



**Monday of Respect Life Week**  
**Immigration**  
**Grades 4-6**

**Theme:** We Are One Family Under God/Building a Christian Community

**Goal:** Students will be introduced to the concept of a Christian community based on Gospel principles. They will be introduced to stories of welcoming others and kindness to strangers as a direct outcome of lived faith.

**Materials:** Bible  
The Millionaires Who Welcome People at Sea ([video link](#))  
What are the Most Translated Words in the World ([video link](#))

**Scripture:** Parable of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:25-37)

Questions for Discussion

Who is the main character of the story?  
What was he doing?  
What happened to him?  
Who walked by him as he lay on the road?  
Who helped him?  
What did he do?  
Why is it significant that a Samaritan man helped the wounded man?  
What does this story teach us about loving and caring for people, even if they are strangers?

**Videos:** The Millionaires Who Welcome People at Sea ([video link](#))  
What are the Most Translated Words in the World ([video link](#))

Questions for Discussion

What do these videos tell us about showing love and friendship to others?  
Is it easy to do this?  
What about to people you don't even know?  
What does the family do with their boat? Why?  
Do they know the people they help?  
What about all of the people sharing words of love and gratitude in other languages?  
Does it matter whether they are good friends with the people or not?  
Is it important to be kind to people who are not your friends?  
What about people you meet in your own neighborhood or in the city?  
What is the most important thing a good friend does?  
Are you a good friend?

**Activity:** Have students bring in an item that represents their heritage (i.e. an article of clothing, picture) and share with the class. Talk about how special it is that we each

come from unique backgrounds. Ask the students, “*What can we learn from different cultures?*” Sometimes other cultures can seem strange to us at first, but they are part of what makes every person special. Ask, “*How can we welcome those who are different from us?*”

**Prayer:**

*Loving God,*

*We thank you for creating all the people of the world and for allowing us to learn from their cultures and beliefs.*

*Remind us to see your face when we meet new people for the first time.  
Give us courage to welcome them and show them love and courtesy.*

*Grant safety to all immigrants and refugees who leave their homes for a new land,  
looking for safety, peace, and opportunity for their families.*

*Amen.*

*Lesson adapted from the plans on the Archdiocese of Los Angeles Office of Life, Justice and Peace website.*