



**Grades 5-6: *FOR LOVE ALONE***

***The Story of Women Religious***

**Materials:** “For Love Alone” video, Bible, student journal or paper to write a journal-type entry.

 PREPARATION – How to Get Ready

*For Love Alone* Study Guide also provides helpful background information for the teacher.

 PROCLAMATION – Main Theme

**Students will become more familiar with the vocation of a religious Sister and recognize this vocation as a response of a woman to the love of Jesus and His call for her.**

 EXPLANATION – Content of Lesson

**(See PowerPoint for more detail.)**

* **Preparation**
  + - Read and discuss Mark 14:3-9
    - Introduce vocabulary
    - Introduce Questions to Consider
* **Watch the video, “For Love Alone”**
  + - Discuss Questions to Consider
    - My Vocation
* **Meditation and journal time**
* **Explain Activity (optional)**
* **Closing prayer**

 APPLICATION – Connecting it to Students

* Lead students in a short meditation time (5-7 min.) where they picture being with Jesus and asking Him what He desires for their lives. Allow for 3-5 min. at the end to journal about their prayer.
* Look online at the CMSWR website showing a list of religious communities in the US. <https://cmswr.org/vocations/vocations-directory/>
  + Each student could choose one community and write to them, asking 3-5 appropriate questions. Another option would be to Skype or Facetime as a class with one or more Sisters from a community if arrangements are made ahead of time.
  + If communicating with Sisters, share with them what you thought of the video “For Love Alone” and thank them for giving their life to Jesus and His Church.
  + Students could partner to look together at websites of various communities and write down points that appealed to them to share with the rest of the class.

 CELEBRATION - Conclusion

**Options:**

* Sing a verse of: Open My Eyes, The Summons, Servant Song, Song of a Servant, Here I Am Lord,

Give Me Ears to Listen, etc.

* Lead a spontaneous prayer asking that our hearts will be open to respond to Jesus’ call to us.
* Pray the short prayer: “Jesus, please tell me what You want me to do with my life and I will do it.”