

## Living the Gospel

### Fundamental Christian values



## TARGET AUDIENCE

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### Overview

This Object demonstrates that the gospels have practical applications to our daily lives. Christians are instructed to live as Jesus taught, as such, our behaviour should be guided by the values expressed in the scriptures.

The multimedia element depicts the nine gospel values: love; promoting life in abundance; reconciliation; inclusion; justice; compassion; liberation; community; and hope. Rolling over each of the nine tiles reveals a representative visual; clicking on each presents the associated biblical text.

### Teacher Background

Teachers are encouraged to review the 'Living a Eucharistic Life' section of the DVD Rom *Become One Body One Spirit in Christ* to deepen their understanding of: the call to 'go forth' and live the mission of the Gospel in our daily lives; how we are called to live our Catholic and Christian faith; and the meaning of the Eucharist in our lives.

In particular, the following aspects of *Become One Body One Spirit in Christ* provide entry points and context for this Learning Object:

- Within the pathway 'Believe, Pray, and Act', watch the video 'Young People Living and Praying'.

*Where appropriate, use this material with the students.*

### Supporting Content

*This text supports the focus of the multimedia element.*

As followers of Jesus Christ, we proclaim the gospel – we announce the good news of what Christ has done for all humanity. But the gospel is not just words to pronounce; it should also involve practical application in our lives.

We need to remember that the Church's social teachings are rooted in the gospel. Because Catholic social teachings express gospel-based values, every Catholic ought to endeavour to live those values every day of our lives.

The gospels leave us in no doubt as to the centrality of love and harmony in Jesus' teaching. We believe that each member of our community is loved by

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God, and therefore deserving of respect and kindness. By promoting and aspiring towards the values implicit in the gospels, we are striving to live as Jesus did.

These values are applicable to our everyday experiences. The following are some examples of situations where our behaviour is guided by such values: welcoming a new student; embracing cultural diversity in our community; assisting people in need; refraining from using hurtful nicknames; maintaining hope in times of adversity; and many more.

The scriptures are a constant reminder that we should try to live our lives as Jesus taught us.

#### For Reflection and Discussion: Ideas for Use

*Select one or more of the following activities for students to complete.*

- 1 **Form the students into groups of four or more. On the board, record the characteristics that the groups attribute to each of the nine gospel values.**  
In groups, define the values listed here. Record the key points of the discussion.
- 2 **Invite students to choose one of the following tasks and to report back to class on it.**
  - Find a scripture passage, not provided here, which expresses one of these values.
  - Describe an every day situation that you could find yourself in and write about the value(s) you would use to guide your actions.
  - Think of a book you have read or a movie you have watched that deals with one or more of these values. Write about it and share your thoughts with the class.
- 3 **Invite students to reflect on the following and share their answers with the class:**
  - What would the world be like without these values?
  - How do you live the gospels?
  - Describe three people that you know who live the values of the gospel.
  - Interview one of these people about their life and their motivations for living as they do. Report the conversation to the class.

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