

Overview

In Chapter 1 the children learned that God created the world and all people. In this chapter the children will learn that God sent Jesus, his own Son, to us.

Doctrinal Content

For Adult Reading and Reflection
Catechism of the Catholic Church

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Key Words

Blessed Trinity

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prayer (p. 31)

Sign of the Cross

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Catechist Background

What do you think about as you make the sign of the cross?

Our faith in the Blessed Trinity is central to our identity as Christians. Although we cannot fully understand this mystery, we believe that “it is the Father who generates, the Son who is begotten, and the Holy Spirit who proceeds” (Lateran Council IV (1215):DS 804). The three divine Persons are inseparable and coeternal.

God the Father’s promise to send a savior shows an aspect of the divine toward us—compassion. When the Son of God was sent to us as the gift of the Father, he showed us yet another facet of the Blessed Trinity—infinite love. The life, Death, and Resurrection of Jesus accomplish the redemption of all humankind. Before the risen Christ

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- Six Tasks of Catechesis
- *Catechetical Formation in Chaste Living.*

ascends to the Father, the promise and the Gift of the Holy Spirit is revealed. The Third Person of the Blessed Trinity leads us back to the Father through the Son. The gradual revelation of the Trinity has come full circle.

As you gather with your first graders to pray the Sign of the Cross, be mindful of God’s compassion and infinite love. Help your children to become aware of God’s love and generosity.

How will you share God’s love and compassion this week?

Lesson Planning Guide

Lesson Steps

Presentation

Materials

1 WE GATHER

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Prayer



Focus on Life

- Celebrate God's love in prayer and action.
- Discuss waiting for something good to happen.

For the prayer space: Bible and a large heart outline drawn on poster board; confetti-sized pieces of construction paper

2 WE BELIEVE

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God sent his own Son, Jesus, to us.



- Present the text about Jesus, God's own Son.
- Share responses to the question.

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Jesus is God's greatest gift.



Mark 10:13-14



- Read about Jesus, our brother and friend.
- Present the Scripture story of Jesus with the children.
- Complete the drawing activity.

- crayons or colored pencils
- copies of Reproducible Master 2, guide page 27C
- sentence strips

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There are Three Persons in One God.



- Present the text about the Blessed Trinity.
- Color a symbol of the Trinity.
- Read and discuss *As Catholics*.

- crayons or colored pencils

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The Sign of the Cross is a prayer to the Blessed Trinity.

- Read and discuss the meaning of prayer.
- Examine the pictures and words for praying the Sign of the Cross and then practice.
- Point out the *Key Words* and definitions.

3 WE RESPOND

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- Pray the Sign of the Cross and remember its meaning.

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Project Disciple

- Complete the **Project Disciple** activities.
- Explain the *Take Home* activity.
- Discuss/send home **Sharing Faith with My Family** reproducible master for this chapter.

- pencils, crayons or colored pencils
- copies of **Sharing Faith with My Family** reproducible master, Chapter 2 (back of book)

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Chapter 2 Test

- Complete **Chapter 2 Test**.
- Work on *Alternative Assessment* activity.

- optional: copies of Scripture reproducible master, *What's the Word?*, Chapter 2 (back of book)