

OFFICE OF THE KEYS

1. **Opening Prayer:** Feel free to pray your own prayer or use the following as an outline.

Dear God,

As we talk about the Office of the Keys, which may not be something we usually discuss, help us to understand its value in our life. Help us to see in Your Word the power that You have given us as Christians and help us to understand our role in sharing the Gospel.

In Jesus' holy and precious Name, Amen.

2. **Teaching:** Watch Lesson 20: Office of the Keys Video link: <https://vimeo.com/207174050>

3. **Scripture Search:** Read through the following section of Scripture:

3.1. [John 20:19-23](#), [Matthew 18:18](#)

3.2. Read through the following sections of the Small Catechism:

3.2.1. The Office of the Keys, page 314;

3.2.2. *The Central Thought*, page 314;

3.2.3. *Questions 334-347*, pages 315-321

4. **Question Time:**

4.1. What are some different ways you might hear about forgiveness?

4.2. What's the difference between sharing with somebody the Law and sharing with them the Gospel?

4.3. How do we know when we should share the Law and when we should share the Gospel with someone?

4.4. Who are people in your life that you could share your faith with?

4.5. Vocabulary: [Office of the Keys](#)

5. **Closing Prayer:** Feel free to pray your own prayer or use the following as an outline.

Dear Jesus,

Help me to realize the importance of the power You have given me as a Christian. Help me to share both Your Law and Your Gospel with the people that I know. When they confess their guilt, help me to show them Your grace and forgiveness.

In Your Name we pray, Amen.