

CORRELATION BETWEEN 2010 RCL-BENZIGER *FAMILY LIFE* AND RCL *FAITH FIRST K-8*
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FAMILY LIFE LESSON NUMBER	TITLE	CONTENT	WHERE TO FIT IN FAITH FIRST LESSONS	DATE COMPLETE	SOME EXTRA THOUGHTS ON THE LESSON
1	Families	Types of families, how families grow and change, personal role in family	8 My Family is a sign of God's Love		
2	Sharing				
3	I am Loved	Expressions of love, saying I'm sorry, parish expressions of love, a loving heart	15 We Belong to the Catholic Church, 20 We show our Love for God.		
4	Feelings	Types of feelings and they are expressed, talking about your feelings, appropriate expressions of feelings, prayer as a way of coping	19 We Make Choices, 23 We say I am sorry, 24 Jesus taught us to Pray		
5	Being Safe	Personal abilities, diverse development, making choices, staying safe	2 God Gives Me Five Senses, 22 We Take care of Ourselvse		Add health aspects of hygiene in here
6	God's Creation	Creation and its sanctity Needs and wants, responsibility for creation	1 I am a Child of God, 3 God Gives us the Earth, 4 God Gives Us Animals and Plants, 5 God Gives us People		
7	Girls and Boys	Gender differences, gender roles, Holy Family	Special Celebrations-The Holy Family, St Joseph, Mary our mother		
8	Special Love	Family additions, needs of	Special Celebrations-Mary's		

		a new family member, Nativity Story	Birthday, St Joseph, Mary our mother		
9	Friends	What it means to be a friend, acceptable behavior around friends, being a peacemaker, communicating your feelings	5 God Gives us People, 12 Jesus Is my Teacher, 14 Jesus Blesses the Children		
10	Helping Others	Choosing positive behavior, acting with friendship toward others, helping friends	21 The Good Neighbor, 22		

Grade 1

FAMILY LIFE LESSON NUMBER	TITLE	CONTENT	WHERE TO FIT IN FAITH FIRST LESSONS	DATE COMPLETE	SOME EXTRA THOUGHTS ON THE LESSON
1	What to Families do?	Family activities, including prayers, Bible stories and Jesus and His family	4 Jesus is the Son of God, 14 Jesus Feed a Crowd		Any of the Scripture stories about Jesus will work here. Talk about how parents tell proud stories about their kids or embarrassing stories
2	Families Love and Help	Family values, what is important to your family	15 We Live as Children of God, 16 We Live as a Family		
3	Child of God	Personal uniqueness, value of life, Christian love	This may be handled as an independent lesson		You can cover diversity issues here.
4	I have feelings	Types of feelings and being able to identify how you feel, talking about feelings, there is a time for everything	21 We Love Through Forgiveness		You may want to add the idea of "It's ok not to like someone" and conflict resolution tips.
5	I Grow and Learn	Growing up, 5 senses, multiple intelligences	This may be handled as an independent lesson		You can cover diversity issues here, too. Focus on respect for others.
6	I care for myself	Personal health, hygiene, choices, obedience	17 We Live as a Community, 19 We Love God		Bring in health concepts of hygiene and concept of natural consequences (If you

					don't do..., then this will)
7	I care for others	Sharing, getting involved, random acts of kindness, practicing love	20 We Love Others, 21 We Love Through Forgiveness		
8	Love Grows	Sharing love with family members, adding family members, Baptism	1 God Loves us, 2 God is our Father, 11 the Church Celebrations		
9	More Families	Circle of caring people, community and parish concept, helping others	5 Good Samaritan, 8 Jesus Gave us the Church, 9 The First Christians, 17 We Live as a Community		
10	Family Love	Family relationships, talking, communicating and forgiving family members, reconciliation	3 Mary, the Mother of God, 4 Jesus is the Son of God		

