

LESSON 15

The Consecrated Life

I. Preface

II. Children should acquire

1. Understanding

- Right from the beginnings of the church there are people who renounced all luxuries of life and tried for perfection through religious life.

- Like the faithful who embraced martyrdom during religious persecution, many faithful came forward to lead a life of renouncement to bear witness to Jesus.

- Religious life is a sign of the Kingdom of God and an intimate imitation of Jesus.

- Religious life is in the church and for the church.

- All the youngsters – boys and girls are duty bound to respond to the divine call for dedication of life and be of Jesus to serve people of God.

- The foundation for religious life is the evangelical counsels of obedience, chastity and poverty

2. Attitude

- Love and respect for those who have consecrated their life to Jesus.

- Openness to accept the vocation .

3. Habit

- Pray everyday to recognize the vocation in life.

- Pray that the church may get more and more people who consecrate their life for service of God.

III. Teaching Aids

Charts of the pictures in the lesson, pictures of dedicated people who became saints, pictures of saints and blessed people in Syro Malabar Church, stories of those faithful who embraced martyrdom, the Holy Bible etc.

IV. Introduction to the lesson (Presentation)

Show a visual of the rich young man who approached Jesus seeking eternal perfection / life. Discuss about the sacrifices embraced in early churches citing the example of a few martyrs. Then discuss about the services rendered by people dedicated to religious life and also discuss about the saints in Syro-Malabar Church.

V. Activities related to the lesson

Do as directed in the first lesson

Answers

1. Page 114, 115
2. Page 115
3. Page 116
4. Page 117
5. Page 118

VI. Additional Activities

1. Collect the pictures of saints who have consecrated their life for church.
2. Discuss about your vocation with a religious person known to you.