

Grade 5: ML1.3 Identify the ways we are called to live the New Commandment in the choices we make, in relationship with God & others.

Grade 6: ML1.3 Articulate the Church's teaching concerning the Forth & Fifth Commandments & apply to the moral issues facing society.

ONTARIO CATHOLIC SCHOOL GRADUATE EXPECTATIONS & CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHINGS

The Catholic Social Teachings evident in this lesson include:

Solidarity
Life and Dignity of the Human Person

The Ontario Catholic School Graduate Expectations evident in this lesson include:

A Caring Family Member
A Reflective and Creative Thinker
A Collaborative Contributor

Guiding Questions (coming out of the Big Idea)

Big Idea:

The human person who is made in the 'image of God' is called to live and act in ways that reflect human dignity.

"Explain how living the New Commandment not only affects the choices we make but also affects moral issues facing society."

Scripture Passages:

John 13:34

"I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another."



LEARNING GOALS

At the end of this lesson, students will know, understand and/or be able to:

- Explain how living the New Commandment not only affects the choices we make but also affects moral issues facing society.

Success Criteria, based on the Learning Goals, can be co-constructed as a class in language meaningful to students. The success criteria help students understand what to look for during the learning and what it looks like once they have learned. They identify the significant aspects of student performance that are assessed and/or evaluated (i.e., the “look-fors”) in relation to curriculum expectations.

INSTRUCTIONAL COMPONENTS AND CONTEXT

Terminology:

New Commandment
Ten Commandments
Morals
Grace

Materials:

1. Change for a dollar
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9DXL9vIUbWg>
2. Bibles
3. People Who Make a Difference! New Commandment
(See Appendices A through I)
4. People Who Make a Difference! New Commandment Rubric (See Appendix J)

MINDS ON (10 minutes)

- Establishing a positive learning environment
- Connecting to prior learning and/or experiences
- Setting the context for learning

Teacher Voice:

“In the Gospel of John, Jesus gives us a new commandment. Please open your bibles and turn to John 13:34 and read along with me. ‘I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another.’

What challenges does this new commandment present?” (whole class discussion)

“You will be watching a YouTube video called CHANGE FOR A DOLLAR. Find evidence of the New Commandment within this movie.” <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9DXL9vIUbWg>

“Share with your elbow partner, a moment in the movie that ‘lived’ the new commandment.”

ACTION (30 minute sessions / 2 days)

- Introducing new learning or extending/reinforcing prior learning
- Providing opportunities for practice and application of learning (guided → independent)

Group students into teams of 2 or 3.

Teacher Voice:

“Living the new commandment affects the moral choices we make. Our moral choices affect the moral health of our community. Living the new commandment strengthens our relationship with God. The new commandment is our calling – a gift from God.”

“Each team will receive an inquiry / research assignment plus the rubric assessment sheet. 21st Century skills are required for completing this assignment – collaborate, communicate, critical thinking, creativity.”

Distribute **People Who Make A Difference! New Commandment** (*Appendix A*)

Allow remainder of the class period to complete the assignment.

(Presentations will take place on the second day of the lesson.)

CONSOLIDATION (30 minutes)

- Providing opportunities for consolidation and reflection
- Helping students demonstrate what they have learned

Exit Card

“Explain how living the New Commandment not only affects the choices we make but also affects moral issues facing society.”

(*NOTE: True/False Questions on assignment are both TRUE)

CONTINUED LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

Scarboro Missions sells a set of 32 Witness Posters featuring men and women who have been outstanding witnesses to their beliefs and to the dignity of all creation. Comes with Teacher’s Guide and Study Guide and is very reasonably priced. For information, visit:

<http://www.scarboromissions.ca/product/witnesses-posters?v=3e8d115eb4b3>

*See Lesson 8



Appendix A

People Who Make A Difference! New Commandment

Team 1

1. Do morals change? Explain.
2. What does a moral person look like...sound like...act like?
3. How are the new commandment and morals connected?
4. Give an example of a moral action that affects society in a positive way.

True or False

5. When we live moral lives, we testify to the dignity we have been given by virtue of the fact that we are created in God's image. _____
6. God affirms our dignity by giving us free will. _____

Ten Commandments

- Love of God – Love of others
- First three commandments relate to a loving God
- Forth to Tenth commandments relate to loving others

New Commandment – John 13:34

Inquiry / Research

Nelson Mandela was born July 18, 1918. He was a great moral role model. He was a moral hero to many.

What qualities of character ethics did Nelson Mandela have that made him worthy in the eyes of many?

How can these qualities be connected to your moral compass?

What Nelson Mandela quote reflects the new commandment?