Grade 2

Faith First	Content	Where To Fit	Family Life Book	Title	Content
1	We trust and love in God, People of God, our parish community		1	God's Plan	types of family structures, Christian Love, things our family does together, welcoming God into your home
2	Jesus, Son of God, Promises made and kept, Nativity, caring for people	1,8	2	Rules and Choices	What are rules, obedience, saying I'm sorry, responsibility for actions, 10 Commandments, rules to keep you healthy
3	God our Father, creations, nature, St. Francis of Assisi	1,3,4	3	Who are You?	Diversity, special gifts of everyone, self-identification, St. Thomas Aquinas
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5	Travelers on the road to Emmaus, making and breaking bread, Eucharist		5	New Life	Bringing children into a family, commitment to the new person, roles of parents
6	John the Baptist, reading the Scripture stories at Mass. Liturgy of the Word		6	Caring for Life	Life as a gift, Golden Rule, care for plants and animals, taking responsibility for ourselves and each other, praying as an action

7	Holy Trinity, Sign of the Cross, symbols of the Trinity		7	Signs of Love	How families express their love for one another, saying I'm sorry, how Jesus can help you show your for others
8	Jesus our Savior, the Crucifix, Easter story, Easter candle		8	Promises	Making and keeping promises, functions of marriage, who makes promises to whom, responsibility for keeping promises
9	Promises of the Holy Spirit, Pentecost, sharing special talents	7,9	9	Family Connections	Reasons to celebrate with family members, how families handle tough times, how you can help with celebrations and in sad times
10	People of God, prayer, Church, followers of Christ, united together, Mary,		10	More Connections	Wider world connections, community connections, parish family, working and playing together, behavior that is polite and proper, being a peacemaker
11	Worship, Christ's miracles, Sacraments, words and actions				
12	Baptism and Confirmation, symbols in Baptism,				
13	Forgiving Father, parables, story telling, reading the Word of God, St. John Vianney				

14	God's forgiving Love, making choices, Reconciliation, act of contrition	2,6			
15	Gathering for Mass, Rites of the Mass, Processions,				
16	Last Supper, Seder Meals, Passover altars				
17	Giving thanks to God, Liturgy of the Eucharist, Eucharistic prayer, Consecration, concluding rite				
18	We are God's children, following God's rules, making choices, Holy Spirit, St. Therese of Lisieux				
19	Great Commandment , Temple of Jerusalem, Golden Rule, respect life and				

	each other, giving to others,				
20	Ten Commandment s, respecting self and others, St. Vincent de Paul, parish outreaches				
21	Proverbs, thinking about the Bible, Old Testament books				
22	Making choices, choosing to follow Christ, right paths, conscience, praying often, WWJD.	10			
23	Grace, sin, mortal and venial sins, forgiving others and ourselves, teaching peace, St. Catherine of Siena	10			
24	Prayer and music, listening, time and place for				

	prayers, Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha				
25	Jesus praying, reading the Word of God, Our Father, lives of prayer				
26	The Our Father, Christian unity, analyzing the phrases				

8	Church as community, sacraments of initiation, Baptism, Confirmation, service		1,2	1 Human Family 2 Family Living			
9	Heroes and role models, saints, family of God						
10	St. Paul, what it means to be Christian, conversion, faith, St. John Neumann						
11	Sacraments, what are they, celebrating faith, sacraments, symbols						
12	Reconciliation, forgiveness, Anointing of the Sick	Saying "I'm sorry" and changing personal behavior	9	Having Good sense			
13	Story of the Pharisee and the publican, personal attitude, needing forgiveness, humility as a virtue		4	Learning to choose			
14	Sacraments of service, Matrimony, Holy Orders, vocations						
15	Wedding feast of Cana, life traditions, miracles, signs from God						
16	Celebrating the Eucharist, as sharing, Mass						
17	Liturgical seasons, Paschal mystery,						
18	Love through scripture stories, covenants and commitments, role models,						
19	Ten Commandments, first 3 commandments in action,						

	Holy Days of Obligation,						
20	Respecting each other, rest of the Commandments, where love fits in, seeing God in each other		3	Feelings			
21	Songs and prayers as praise, communicating history of families, taking care of ourselves and Creation,	Refer back to Family Life lessons 3 and 4					
22	Making choices, how faith helps us make good choices, concept of grace, eternal life,		3,10	Feelings Community Life			
23	Prayer as communication, community sharing, personal prayer, prayer aids						
24	Types of prayer, forms of communication,						
25	Creed, say what you mean and believe, truth, Holy Spirit's presence during prayer						
26	Hail Mary and the scripture story that inspired it, Annunciation, Rosary mysteries as events in Mary's life	Teach the Rosary!					

