



Activity #5 – Grades 1-4

Bring this completed paper to class with you on Sunday, March 22 or Wednesday, March 25, 2020

Name _____

The Corporal Works of Mercy

Jesus tells us that whatever we do for a person in need, we do for him. The Corporal Works of Mercy are ways that we can be the compassion and love of Jesus in the world today.

The Corporal Works of Mercy tell us to:

1. Feed the hungry
2. Give drink to the thirsty
3. Clothe the naked
4. Shelter the homeless
5. Visit the sick
6. Visit the imprisoned
7. Bury the dead

For this Faith in Action activity, do a work of mercy that you haven't done before or that you were not planning to do during Lent. Talk with your parents and decide with them what a good activity would be for you to do.

There are lots of suggestions on the back of this sheet or on the second page. But there are many other ways you can show the mercy of God to someone.

Draw a picture of yourself doing an act of mercy.
Name the people in your drawing and write about what you did.

Corporal Works of Mercy

There are many ways we can do these works of mercy today. Some examples are:

- Call a person who is homebound or who would appreciate talking with you.
- Go through your drawers and closets and find good-condition clothes to donate to an agency that distributes them.
- Pray every day for someone who is imprisoned by drugs or alcohol.
- Send a card with someone who has lost a friend or family member.
- Pray for the families of people who are in jail.
- Visit a person who is elderly or has difficulty leaving their home.
- At school, have lunch with or talk to another student who you don't know well.
- Be helpful at home by doing three or four tasks without being asked.
- If you know someone in a nursing home, visit them and bring them a St. Patrick's Day card (or any card!)
- At school share your snack with another student, especially if s/he forgot to bring one.
- Take some money from your allowance or that you have earned and put it in the poor box in church. There is a poor box at every door of the church.
- Make a donation to a charity that assists people in need.
- Send a get-well send a card to someone who is sick.

There are many other ways you can do a work of mercy.
Talk to your parents, family members, and friends for other suggestions.