

Overview

In Chapter 1 the children learned about the ministry of Jesus and that we can live our lives as followers of Jesus. In this chapter the children will be introduced to Jesus' teaching about God's love and the Kingdom of God.

Doctrinal Content

For Adult Reading and Reflection
Catechism of the Catholic Church

The children will learn:

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| • Jesus tells us how much God loves us..... | 104–108 |
| • Jesus teaches about the Kingdom of God..... | 541 |
| • Jesus teaches about the gift of faith. | 153 |
| • Jesus dies and rises to save us..... | 638 |

Key Words

Bible
Kingdom of God
faith
crucified
Resurrection

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

Catechist Background

When am I conscious of God's love for me?

A country-western singer laments that we have looked for love in all the wrong places. Thousands of poets have ransacked metaphors and similes to compare love to everything under the sun. The authors of the Bible, especially the psalmist in the Old Testament and Saint John in the New Testament, have penned some of the most beautiful lines about love. With great simplicity Saint John states, "God is love" (1 John 4:8).

The Bible is the story of God's love for his people. We see the love of God the Father in sending us his only Son. The love of Jesus is for us in his teachings, his compassion, his service to others, and most especially his Death and Resurrection. Today God's love is active in the world through the building up of the Kingdom of God.

The love of God was so evident in Jesus of Nazareth that people were drawn to him. He assured his listeners that faith in God would enable them to trust God's love and care for them. "The Lord asks us to love as he does, even our *enemies*, to make ourselves the neighbor of those farthest away, and to love children and the poor as Christ himself" (CCC 1825).

Followers of Jesus show their love for others by respecting them, by helping those in need, and by promoting peace and justice. In these ways Christians continue to build up the Kingdom of God.

How do my words and actions show that I trust in God's love for me?

Lesson Planning Guide

Lesson Steps

Presentation

Materials

1 WE GATHER

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Prayer



Focus on Life



- Listen to Scripture.
Respond in song.

- Discuss ways to show love in families.



For the prayer space: crucifix, paper crosses

"Lift High the Cross," #2, Grade 3 CD

2 WE BELIEVE

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Jesus tells us how much God loves us.

Jesus teaches us about the Kingdom of God.



- Discuss the text about the Bible and the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

Talk about favorite Bible stories.

- Read and discuss the text about the Kingdom of God.



Write or draw about the Kingdom of God.

- pencils or markers

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Jesus teaches about the gift of faith.



Luke 17:5–6

Jesus dies and rises to save us.



Luke 23:33, 34; 24:1–12



- Read and discuss the text and Scripture about the gift of faith.

Complete the activity about sharing faith.

- small seeds

- Read and discuss the text and Scripture about Jesus' Death and Resurrection.

3 WE RESPOND

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Act out how the women felt when they found the empty tomb.

- copies of Reproducible Master 2, guide page 27C

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Project Disciples

- Complete the **Project Disciple** activities.

Explain the *Take Home* activity.

Discuss/send home **Sharing Faith with My Family** reproducible master for this chapter.

- colored pencils or crayons
- cardboard or stiff paper, scissors
- 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)

For additional ideas, activities, and opportunities: Visit Sadlier's

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