

## Overview

In Chapter 1 the students learned that the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity, God the Son, was sent by God the Father to be our Savior. In this chapter the students will learn that Jesus Christ leads us to happiness.

### Doctrinal Content

For Adult Reading and Reflection  
*Catechism of the Catholic Church*

The students will learn:	Paragraph
• Jesus trusted God his Father. . . . .	609
• Jesus taught the Beatitudes. . . . .	1716
• Jesus taught about the Kingdom of God. . . . .	543
• Jesus' disciples share his mission. . . . .	764



**peace**  
**Beatitudes**  
**Kingdom of God**  
**justice**  
**mission**

## Catechist Background

**W**hat does God want for you?

In times of frustration, pain, and loss, we are apt to cry out, “God, what do you want from me?” In every instance the answer is the same. He wants us to be happy. God the Father’s will is to raise men and women to share in his own life. His will for us is to be happy with him forever. To accomplish this, he sent his only Son so that everyone could gather around him. This gathering is the Church, the beginning and seed of the Kingdom of God.

According to Jesus, happiness is not merely reserved for life in Heaven. Jesus taught us how to lead happy lives here on earth. This teaching is summarized in the Beatitudes, each of which begins with the words, “Happy or blessed are. . . .” In the Beatitudes (Luke 6:20–23) we see how different God’s happiness is from that of the world. Happy are the poor or those who are completely dependent upon God; happy are those who are hungry; happy are those who grieve; and happy are

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

the outcasts. The Beatitudes teach that not only will these conditions be reversed in the future but also that in the midst of them happiness is to be found. There are times when frustration, pain, and loss make us feel powerless. Ironically, those may be the times when we feel the warmth of God’s presence and experience the happiness Jesus taught.

Jesus came as our Savior. Certainly he saves us from sin, but he also saves us from fear. He points out to us some of our worst fears—poverty, hunger, grief, rejection, and death—and then tells us that these are the gateway for happiness now and forever.

**W**hat will truly make you happy?

# Lesson Planning Guide

## Lesson Steps

## Presentation

## Materials

### 1 WE GATHER

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Prayer



Focus on Life

- Listen to the Beatitudes.
- Respond in song.
- Discuss trusting others.

For the prayer space: items representing the Beatitudes

"Blest Are They," David Haas, #2, Grade 4 CD

### 2 WE BELIEVE

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*Jesus trusted God his Father.*

*Jesus taught the Beatitudes.*



Matthew 5:3–10

- Read and discuss Jesus' trust in God.
- Discuss the question about our showing trust in God.
- Present the Beatitudes.
- Fill-in chart on living out the Beatitudes.

- drawing paper, markers

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*Jesus taught about the Kingdom of God.*



Luke 17:20–21

*Jesus' disciples share his mission.*

- Read and discuss the Kingdom of God.
- Identify signs of God's Kingdom growing today.
- Read and discuss the mission of Jesus' disciples.
- Discuss social justice in the *As Catholic* text.

### 3 WE RESPOND

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Discuss and draw a way to live our mission as disciples.

- copies of Reproducible Master 2, guide page 27C

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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.

- colored pencils or crayons
- 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)