GRADE 4

Main Book Chapter	Theme Summary	Suggested Completion	Family life session	Theme Summary	Enhancements	Date	Completed
1	Who is God, faith community, profession of faith, sharing faith						
2	What is the Bible, the books, the promise through the Commandments						
3	Books of Samuel In Old Testament, names, covenants, obedience	Add Baptism as a naming celebration, Jewish Briss, naming traditions within families					
4	God as father, creeds, creation, environmentalism						
5	Story of Isaiah, original sin, promise of the Messiah, promise making and keeping, hope						
6	Jesus as promise kept, Nativity story, Jesus' ministry, signs, symbols, saints						
7	Easter Triduum Story, Ascension, faith						
8	Holy Spirit,						

	Pentecost, works of the Spirit, symbols or trademarks						
9	Good Shepherd Story, caring for others, corporal Works of mercy, St. Joseph		9	Reaching out to others			
10	We are Church, We are family, working within family and church						
11	Mass, Liturgical year, prayer,						
12	Sacraments, initiation, Eucharist,						
13	Exodus, feeding others, caring, communion	Work in service within church for service learning for graduation requirements ; merge Exodus journey with journey of growing up	10	Looking to the future	Having students complete a life map for themselves		
14	Healing power of forgiveness, sacraments of reconciliation and		3,8	Acting on feelings, Healthy Discipline			

	anointing of the sick/dying, ministering to the ill and dying						
15	Bad things happen to good people, suffering, story of Jarius' daughter, trust, asking for help						
16	Signs of love, matrimony as a sacrament, Holy Orders, choosing the single life	FL 7 & 8 are very "science class" oriented. Call for help if you need it.	5,6,7	My Amazing Body Stages of Life Growing and Maturing			
17	Created in God's image, choices and consequences, getting in touch with your feelings, how our faith can help	Focus more on the family life book.	1,2,3,4	Nice to be needed Why rules? My feelings Acting on feelings			
18	Happiness on earth, Beatitudes, service and happiness,				Try a variation on the Peanuts theme "Happiness is a warm puppy"		
19	Conscience, Virtues, choosing holiness, choosing evil, sin, gifts of the Holy Spirit, Lent						
20	Exodus again, Commandments, St. Peter Claver						
21	First 3 commandments, Sunday and Holy Day observances, St. Thomas	Refer to the movie, "A Man for All					

	More	Season," for background on Thomas More (a really good movie!) (not to be shown to the kids)					
22	Commandments 4-10, respecting life, friendship	Add in how gossip and copying in school fit into Big 10, especially commandments 4, 7,8 and 10					
23	Prophets of Old Testament, Jesus as fulfillment of prophesy, sharing our lives with others,						
24	Prayer, spending time with God, communication,						
25	Praise through prayer, meditation,	Bring in how prayer can be a goal setting activity, or a mind clearing activity					

26	Teachers in our lives, trust, expectations, Lord's Prayer, knowing what you are asking for,	Analyze the prayer by phrase to understand what we are requesting of God. Try it with the Creed or Hail Mary.					
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GRADE 5

Main Book Chapter	Theme Summary	Suggested Completion	Family life session	Theme Summary	Enhancements	Date	Completed
1	Creation, people as a part of creation, gift of faith, God's revelations, Vatican II						
2	Bible, people from the Bible, covenant, history, wisdom, prophesy, Gospels, Revelations, trust in God's words,						
3	Trinity, Baptism, initiations, creeds, true to self	Emphasize being true to self, say what you mean and mean what you say					
4	Calming the Sea story, wonders and signs, symbols						
5	Qualities of God the Father, original sin						
6	Jesus, Son of God, names and titles, Nativity Story, Mary						
7	Death, resurrection and ascension of Jesus, celebrations, Passover, freedom, betrayal, friendship	Stations of the Cross,			Stations of the Resurrection by Fr. J. Briengner		
8	Promise of a helper scripture story, promises,						

