

Overview

In this chapter the students will continue to learn more about Jesus. They will begin to understand that he is the Son of God and that we are called to follow him.

Doctrinal Content

For Adult Reading and Reflection
Catechism of the Catholic Church

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Paragraph



Blessed Trinity
Jesus' mission
Kingdom of God
Apostles
Church

Catechist Background

Who is Jesus to you?

Jesus Christ is the Son of God. He is the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity, who became man. Jesus Christ is true God and true man. He became one of us to save us from sin. Jesus' name expresses both his identity and his mission (CCC 430). *Jesus* means "God saves." The title *Christ*, a Greek word for the Hebrew word *Messiah*, means "anointed one." Jesus is the Son of God, the one anointed to save us from sin and death.

During his life and public ministry, Jesus showed people who he was and what God was like. His teachings, especially through parables, often focused on the Kingdom of God, the power of God's love active in our lives and in the world.

Not only did Jesus preach about the Kingdom of God, but he also called people to change their hearts to follow him and obey God's will. These people were called disciples, those who follow. Some were also chosen to lead God's people once the risen Jesus had returned to the Father. These

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

men were called the Apostles, those sent forth with a mission. Jesus chose twelve men to be his Apostles and share his mission in a special way. Jesus had gathered them to himself after the beginning of his ministry.

All of us, however, are called to follow Jesus and serve the Kingdom of God. We are called the Church: those people who are called together, believe in Jesus Christ, are baptized in his name, follow his teachings, and share the sacraments. With Christ as our head, the Church continues Jesus' work of preaching and bringing to fruition the Kingdom of God.

Where do you see the Kingdom of God alive in the world?

Lesson Planning Guide

Lesson Steps

Presentation

Materials

1 WE GATHER

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Prayer



Focus on Life

- Listen to the Scripture reading.
- Respond in song.
- Discuss the question about ways to show people what is important.

For the prayer space: crucifix, Bible
 "Jesus Is with Us," Owen Alstott, #2, Grade 5 CD

2 WE BELIEVE

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Jesus is the Son of God.

- Read and discuss Jesus' coming and public ministry.
- Complete the activity about following Jesus' example.

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Jesus shows us God's love.



Luke 18: 35–43

- Use the *Chapter Story* about friendship and forgiveness.
- Read and discuss Jesus' healing ministry in the text.
- Complete the role-play activity about being followers of Jesus.

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Jesus invites people to follow him.



Matthew 13: 31–32

- Read and discuss Jesus' mission and the Kingdom of God.
- Complete the activity to describe God's Kingdom.



"Bring Forth the Kingdom," Marty Haugen, #3, Grade 5 CD (option)

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Jesus' disciples continue his work.



- Read and discuss the Apostles as the Church's leaders.
- Discuss Apostles in *As Catholics*.

3 WE RESPOND

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- Discuss and act out ways to help God's Kingdom grow.

• copies of Reproducible Master 1, guide page 19C

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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.

• copies of **Sharing Faith with My Family** reproducible master, Chapter 1 (back of book)

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Chapter 1 Test

- Complete **Chapter 1 Test**.
- Work on *Alternative Assessment* activity.

• optional: copies of Scripture reproducible master, *What's the Word?*, Chapter 1 (back of book)