

Year of Mercy: Works of Mercy Instagram

Lesson Plan

Grade Level: 6-8

Subject: Religion

Topic: Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy/ Year of Mercy

Duration: 1-2 class periods

Objectives:

- Students will be able to list and explain the corporal and spiritual works of mercy.
- Students will demonstrate ways that they can practice the works of mercy and participate in the Year of Mercy.

Process:

1. Activating strategy: Give the students 30 seconds to write down as many corporal and spiritual works of mercy as possible. This can be done individually or in a group. For a group that has limited or no exposure to the works of mercy, give the students 30 seconds to write down all of the words that they associate with MERCY.
2. Direct Instruction: Provide the students with a comprehensive list of the corporal and spiritual works of mercy. As a class, discuss the meaning of each of the works of mercy. Students should write down each work of mercy and an explanation of that work of mercy, as they will need it throughout the lesson.
3. Formative Assessment: Divide students into groups of 3-4 students. Assign each group 1 spiritual and 1 corporal work of mercy. In these groups, the students should create two tableaus that portray each of their works of mercy being lived out by people today. Have students form and present their corporal works of mercy to the class, and then their spiritual works of mercy.
4. Direct Instruction/Discussion: The tableaus will reveal if further instruction on a few of the works of mercy would be beneficial, as well as providing the opportunity to pose the question to students, "How could YOU live out the works of mercy?" This discussion naturally leads into the introduction of the assessment for this lesson: the creation of a works of mercy Instagram (on paper).
5. Optional Grading: Incorporate the grading rubric elements below as part of the instruction.

RUBRIC FOR GRADING

	4 (complete)	3 (partially complete)	2 (largely incomplete)	1 (incomplete)
Instagram is in the required format and contains all required information				
Instagram contains 3 pictures that demonstrate corporal works of mercy				
Instagram contains 3 pictures that demonstrate spiritual works of mercy				
Each picture clearly and accurately connects to the work of mercy it demonstrates				
Instagram is neatly drawn and written and has correct spelling and grammar				