	Holy Spirit, truth, advocate,						
9	Team spirit, prophets, empowerment, witnessing, ministry						
10	Belonging, personal ministry, where do I fit, what/who is the church, personal commitment	bring in family as a "team" concept with roles and responsibilities. Everyone has a role in a family	9,10	Supporting Families Caring World Family			
11	Celebrating the liturgy, liturgical seasons, sacraments						
12	Baptism, Confirmation, initiation, symbols, commitments						
13	Pentecost, festivals, messages, understanding what is said, communication						
14	Eucharist, Last Supper, Mass, reverence, respect						
15	Family history, Corinthians, Paul and the Letters, communicating while not physically present		1,2	Family Ties Family Feelings	Refer to the Meeks and Heit "Pink Book" for lots of relationship and communication activities		
16	Healing and forgiveness,				"Bends to low		

	reconciliation, Penance, healing Sacraments,				Places” by Apologetix. Biblical Graffiti		
17	Service, sacraments of Holy Orders and Matrimony, vocations, parish involvement	Review family life chapters 9 and 10					
18	decision making as a Christian, what is sin, conscience, morality, virtues/values	Repeat Lesson 2 from Family life on Family values					
19	Sermon on the Mount, Beatitudes and their meanings, Beatitudes in action						
20	Role models, types of sin, making choices, growing morally	Look at Commandments 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10 with moral choices					
21	Showing love, practice what you preach, how far will you go to show your love?	Puberty is the big family life topic. Call for assistance.	4,7	Changes and the first section of Friendship	Focus on feelings and their place in the whole big picture		
22	Ten Commandments, the first 3, Holy days						
23	Rest of the Commandments, who is our neighbor, gift of sexuality	Call for assistance if you need it. Focus now on the 6th Commandment	5,6,7 (part 2), 3	New Life Parenthood Friendship, Communication	Check in the office for some great activities you could use to help with communication skills		

24	Prayer, psalms communicating with God, each other, and self, trust						
25	Community prayer, personal prayer, types of written prayer						
26	Lord's Prayer story, meaning of the phrases in Lord's Prayer, stewardship and service						

GRADE 6

Main Book Chapter	Theme Summary	Suggested completion	Family life lesson	Theme summary	Enhancements	Date	Completed
1	Expressions of faith, symbols of faith, values, expressions of value						
2	Bible, Testaments				“La Bible”, by apologetix. Spofernatural		
3	Bible stories, fidelity, Covenant, promises and promise-keeping, walk the walk, talk the talk	Combine family life with chapter 3. Include the idea of family tree, family member roles, dependency on each other to fulfill the roles.	1 Family Backgrounds 2 Family Traits	Diversity, family, self-discovery, identification			
4	Sin, mystery of God, temptation	Begin to introduce peer pressure. Include knowledge as part of component of sin					
5	Jesus as the covenant completed, Apostles Creed, beliefs stated, Paschal mystery				Review Apostle’s Creed and Nicene Creed. Part of the Mass		
6	Paul’s letters, Communication, planning				“I Love Apostle Paul”, by Apologetix. <u>Spoofernatural</u>		
7	Pentecost, Early Church, leadership, symbols.						
8	Church family, church family roles, ministry call	Compare personal family to church family, including roles and gender roles.	9 Family Economics, 10 Worldwide Family	Uses of money, universal respect,			

		Introduce ideas of prioritizing life goals and personal goal setting.		stereotypes, empathy, ministry call			
9	Mary as a role model				Teach the Rosary		
10	Word of God, Gospels, church community				Liturgy of the Word		
11	Sacraments, Celebrations, Liturgical year						
12	Sabbath, Passover, laws of worship				“Deuteronomy” by Apologetix. Biblical Graffiti		
13	Baptism, Confirmation, Initiation, Commitment, role models						
14	David, leadership, signs and symbols,				“Bethlehemian Rhapsody”, by Apologetix. Biblical Graffiti		
15	Eucharist as sacrament, Mass parts						
16	Parables and fables, social aspect of food, sharing food						
17	Reconciliation, forgiveness, absolution, friendship, communicating feelings						
18	Service, vocations, personal role in						

