

## **Torch Bearers**

### **Book No. 7: Lesson 13:**

#### **Precepts of the Church**

##### **Objective :**

Students will understand the importance and purpose of the precepts of the Church and how they guide the life of a Christian in practicing faith and attaining salvation

##### **Starter:**

- Ask students why should we follow rules on the road, schools etc. Relate it to certain rules to be followed in church.
- Introduce the Precepts of the Church as five key practices that help us stay connected with God and the Church community.

##### **Presentation of the topic:**

- With the backdrop of the Ten Commandments which was covered in the earlier lessons, introduce to the students the concept of Church precepts specific guidelines that help Christians live out God's commandments in their daily lives.
- Give an overview of the Precepts as listed out in the textbook.
- Discuss how these precepts serve as the minimum requirements for a Christian believer as it inculcates discipline which is essential for the growth and unity of the Church community.
- Emphasize the connection between the precepts and the Ten Commandments.

##### **Habit Formation: -**

Follow all the precepts.

**Bible Verse:** Matthew 16:19

##### **Activity:**

**Role-Play:** A group of children could enact a scenario where a family decides to skip Mass on Sunday for a recreational activity, and thereafter all the students together can discuss the consequences on their spiritual life and community.

Similarly, other precepts could be taken up and it's importance be discussed by the students.