Challenge

Your assignment is to be creative in displaying your understanding of how living the New Commandment not only affects the choices we make but also affects moral issues facing society. Your creativity can be shown through: a poster, moviemaker, power point, bitstrips instant comic, etc. Discuss your presentation idea with your teacher. Collaborate with your team. Communicate effectively. Use Critical Thinking skills to connect your learning back to your Success Criteria. God Bless!

Appendix B

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Team 2

1. Do morals change? Explain.
2. What does a moral person look like...sound like...act like?
3. How is the new commandment and morals connected?
4. Give an example of a moral action that affects society in a positive way.

True or False

5. When we live moral lives, we testify to the dignity we have been given by virtue of the fact that we are created in God's image. _____
6. God affirms our dignity by giving us free will. _____

Ten Commandments

- Love of God – Love of Others
- First three commandments relate to a loving God
- Forth to Tenth commandments relate to loving Others

New Commandment – John 13:34

Inquiry / Research

Blessed Mother Teresa was born in 1910. She was a great moral role model. She was a moral hero.

What qualities of character ethics did Blessed Mother Teresa have that made her worthy in the eyes of others?

How can these qualities be connected to your moral compass?

What Blessed Mother Teresa quote reflects the new commandment?

Challenge

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Appendix C

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Team 3

1. Do morals change? Explain.
2. What does a moral person look like...sound like...act like?
3. How is the new commandment and morals connected?
4. Give an example of a moral action that affects society in a positive way.

True or False

5. When we live moral lives, we testify to the dignity we have been given by virtue of the fact that we are created in God's image. _____
6. God affirms our dignity by giving us free will. _____

Ten Commandments

- Love of God – Love of Others
- First three commandments relate to a loving God
- Forth to Tenth commandments relate to loving Others

New Commandment – John 13:34

Inquiry / Research

Dorothy Day was born in 1897. She was a great moral role model. She was a moral hero to many.

What qualities of character ethics did Dorothy Day have that made her worthy in the eyes of many?

How can these qualities be connected to your moral compass?

What Dorothy Day quote reflects the new commandment?

Challenge

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Appendix D

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Team 4

7. Do morals change? Explain.
8. What does a moral person look like...sound like...act like?
9. How is the new commandment and morals connected?
10. Give an example of a moral action that affects society in a positive way.

True or False

11. When we live moral lives, we testify to the dignity we have been given by virtue of the fact that we are created in God's image. _____
12. God affirms our dignity by giving us free will. _____

Ten Commandments

- Love of God – Love of Others
- First three commandments relate to a loving God
- Forth to Tenth commandments relate to loving Others

Inquiry / Research

Jean Vanier was born in 1928. He is a great moral role model. He is a moral hero to many.

What qualities of character ethics does Jean Vanier have that make him worthy in the eyes of many?

How can these qualities be connected to your moral compass?

What Jean Vanier quote reflects the new commandment?

Challenge

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Appendix E

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Team 5

13. Do morals change? Explain.
14. What does a moral person look like...sound like...act like?
15. How is the new commandment and morals connected?
16. Give an example of a moral action that affects society in a positive way.

True or False

17. When we live moral lives, we testify to the dignity we have been given by virtue of the fact that we are created in God's image. _____
18. God affirms our dignity by giving us free will. _____

Ten Commandments

- Love of God – Love of Others
- First three commandments relate to a loving God
- Forth to Tenth commandments relate to loving Others

Inquiry / Research

Canadian Astronaut Chris Hadfield was born August 29, 1959. He is a great moral role model. He is a moral hero to many.

What qualities of character ethics does Chris Hadfield have that make him worthy in the eyes of many?

How can these qualities be connected to your moral compass?

What Chris Hadfield quote reflects the new commandment?

Challenge

Your assignment is to be creative in displaying your understanding of how living the New Commandment not only affects the choices we make but also affects moral issues facing society. Your creativity can be shown through: a poster, moviemaker, power point, bitstrips instant comic, etc. Discuss your presentation idea with your teacher. Collaborate with your team. Communicate effectively. Use Critical Thinking skills to connect your learning back to your Success Criteria. God Bless!

Appendix F

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Team 6

19. Do morals change? Explain.
20. What does a moral person look like...sound like...act like?
21. How is the new commandment and morals connected?
22. Give an example of a moral action that affects society in a positive way.

True or False

23. When we live moral lives, we testify to the dignity we have been given by virtue of the fact that we are created in God's image. _____
24. God affirms our dignity by giving us free will. _____

Ten Commandments

- Love of God – Love of Others
- First three commandments relate to a loving God
- Forth to Tenth commandments relate to loving Others

Inquiry / Research

Malala Yousafzai was born July 12, 1997. She is a great moral role model. She is a moral hero to many.

