

Homily Hints

The Big Question:

“How do I find my way?”

Chapter Goals:

1. to understand that the Holy Spirit is present and active in God’s plan of salvation
2. to trust the Holy Spirit to guide the life and teachings of the Church
3. to rely on the help and guidance of the Holy Spirit.

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Everybody in one sense or another has gotten lost at one time in their lives! One can be “lost” physically, morally, spiritually, or intellectually. Emphasize that this chapter’s Big Question is an important question for everyone.

The contemporary youth culture is very connected technologically but can be very disconnected in terms of relationships. Social networking sites allow young people to have cyber “friends” whom they have never met or spoken to face to face. And many modern modes of communication—instant messaging, e-mailing, and texting—further remove the personal connection from many relationships. Affirm that it is easy for young people to feel disconnected and lonely—and perhaps without a guide—in today’s world.

Talk with the young people about the Holy Spirit. Scripture affirms that the Holy Spirit is present and active in the Church community. Explain that the Holy Spirit can be a guide in finding one’s way in a society that is often more technological than personal. Share your own story or another’s story about ways we can rely on the Holy Spirit.

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