	church						
19	Virtues, service ministries						
20	Moral decisions, conscience, sin,	Combine these two chapters. Both books open and bounce between them.	7 Showing Respect	Mixed messages, self-respect.	Peer pressure and ways to cope with it..		
21	Faith in God, community, Ten Commandments, Golden Rule,						
22	Last 7 commandments, respect for others, respect for self, gratitude	Focus on family life chapters in conjunction with commandments and sin. If the bold summary points bother you, call for help or guest speaker.	8 Aging and Death, 5 Expecting a Baby 6 Baby Arrives	Life changes, life cycles, pressures, peer pressures, CONCEPTION AND BIRTH PROCESSES			
23	Book of Proverbs, Wisdom, wise vs. foolish acts, consequences of actions	Make sure you get the concept of consequences. Choose your chapters.	3 Know Thyself, 4 Looking Toward the Future	Personal gifts and talents, goal setting, personal development plans, where God fits in this plan			
24	Prayer, psalms, prayer as communication form, prioritizing	Add ideas of family celebrations, and the reasons for them, to regular chapter.	6 A Baby Arrives, second half of chapter on Baptism				
25	Types of prayer, Meditation,				Connect prayer with concept of e-mail		
26	Lord's Prayer, affirmation						

GRADE 7							
Main Book Chapter	Theme Summary	Suggested completed	Family Life lesson	Theme Summary	Enhancements	Date	Completed
1	Faith, philosophy, divine revelation, church and our part in it, church in your life.			Note to teachers: I found the Family Life books to be on a lower reading level than the Faith First. Use your discretion with your classes			
2	Bible as inspired word, literature, historical text, covenants, promises, Traditions, life-fit communication skills,						
3	Gospels, Man born blind scripture story, Baptism, faith obstacles, self-centeredness, closed mindedness	Stereotypes fit here along with the concept of closed-mindedness	4	Genderender			
4	Mystery of creation, attributes of God, created male and female, peer ministry, building healthy relationships	Focus on one book or the other. Don't try to work them both or you'll go crazy	4,5,3,10	4 Gender 5 Wellness 3 Identity 10 Civility			
5	Trinity mystery, New Testament, Council of Nicea, Creed,		1,8	1 Family Relationship 8 Chastley			

	community of church, balancing family relationships						
6	Transfiguration scripture story, Jewish feast of the Tabernacles, conversion, making a difference,		7	Love Is			
7	Preparation for Jesus' birth, Jesus as Son of God, symbols of Christ, differences among us, finding Christ in each other	Could discuss the intergenerational differences in accepting unwed pregnancy, or is it really accepted now?	1,8	1 Family Relationships 8 Chasity			
8	Prophets, servant song, suffering, Good Friday, dealing with loss or failure, hope,						
9	Paschal Mystery, sin and evil, Stations of the Cross, sadness and grief, expression of feelings.		2	Values & Virtues			
10	Resurrection and Ascension, gospel accounts of events, life after death, Resurrection as symbol of hope, personal change in		6	Choose Life			

	life,						
11	Breakfast at the lake scripture story, post- Resurrection stories, symbols within church, growing in faith						
12	Gift of the Holy Spirit, the Spirit in gospel, lives, church mission, gifts of the Holy Spirit to us,						
13	Church as people of God, charge of Baptism, Church hierarchy, vocations						
14	Church as Body of Christ, attributes of the Church, functions within the parish, personal ministry within the parish,						
15	Role models, St. Paul and his travels, missionary spirit, living with zeal, optimism, and hope,	Use newspapers and current event strategies that highlight John Paul. It's recent travels retracing St. Paul's route to Damascus					

16	Unity of the church on earth and in heaven, death, change and service, values of courage and integrity						
17	Prayer, types of prayer, Psalms, images of God through literature and music, Vatican II, leaders, followers and role models.						
18	Prayer time, getting in touch with God, overcoming obstacles, types of spirituality, making time for spirituality						
19	Community prayer, meditation, sources of prayer, types of church music, how to meditate						
20	Importance of the Lord's Prayer, analysis of phrases, where we fit in the world, consumerism and church values						
21	Early church history, Council of Jerusalem, Council of Nicea, persecutions and witnessing to the						

	faith, martyrs, Emperor Constantine, social concerns of the church, stress and your attitude						
22	Church history, Catechumenate process, how decisions are made in the church, church leaders, leadership qualities,						
23	Fourth Lateran council to Vatican II in church history, saints of that period, global village, conflicts within the globe, solving personal conflicts						
24	Vatican II to now in church history, church in the modern world, our place in the church of today, virtues needed,						