What qualities of character ethics does Malala Yousafzai have that make her worthy in the eyes of many?

How can these qualities be connected to your moral compass?

What Malala Yousafzai quote reflects the new commandment?

Challenge

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Appendix G

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Team 7

25. Do morals change? Explain.
26. What does a moral person look like...sound like...act like?
27. How is the new commandment and morals connected?
28. Give an example of a moral action that affects society in a positive way.

True or False

29. When we live moral lives, we testify to the dignity we have been given by virtue of the fact that we are created in God's image. _____
30. God affirms our dignity by giving us free will. _____

Ten Commandments

- Love of God – Love of Others
- First three commandments relate to a loving God
- Forth to Tenth commandments relate to loving Others

Inquiry / Research

Saint Pope John Paul II was born May 18, 1920. He was a great moral role model. He was a moral hero to many.

What qualities of character ethics did Saint Pope John Paul II have that made him worthy in the eyes of many?

How can these qualities be connected to your moral compass?

What Saint Pope John Paul II quote reflects the new commandment?

Challenge

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Appendix H

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Team 8

31. Do morals change? Explain.
32. What does a moral person look like...sound like...act like?
33. How is the new commandment and morals connected?
34. Give an example of a moral action that affects society in a positive way.

True or False

35. When we live moral lives, we testify to the dignity we have been given by virtue of the fact that we are created in God's image. _____
36. God affirms our dignity by giving us free will. _____

Ten Commandments

- Love of God – Love of Others
- First three commandments relate to a loving God
- Forth to Tenth commandments relate to loving Others

Inquiry / Research

Pope Francis was born in 1936. He is a great moral role model. He is a moral hero to many.

What qualities of character ethics does Pope Francis have that make him worthy in the eyes of many?

How can these qualities be connected to your moral compass?

What Pope Francis quote reflects the new commandment?

Challenge

Your assignment is to be creative in displaying your understanding of how living the New Commandment not only affects the choices we make but also affects moral issues facing society. Your creativity can be shown through: a poster, moviemaker, power point, bitstrips instant comic, etc. Discuss your presentation idea with your teacher. Collaborate with your team. Communicate effectively. Use Critical Thinking skills to connect your learning back to your Success Criteria. God Bless!



Appendix I

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Team 9

1. Do morals change? Explain.
2. What does a moral person look like...sound like...act like?
3. How is the new commandment and morals connected?
4. Give an example of a moral action that affects society in a positive way.

True or False

5. When we live moral lives, we testify to the dignity we have been given by virtue of the fact that we are created in God's image. _____
6. God affirms our dignity by giving us free will. _____

Ten Commandments...Did you know?

- Love of God – Love of Others
- First three commandments relate to a loving God
- Forth to Tenth commandments relate to loving Others

New Commandment – John 13:34

Inquiry / Research

Kid President – Robby Novak – was born in 2004. He is a great moral role model. He is a moral hero to many.

What qualities of character ethics does Kid President, Robby Novak, have that makes him worthy in the eyes of many?

How can these qualities be connected to your moral compass?

What Kid President quote reflects the new commandment?

Challenge

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Appendix J

People Who Make A Difference! New Commandment Rubric

	Level 4	Level 3	Level 2
Catholic Graduate Expectation Caring Family Member Collaborative Contributor Reflective Thinker	Demonstrates thorough understanding of CGE	Demonstrates considerable understanding of CGE	Demonstrates some understanding of CGE
Knowledge & Understanding Subject specific (K) Comprehension (U)	Student's research demonstrates thorough knowledge and understanding of the New Commandment & Moral development.	Student's research demonstrates considerable knowledge and understanding of the New Commandment & Moral development	Student's research demonstrates some knowledge and understanding of the New Commandment & Moral development
Thinking The use of critical and creative thinking skills / processes.	Student's inquiry demonstrates the use of critical / creative thinking / processing skills with a high degree of effectiveness.	Student's inquiry demonstrates the use of critical / creative thinking / processing skills with considerable degree of effectiveness	Student's inquiry demonstrates the use of critical / creative thinking / processing skills with some degree of effectiveness
Communication Conveying meaning through various forms	Student's presentation clearly expresses and organizes ideas and information with a high degree of effectiveness.	Student's presentation clearly expresses and organizes ideas and information with considerable degree of effectiveness.	Student's presentation clearly expresses and organizes ideas and information with some degree of effectiveness.
Application The use of knowledge & skills to make connections between New Commandment & Morals.	Student's presentation shows precise connections between New Commandment and Morals with a high degree of effectiveness.	Student's presentation shows precise connections between New Commandment and Morals with considerable degree of effectiveness.	Student's presentation shows precise connections between New Commandment and Morals with some degree of effectiveness.