

About This Section

PART FIVE • For the Catechist

The catechist is the person who will work closely with those preparing for the sacraments. Catechists themselves must be people of faith who echo the spirit of Jesus in what they say as well as who they are.

This section includes:

- **Orientation Session with Catechists**

This session can be used immediately following the recruitment of catechists and prior to the beginning of the sacrament preparation program.

- **Catechist Training and Formation**

These ideas for further training and formation of catechists can be implemented in a variety of settings throughout the year.

- **Catechist Retreat**

- The retreat will place the formation and training of your catechists in the context of a spiritual retreat setting.
- The retreat can be adapted and used during Lent with any group of adults.

- **Scripture Plays**

These plays can be used in place of the Scripture reading during the opening prayer rituals or during the Scripture section of the child's session.

- **Opening Rituals from the Catechist Guide**

- Even though these rituals are in the catechist guide, you may want to have a copy of them if you are the presider for the opening ritual.
- These rituals can be copied in order to facilitate the celebration of the opening prayer rituals with the entire group participating in the program.

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The Good Samaritan

Based on Luke 10:29–37

Speaking Characters Narrator 1
Narrator 2
Samaritan

Nonspeaking Characters Injured man Traveler 1
Robber 1 Traveler 2
Robber 2 Innkeeper

Narrator 1 A man was traveling from Jerusalem to Jericho. The road went through the mountains. It was a long winding road with plenty of places for robbers to hide. Suddenly, two robbers attacked the traveler.

The robbers pantomime robbing the traveler. Both robbers run out from behind a rock where they have been hiding. Robber 1 holds the traveler down on the road and takes a money sack, which is tied to a cord around the traveler's waist. Robber 2 goes through the man's belongings and fills a sack with several items. Then both robbers run off down the road.

Narrator 2 The robbers took everything the traveler had. Running away they left the injured man lying in a ditch on the side of the road.

Lying on the side of the road, the injured traveler is waving and crying out for help.

A traveler stops and looks at the injured man. He looks off in the distance at Jerusalem and then at the sky. He takes one more look at the injured man and continues on his journey.

Narrator 1 A traveler came walking down the road. He was in a hurry to get where

he was going. Deciding he had no time to stop, he continued on his journey.

As this traveler comes near the injured man, he crosses to the other side of the road. He acts as if he thinks that the injured man is a danger to him.

Narrator 2 Another traveler soon came down the road. He, too, stopped and looked at the injured man. He crossed to the other side of the road and quickly walked past the man.

The Samaritan is walking along the road with his donkey. He sees the man lying in the ditch and runs over to help.

Narrator 1 A man from the land of Samaria saw the injured man lying in the ditch and ran to help him.

Samaritan What has happened to you? Let me help you.

The Samaritan takes bandages and an oil jug from one of the bundles on the donkey. He cleans the injured man's wounds and bandages them. Finally he helps the injured man get on his donkey. Together they continue the journey until they come to an inn. The Samaritan knocks on the door of the inn, and an innkeeper answers.

Samaritan Take care of this man until I come back. Do whatever you need to do to help him get better. When I come back, I will pay you whatever it costs.

The innkeeper takes the money and nods in agreement. He takes the injured man inside and the Samaritan continues on his journey.