GRADE 8

Main Book Chapter	Theme Summary	Suggested completion	Family Life Lesson	Theme Summary	Enhancements	Date	Completed
1	Sacred symbols, signs, miracles, images, statues, local customs, popular devotions, where this fits into worship concept, reverence and respect			Family Life books are at a lower reading level than the Faith First. Use your discretion with your class.			
2	Historical references to the Temple of Solomon which is now the Wailing Wall in Jerusalem, Old Testament story from Kings 1, convents and the “New Temple”, specific places within the church building and their meanings, social aspect of church						
3	Mass as the focus for prayer and praise, review of Sacraments, review of Liturgical year, recognizing God’s presence within us and community						
4	Cultural aspects of Israel at the time of Jesus as told through the stories of Nicodemus, evangelization, spiritual companions or director, communication as way to clarify fears.						

5	In-depth review of Baptism and Confirmation and the public commitment that the sacraments represent, includes correlation to RCIA programs, concept of welcoming and feeling like you belong		9,10	The Social Scene, Growing in Christ			
6	Loaves and fishes gospel story, symbolism of bread in Bible, food and nourishment as a form of caring, ministry to those in need, sharing of resources						
7	Eucharist as sacrament and through liturgical expression, networking, communication skills and responsibilities, personal attitude						
8	Sacraments of Reconciliation and Anointing the Sick, spiritual aspects of health and healing, ministry to the sick and dying, forgiveness and personal peace						
9	Sacraments of Matrimony and Holy Orders, service aspects, qualities of a good marriage, divorce and remarriage, concept of Domestic Church, family as the first teacher		8	Marriage and Family			
10	Human dignity and the right to life, concept of holiness, Beatitudes and the concept of happiness on earth, choosing		1,2	Homegrown Happiness, Gifts for the Journey			

	life and our popular culture						
11	The Evangelists, writing styles of the gospels, discipleship cost/benefit, gospel values in real life, simplify your life						
12	Choosing a moral life, making moral decisions, conscience, using prayer to aid in moral decision making, responsibility to stay informed		3,4	Understanding Myself, Emotions			
13	Scripture stories about love, 1 Corinthians, personal commitment to Paul's writings, loving your neighbors		7	Loving Together			
14	Virtues, what are they, how do we live them, common good vs. personal need/want, social justice, social sins or sins of omission,	Review family life lesson 3 if you have introduced it before now	3	Understanding Yourself			
15	Holy Spirit, concept of grace, sharing, parish community, personal role in parish life.						
16	First 3 commandments, a more-in-depth look at them, human emotions and God's commandments, balancing life, Church laws, cultural "isms" as false gods.						
17	Women in Jesus' life, female discipleship, story of Mary and						

	Martha, listening as a form of communication, types of prayer everyone can use, types of prayer and action						
18	Fourth and fifth commandments in context of family values, honor and obedience, dignity of life, sacredness of life, violence in our lives, violent lifestyles, anger management, choosing peace		5,6	Value of Life, Stay Healthy			
19	Commandments 6, 7, and 9, principles of sexuality, seventh commandment, stewardship, stealing and reparation, mixed messages	Review family life lesson 7 if you have done this lesson before now	7,8	Loving Together Marriage and Family			
20	Commandments 8 and 10, fitting them into our lives and our culture, analyzing the Our Father, peer pressures						
21	Church as a community and social institution, mission of disciples, defenders of the faith, connection with Jewish roots, religious communities, where do I fit in this community?						
22	Church as a servant of the community, church history and hierarchy, Reformation, church and the media, how can I get involved?						
23	Protestant Reformation,						

	Catholic counter reformation, Eastern, Alexandrian, and Byzantian Rites, journey of life						
24	Church as sacrament and sign, Vatican II and Ecumenism, catechism of the church, Jubilee year, Christian courage, what is a Christian.						