

Kingdom of God Theme Overview				
What is the Kingdom that Christ calls us to?				
Session Title	The Point	Learning Goals	Scripture	CCC
A Reign of Justice, Love, and Peace	Jesus teaches us, by word and example, what it means to live in the Kingdom of God and to whom the Kingdom belongs. As his disciples, we are challenged to commit ourselves to the Kingdom.	Adolescents will come to a deeper understanding of the Kingdom of God as found in Jesus, his Church, and the world. They will consider what is required of those seeking to live for peace and justice.	Mark 1:14-15; Luke 16:19-31; Matthew 13:44-45, 21:28-32	543-546, 551-552
Just Living	Being made in God's image is the foundation for all just living. Every person has equal dignity and worth, so we are to show love through respecting and honoring all people.	Youth will increase their awareness of the fundamental human dignity which all people share and will identify what they can do in their own lives to show respect to those whom society ignores.	Luke 4:18, 10: 25-37	225 1807, 1825, 1934, 1944
Mercy and Action	As disciples we are called to meet the immediate physical and spiritual needs of others and to address attitudes, values, and structures in society that cause suffering and need.	Youth will consider the importance of responding to the needs of others with immediate direct aid and social change efforts. They will recognize the differences between these two approaches to social justice and identify ways they can engage in both.	Matthew 25:31-46	1807, 1827, 1931, 1935, 1943, 1944, 2447
Jesus and Prayer	Through his own example of prayer, Jesus teaches us about the importance of prayer in our lives and reminds us to pray all ways and always.	Adolescents will explore Jesus' teachings on prayer, the ways we pray as a Church, and the importance of prayer in their own lives.	Matthew 6:9-13, 7:7-11; Mark 1:35, 6: 46; Luke 11:2-13, 18:1-8	2599-2602, 2607-2610, 2646-2649, 2773-2776
Communion of Saints	We are called to be a communion of love and concern, women and men modeling true discipleship.	Youth will learn that the Church is one Body, on earth, in heaven, and in purgatory; they will identify saintly women and men in their lives and in the life of the Church who inspire and encourage them.	Wisdom 3:1-9; 1 John 3:1-3	487, 948-959
Eternal Life	God desires all people to live a life in friendship with him so that they can ultimately share in life forever with him in heaven.	Adolescents will look at the Church's teachings on eternal life in relationship to God's mercy, love, and call to conversion. They will consider their perceptions on eternal life and the impact their choices and actions have on their friendship with God.	Luke 16:19-31; 1 Corinthians 15:20-22; Romans 6:3-11; 2 Peter 3:9	1022-1024, 1030-1031, 1033-1035, 1037