Homily Hints

The Big Question:

"What good qualities do I have?"

Chapter Goals:

1. to understand that the Sacrament of Confirmation completes Baptism and seals us with the Gift of the Holy Spirit
2. to desire to respond to the Holy Spirit by using our gifts to serve others
3. to respond to the guidance of the Holy Spirit through a life of faith and witness.

Homily Hints:

Begin your homily by discussing the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Ask the young people: "Do you believe that when we receive the Sacrament of Confirmation we are really given the gifts of the Holy Spirit?"

Junior high school for many young people is a time of some uncertainty. Many are still trying to determine what makes them unique as individuals, who they will forge friendships with, and what they want to do with their lives.

Propose that the best way to discover who we truly are is by using our gifts to serve others. Remind the young people that the gifts of the Holy Spirit are gifts of service both for us and for others. These gifts are visible in a life of faith and witness. This conversation may help them to build self-esteem and confidence as Christians.

Notes

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