

Grade 1 Unit 1

Lesson 1: The Bible

Opening Prayer: (Students will learn the sign of the cross next week; for now, you can just do it so they have the opportunity to see you and they can listen). Feel free to use this prayer or one of your own making.

Dear God, we welcome you into our home and our hearts. Thank you for always loving and guiding us. Help us today to get to know you better. Amen.

1. Watch Video: What is the Bible? <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bKZoWiY5crs>

If you have a Bible at home, get it out and look at it. See if there are any pictures, flip through it and see if your child can recognize any sight words from school.

Tell your child that the stories in the Bible help teach us about God's love for us.

2. Read Bible Story: You can choose any story you like, or if you aren't sure where to start, try Luke 8:22 (Calming of the Storm). Read it slowly and with emphasis to your child. You can act it out if you wish.

Ask: What stood out to you in the story?

Have your child draw a picture of what stood out to them in the story. Can use space on p.13 of textbook.

3. Watch Video: What is Prayer? https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZrdlXOk_QdQ

Help your child practice the types of prayer mentioned in the video. Sit together in a quiet place and talk to God together by doing the following:

Praise – thank God for something

Repent – say “Sorry” to God for something you did that was wrong

Ask – ask God for something that you need

Yeild – Listen to what God is saying to you and do what God wants you to do

Lesson 2: God Loves Us

Opening Prayer: (Remind child of the sign of the cross that you learned last time and have them practice before starting prayer and after prayer.)

(In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit Amen)

Dear God, open our hearts that we may know your love for us. (In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit Amen).

1. Watch Video: Last week we learned that the Bible is God's words to us and contains stories that help us learn about God's love for us. Today we are going to hear one of those stories – about Abraham and Sarah. You can find this in the Bible in the book of Genesis Chapter 12-21. But you can watch a short video on it here:

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

2. Jesus help us know God's love:

Like it said in the video, many years after Abraham and Sarah lived, God sent Jesus to earth to teach us about God's love for us. Jesus showed us that God loves us so much that He would even die on a cross to save us.

Show your child a crucifix if you have one. Tell kids to look at how wide Jesus' arms are as he is hanging on the cross. In letting himself be killed for our sins, Jesus was telling us that he loves us "this much!" (spread arms wide like on cross). So when we see a cross we should remember God's great love for us.

Complete Jesus Loves You sheet by drawing a picture in each heart of ways that we can show love to others.

3. Learn the Sign of the Cross

Watch the video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V51TGeR6jP0>

Practice with your child making the sign of the cross and saying "In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit Amen" while making the correct gestures.

Explain that when we put our hand on heads, we are inviting God into our minds, when we put our hand on our heart, we are inviting God into our hearts, emotions and desires. When we put our hands to our "left" shoulder, we are inviting God into everything that is "not right" in us and our lives, and asking him to bring it back to "right". We say it before and after any prayer.

JESUS died FOR YOU.
JESUS LOVES YOU!



Lesson 3: God, Our Father and Creator

Opening Prayer: In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit Amen. Dear God, we thank you for creating us. Please be with us today as we learn more about you. We ask this in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit Amen.

1. Watch Video: Creation Story <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=teu7BCZTgDs>

We call God “Our Father” because he created us and everything else in the world. We can read about the creation of everything in the Bible in the book of Genesis chapters 1 & 2. Watch the short video with your child.

2. Creation Brainstorm. On a sheet of paper, have your child draw pictures of 3 things God created. (i.e. people, trees, animals, stars etc). and discuss ways that we can help care for things that God has created (i.e. brush our teeth, recycle etc).

3. Learn the Our Father Prayer

Watch the video and pray along. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MZPCG5slxhk>
Then practice having your child say the picture words in the following Rebus Prayer Sheet.

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in  Hallowed be
thy **MARY**. Thy  come, thy will be
done on  as it is in .

Give us this  our daily .

And  us our trespasses as we 
those who trespass against us. And lead us
 into temptation, but  us from  .

Amen.

Lesson 4: Jesus, the Son of God

Opening Prayer: In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit Amen. Dear God, thank you for the gift of your Son Jesus. Help us to become more like Him. We ask this in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit Amen.

1. Watch Video:

Jesus is the Son of God, which means he is both God and Man. His mother Mary is human just as we are, but Jesus' Father was God. He was born in a special way. You can read about it in the Bible in the Gospel of Matthew or the Gospel of Luke, Chapters 1 & 2. Let's watch.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jbQmslxbx5U>

2. Jesus' Family

Open your textbook to p. 38. Read the information at the top of the page. Have your child complete the activity at the bottom of the page.

3. Family's Forgive

Families are meant to be places for us to share God's love. Ask:

1. How does your family show love to one another?
2. How do you think Jesus' family showed love for one another?

If your child didn't mention forgiveness as a way to show love, make sure to mention it.

Explain that we have become part of God's family when we were baptized. So God wants to show you love/forgiveness and kindness. Mercy is another word for kindness. At Mass, we ask God for Mercy. Have them practice the responses below:

Leader: Lord Have Mercy

Response: Lord Have Mercy

Leader: Christ Have Mercy

Response: Christ Have Mercy

Leader: Lord Have Mercy

Response: Christ Have Mercy.