

UNIT 2: JESUS AND THE NEW COVENANT  
THE PROMISED ONE COMES**Lesson 9: Saint Francis: The Little Poor Man**

During this class the students will reflect on the example of St. Francis of Assisi and pass on these reflections in the form of posters. (They have been asked to collect data, pictures etc of St. Francis, especially his recreation of the crib.)

1. Let the students sit in their groups. They share the information they have gathered about St. Francis with the class. After this, distribute the handouts and allow them to read through them.
  
2. Lead them to reflect on what they have heard and personalise it as follows:
  - Think about all we have just heard. The life of Jesus touched Saint Francis and led him to make a big change in his own life. What about you? What is God saying to you through his humble birth, and through the example of St. Francis? Is there any change he is asking in you, in your lifestyle?  
[Allow students to prayerfully reflect and then share any practical response that God is asking of them. Eg God wants me to stop spending money on new clothes and be satisfied with what I have.]Now let us pass on the message we have heard through our posters.
  
3. Explain the concept of a poster:
  - i. Pick out one main point that you want to highlight: one message which is relevant to people in the modern world. Ask yourselves, 'What do I want the viewers to feel, think, when they see the poster?'
  - ii. Choose a good caption for your poster.
  - iii. Plan what you will put into the poster on a rough paper. Make sure it is not just information in the form of words, but good visuals: pictures, sketches, photos.
  
4. Begin with a prayer asking the Holy Spirit to inspire and guide you, then proceed with the poster-making. (If time runs out, the posters could be finished at the next class or during free time in class or at home.)

NB. Make sure the posters are displayed either in the class or on the corridors of the school.

MATERIALS NEEDED: Handouts, chart paper [1 per group]; markers, crayons, magazine pictures; pictures of a crib etc.

NB. As a follow-up of this lesson you could show the movie 'Brother Sun, Sister Moon'