Overview
In this week’s Gospel passage, Jesus outlines how to settle disputes among our brothers and sisters in Christ. Holding our brothers and sisters accountable for their sinful actions can help reunite them with the Church and bring us all closer to Christ. In this week’s lesson, students will contemplate how to give fraternal correction in charity.

Directions
A. Read the Gospel passage aloud to your students as they follow along. Then discuss the focus and reflection questions with them as a class.
B. Arrange students into small groups and distribute to them the Correcting a Friend handout. Read each scenario aloud or have students read them together in their groups, and then have them come up with the best way to handle each of the situations using the Gospel to support their answer.
C. When students have finished, call on groups to share and discuss their answers.

Answer Key
Focus Questions
1. He says we should talk to our brother privately and let him know what he has done to wrong us.
2. We will have won our brother over.
3. We should take him before two or three witnesses and explain the wrong done. If he still does not listen, we should tell the church. After that, we should treat him like a Gentile or a tax collector.

4. That what they pray for will be granted by the Father.

5. Jesus will be in their midst.

Fraternal Correction Scenarios

1. Confront your friend and ask him to tell the truth to your parents.
2. Tell a few other friends about the situation and ask them to help you talk some sense into your friend.
3. Remind her to ask you next time and to stop taking your money without permission. Tell your parents what is happening.
4. Accept reasoned answers. Friendship is based on desiring what is good for our friend.
5. Sin harms us and harms others. Sin also hurt our relationship with God. Holding our friends accountable for sinful actions is a sign of love and mercy. Accept other reasoned answers.