

Lesson Plan - Week 2 - Unit 1 – Session 2 – God Saves Us

- Beach Ball, prizes

- Attendance

- Opening Prayer

Let's **Remember that we are in the holy presence of God**

– **We are each called to be holy and to become saints....what does that mean to you?**

– Light the candle and read from the bible - Volunteer – 1 Peter 14-16

– Discuss the reading

– Remember that we talked about a young saint, St. Carlo?

– Show the **picture** and article – we'll read about the miracle after you get to know who Carlo is.

Blessed Carlo Acutis | Diocese of Assisi

Carlo Acutis, a Catholic Italian teenager who died in 2006, was beatified Oct. 10, 2020 in Assisi. Acutis, a gamer and computer programmer who loved soccer and the Eucharist, gained interest around the world.

So who was Carlo Acutis?

1. Carlo Acutis was born May 3, 1991, in London, where his parents were working. Just a few months later, his parents, Andrea Acutis and Antonia Salzano, moved to Milan.
2. As a teenager, Carlo was diagnosed with leukemia. He offered his sufferings for Pope Benedict XVI and for the Church, saying “I offer all the suffering I will have to suffer for the Lord, for the Pope, and the Church.”
3. He died on Oct. 12, 2006, and was buried in Assisi, at his request, because of his love for St. Francis of Assisi. His cause for canonization began in 2013. He was designated “Venerable” in 2018, and was designated “Blessed” October 10, 2020.
4. From a young age, Carlo seemed to have a special love for God, even though his parents weren't especially devout. His mom said that before Carlo, she went to Mass only for her First Communion, her confirmation, and her wedding. But as a young child, Carlo loved to pray the rosary. After he made his First Communion, he went to Mass as often as he could, and he made Holy Hours before or after Mass. He went to confession weekly. He asked his parents to take him on pilgrimages — to the places of the saints, and to the sites of Eucharistic miracles.
5. **His witness of faith led to a deep conversion in his mom**, because, according to the priest promoting his cause for sainthood, he “managed to drag his relatives, his parents to Mass every day. It was not the other way around; it was not his parents bringing the little boy to Mass, but it was he who managed to get himself to Mass and to convince others to receive Communion daily.”
6. He was known for defending kids at school who got picked on, especially disabled kids. When a friend's parents were getting a divorce, Carlo made a special effort to include his friend in the Acutis family life.
7. He was also a programmer, and built a website cataloguing and promoting Eucharistic miracles. On the site, he told people that “the more often we receive the Eucharist, the more we will become like Jesus, so that on this earth we will have a foretaste of heaven.”
8. Carlo loved playing video games. His console of choice was a Playstation, or possibly a PS2, which was released in 2000, when Carlo was nine. We know he only allowed himself to play games for an hour a week, as a penance and a spiritual discipline, but he wanted to play much more.

Read the article about St. Carlo's miracle.

Books pg 13 – Read and discuss

14 – Simply do question at the bottom of the page

Do you know anyone who does kind things for others? Who and what? Why?

16 – Let's read about another saint and complete the activity

18 - We are called to love one another and treat each other fairly – let's do these problems together

Quiz...Prizes

How do we know that God created us?

- Who is the Trinity? The 3 parts?
- Name each person in the Trinity and what is special about each of those persons?
- How many decades to the rosary?
- What do you reflect on during the Hail Mary's?
- What does praying help us to fight?
- What does each bead represent? Prayer
- What does rosarius mean? Garland, bouquet
- Can prayer help people?
- More questions from the pages above

am Activity

- Group 1 -Someone at school makes a racist remark – what do you say or do
- Group 2 – Someone at school is always bullying other students – what do you say or do?
- Group 3 – Someone is not included in games or lunch – what do you say or do?
- Group 4 – Kids make fun of another student online and posts mean things about them. – what do you say or do?

- **What are some problems to be solved in your neighborhood or the news**
 - - you can write them on the board
 - - which are important to solve – why?
 - - think of someone who helps others
 - - could be from a news story, a famous person or someone you know
 - - discuss that person's heroic traits and how they act like Jesus
 - - Whom did Jesus help/save?
 - - share stories from the bible - poor, sick, blind, sinners,
 - - What do you think he wanted to teach us by doing that?
 - - do the same, love all , help all

Remember that we are in the holy presence of God

- Lord, thank you for all of us here, thank you for giving us the courage to learn more about you. Please help us to become closer to you each day.

- What can I do this week for God....

Would any of you share what you will do this week to make your relationship with God stronger?

Ending Prayer: Remember that we are in the holy presense of God: Who shall we pray for?