
CALL TO FAMILY, COMMUNITY AND PARTICIPATION

GRADES 1-3

45 MINUTES

OBJECTIVE

Through the story of Christyan in Sri Lanka, students will explore a Catholic social teaching principle, Call to Family, Community and Participation, and consider what community means.

MATERIALS

Map, Christyan's story or video (available at crsricebowl.org/stories), scissors, Sri Lanka Activity Sheet: Grades 1-3 (available at crsricebowl.org/schools)

DISCUSSION (15 MINUTES)

1. Locate Sri Lanka on the map. Where is it?
2. Read or watch Christyan's story.
3. Reflect:
 - Who did we meet in the story?
 - What challenges do they face?
 - How does Christyan support his family?

ACTIVITY (25 MINUTES)

1. Explain Call to Family, Community and Participation. Discuss how humans are social by nature. We need each other. Like the early disciples, we are called to come together and grow as a community—in our classroom, church and family.
2. Have students complete the Sri Lanka Activity Sheet: Grades 1-3.
3. Ask the students to share their answers with a partner.

CLOSING PRAYER (5 MINUTES)

God of community,

We thank you for the gift of each person we encounter in our lives.

May we always show them the compassion and kindness they deserve.

Amen

AT HOME

1. Share your activity sheet with your family.
2. As a family, discuss the Lenten calendar reflection for the day.
3. Use the CRS Rice Bowl app to find more.

IF YOU ONLY HAVE



1. Read or watch Christyan's story.
2. Lead discussion step 3.



SRI LANKA
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Christyan is helping his son go to school. Name three people that help you go to school. How are they helping you?

Name: _____

He/she is helping me by _____

Name: _____

He/she is helping me by _____

Name: _____

He/she is helping me by _____

Color the Thank You card, cut it out, and give it to one of the people you chose, showing your appreciaton for what they do.

