

Making Moral Decisions

Keep these ideas in mind as you study **Unit 5, Session 21**.

Saint Isaac Jogues, a French Jesuit, was convinced his call to service was to teach Native Americans about Jesus. Even after he was captured, he continued to preach.

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To help us make good choices, we can ask the Holy Spirit for help, think about God's law and the Church's teachings, and consider the consequences.

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Everyone who listens to Jesus' words and acts on them will be like the wise man who built his house on rock. We need to make Jesus central in our lives by following his teachings and trying to be like him.

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We each have a conscience that helps us with the choices we make. The Word of God, the Gifts of the Holy Spirit, the advice of others, and the teachings of the Church form our conscience.

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Making good choices and acting on them is not always easy. The right choice is not always clear.

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Saint Francis of Assisi wanted to be a knight, but after he was captured and imprisoned, he had a dream in which Jesus called to him to rebuild his Church. Francis is often shown surrounded by animals.

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We must remember that the choices we make affect our life with God and others.

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Francis gave away his possessions and wore a brown cloak belted with a rope. Francis's simple brown cloak became the habit, or uniform, of his community of followers.

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