

Grade 1, Unit 3 Lessons

Lesson 9: The Church Celebrates Jesus

Opening Prayer: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, Amen. Dear Jesus, we celebrate your gifts to us every week of the year. Thank you for loving us. Amen. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

1. Watch Video: Godly Play Story – The Circle of the Church Year

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JPTWq1AsCao>

2. Explore The Church Year

Using the worksheet below, have your child use blocks to symbolize the parts of the church year (like in the video) or if you don't have blocks available, they can simply color the seasons appropriately. You may use p. 225 of your book as a guide if needed.

Discuss with your child the questions following questions:

What color is your favorite?

How do the colors (or those times of the year) make you feel?

What part of the year are we in now?

Complete the chapter review on p. 89

3. Sunday's are Special

We celebrate God many ways all year long, but every Sunday is a special day to celebrate! God loves us and wants us to make sure we make time to spend with Him, just like we spend time with our family members who we love.

How does your family spend time with God in a special way on Sunday's?

Did you know that when you sing to God, you are praying? This Sunday, take a few moments and sing and dance along with the following song to remember the amazing power and love of God!

Power Shuffle:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JNEAtmq6oTE&list=PLThWIIQp9mZQtIE_6lb689qYxXhOItD3O

Lesson 10: Signs of God's Love

Opening Prayer: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit Amen. Dear Jesus, help us to be signs of God's love everyday. Amen. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

1. Signs of God's Love

Jesus wants us to know just how much God loves us, so he gave the church 7 special signs of God's love called Sacraments.

Watch the following video to learn what the names of each of these signs are:

7 Sacraments Catechism Song: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n_4gDxjLeUA

2. Explore the First Sign- Baptism

Watch the following video to learn about what happens during the Sacrament of Baptism:

Holy Baptism, Godly Play: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Juatr2NVOeY>

Parents- if you have a candle available that you can light when they light 'your' candle in the video, the kids can follow along and try 'changing' the light with the leader in the video to see what happens.

Complete the worksheet below using information you learned in the video and from your book on p. 94.

3. Help to live as lights in the World

When most of us are baptized, we are too young to remember. When we get older (usually in Jr. High or High School), we can receive another sacrament that will help us live as lights of love in the world – Confirmation. During this sacrament the Holy Spirit gives us gifts of wisdom, understanding, and courage to help us live as followers of Jesus.

Let's pray today to the Holy Spirit and ask Him to help us live as 'lights' of love in the world:

Finish this prayer:

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, Amen. Holy Spirit, please help me to shine God's light in the world by:

Name: _____

Baptism Welcomes Us to the Church

Make a list of people and things at Baptism:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

Draw a picture of Baptism:



Write the missing words that the priest says at Baptism:

I baptize you
in the name of the _____
and of the _____
and of the _____.

Lesson 11: We Follow Jesus

Opening Prayer: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit Amen. Dear Jesus, open our hearts to receive your Good News. Amen. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

1. What's the News?

Every day we hear news – sometimes it's good, and sometimes it's not so good. When Jesus was on earth, He spent a lot of time sharing the Good News of God's love (also called the 'Gospel'). Watch the following video to hear all about it!

God's Story – The Good News: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nleiAfrp2kY>

2. Explore What Christians Do:

Before Jesus went to heaven, He asked all His followers (including us!) to share this Good News with everyone everywhere. We can do this through what we say and what we do.

Brainstorm some ways that you can share the Good News of God's love with others this week. There are some ideas on p. 101 of your child's text if you are stuck.

Once you have a few ideas, have your child make a small booklet using the worksheet below and title it "How we can share the Good News". Have them draw a picture of each of the ways they brainstormed on one of the pages.

3. Take time to listen to the Good News yourself!

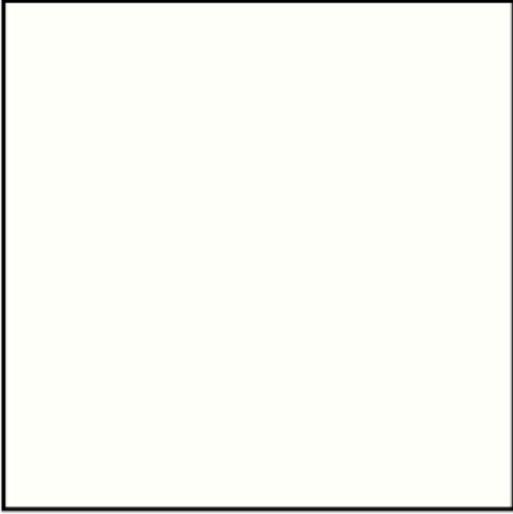
You know that prayer is talking and listening to God. When we listen to the Good News, whether it is from others talking to us, or listening to readings from the Bible, we are becoming better friends with God.

Practice the Listening Prayer on p. 105 of your text by making a cross on your forehead, lips and heart (we do this at every Mass before we hear the Good News!). Then listen to this short Gospel story:

The Great Commission: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Fr6Y89Zh0SU>

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Lesson 12: The Catholic Family

Opening Prayer: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit Amen. Dear Jesus, help our family to follow you. Amen. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit Amen.

1. More Signs of Love

Last week we learned that the Sacraments are signs of God's Love. Another one of the Sacraments that is meant to show God's Love is Marriage.

Watch Video: What is Marriage? <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1Ub9XfxgLQA>

2. The Holy Family

Jesus has a family just like we do. On the sheet below, color the picture of the Holy Family and write their names next to their picture (Names can be found on p. 111).

When we were baptized, we became part of God's Family. On the Holy Family Coloring page, Draw a picture of yourself and your family with the Holy Family.

3. What does a Family Do?

When people get married and have children, they can share God's love with one another and help each other become the best-version-of-themselves! They can do this by:

Praying with each other

Praying for each other

Forgiving each other

Helping one another

Being kind to one another

Pick one of these and decide how you can do it each day this week! For example, maybe you want to say one Hail Mary for each member of your Family this week (prayer on p. 257) or maybe you want to thank each member of your family for something each day. Write what you will do below:

Did you know? Doing an act of love like this is a type of prayer! 😊



The Holy Family

