

Grade 5, Chapter 10 – The Marks of the Church

Bible story connections:

- Matthew 18:15-18
- Matthew 28:16-20
- John 20:21-23

Social Justice tie-in:

- Serve the Church at your parish. Ask your pastor if there is something you can do for the parish. Maybe there is some work he needs done, or some other volunteer opportunity. As a class, be of service to the parish.

Discussion Questions:

- If the Church gives us the means to be holy, why are many Catholics not holy?
- Why is Apostolic Succession so important?

Memory Work (Baltimore Catechism):

153. How do we know that the Catholic Church is the one true Church established by Christ?

We know that the Catholic Church is the one true Church established by Christ because it alone has the marks of the true Church.

154. What do we mean by the marks of the Church?

By the marks of the Church we mean certain clear signs by which all men can recognize it as the true Church founded by Jesus Christ.

155. What are the chief marks of the Church?

The chief marks of the Church are four: It is one, holy, catholic or universal, and apostolic.

Catholic Brain Connections:

Printables

[Catholic Church coloring page](#)

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Videos

[Adventure Catechism – What is the Catholic Church?](#)

[Adventure Catechism – What are the Four Marks of the Church?](#)

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Review:

Vocabulary

- Marks of the Church – Four characteristics of Christ’s Church: one, holy, catholic, apostolic
- Apostolic Succession – The unbroken line of authority handed on from the apostles through the bishops

1) What are the four Marks of the Church?

One, holy, catholic, apostolic

2) What does the word “catholic” mean?

Universal

3) Who founded the Catholic Church?

Jesus

Discussion Question:

How can the Marks of the Church identify the Church that Jesus founded?

Activity:

As a family, learn about some ministry at your parish. Consider getting involved in that ministry, or at least attending one of their events.

He knows you and He loves you