

Lesson 1

God Is Our Father

Lesson Focus | God is our Creator and Father, Who loves us and cares for us. He made the world and everything in it. He blesses us with all good things, providing for all our needs. We should recognize those gifts and thank Him for them. We also should talk to God, just as we talk to our earthly fathers. That's what prayer is—talking to God. Because God is our Father and because He created and loves everyone, we should love everyone too.

1 | begin

- Pray the Glory Be with your child.
- Share a story about your father or a father figure in your life and one of the ways he showed his love for you when you were little. Or share a story about your child's own father (or a father figure) and how he showed his love for your child.
- Read Luke 11:5–13 aloud.

2 | summarize

Summarize this week's lesson for your child:

Example: As much as your father loves you, God, your Heavenly Father, Who created you, loves you even more. And because God is the Father of everyone, we love everyone in His family.

3 | review

Review this week's lesson by asking your child the following questions:

1. Who made you? (*God.*)
2. Why did God make you? (*Because He loves me.*)
3. How does God show you that He loves you? (*He takes care of me and gives me good things.*)
4. What do we say to God for all the good things He gives us? (*"Thank you."*)
5. What do we call it when we talk to God? (*Prayer.*)
6. How should we treat everyone in God's family? (*We should love them.*)

References

- Student Textbook: Chapter 1, pp. 6–9
- Sacred Scripture: Gen 1:1–31; Is 49:16; Mt 6:9–13; Lk 11:2–13
- *Catechism of the Catholic Church*: 218–21, 238–42, 279–89, 1604, 2214–20, 2559–65



4 | apply

Help your child apply this week's lesson by asking the following questions:

1. What are some of the good gifts God has given you?
2. When you talk to your father, what are some of the things you talk about?
3. Can you talk to God about those same things? What else can you talk to God about?
4. What can you do for God to show Him how much you love Him?

5 | conclude

- With your child, pray the Our Father (see Appendix).

6 | follow up

During the week, do at least one of the following activities with your child:

1. At bedtime, pray with your child and ask him to tell God what he's thankful for.
2. Help your child write a thank-you note to or draw a picture for someone for whom he's thankful.
3. Pray before meals as a family, thanking God for what He has provided.
4. Help your child draw a picture of himself talking to God the Father, and display it in his bedroom or somewhere else in the house where he'll see it daily.



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