

## Grade 3, Unit 1 Lessons

### Lesson 1: God Speaks to Us

**1. Opening Prayer:** Remind students that prayer is talking and listening to God. As we begin our time learning about Him today, we are going to invite Him into this time and ask for His guidance.

Encourage children to join you in making the sign of the cross before and after the prayer. Remind students that when we make the sign of the cross we are inviting God into our minds, our hearts (emotions and desires), into the wrong things we have done, and inviting Him to make good come from them.

Dear Father, please come into our hearts and minds today. Help us to hear your voice and do Your will. Amen

**2. Watch Video:** What is prayer? [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZrdlXOk\\_QdQ&t=41s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZrdlXOk_QdQ&t=41s)

After the video, take a minute and practice the 4 types of prayers mentioned with your child.

Thank God for something (Praise)

Say sorry to God for something (Repent)

Ask God for something you need help with (Ask)

Take a minute and listen to what God might be asking of you (Yeild).

**3. Activity:** Listening to God

God wants to have a relationship with us. He wants us to talk to him, and He also wants us to listen to Him. One of the main ways God speaks to us is through the Bible.

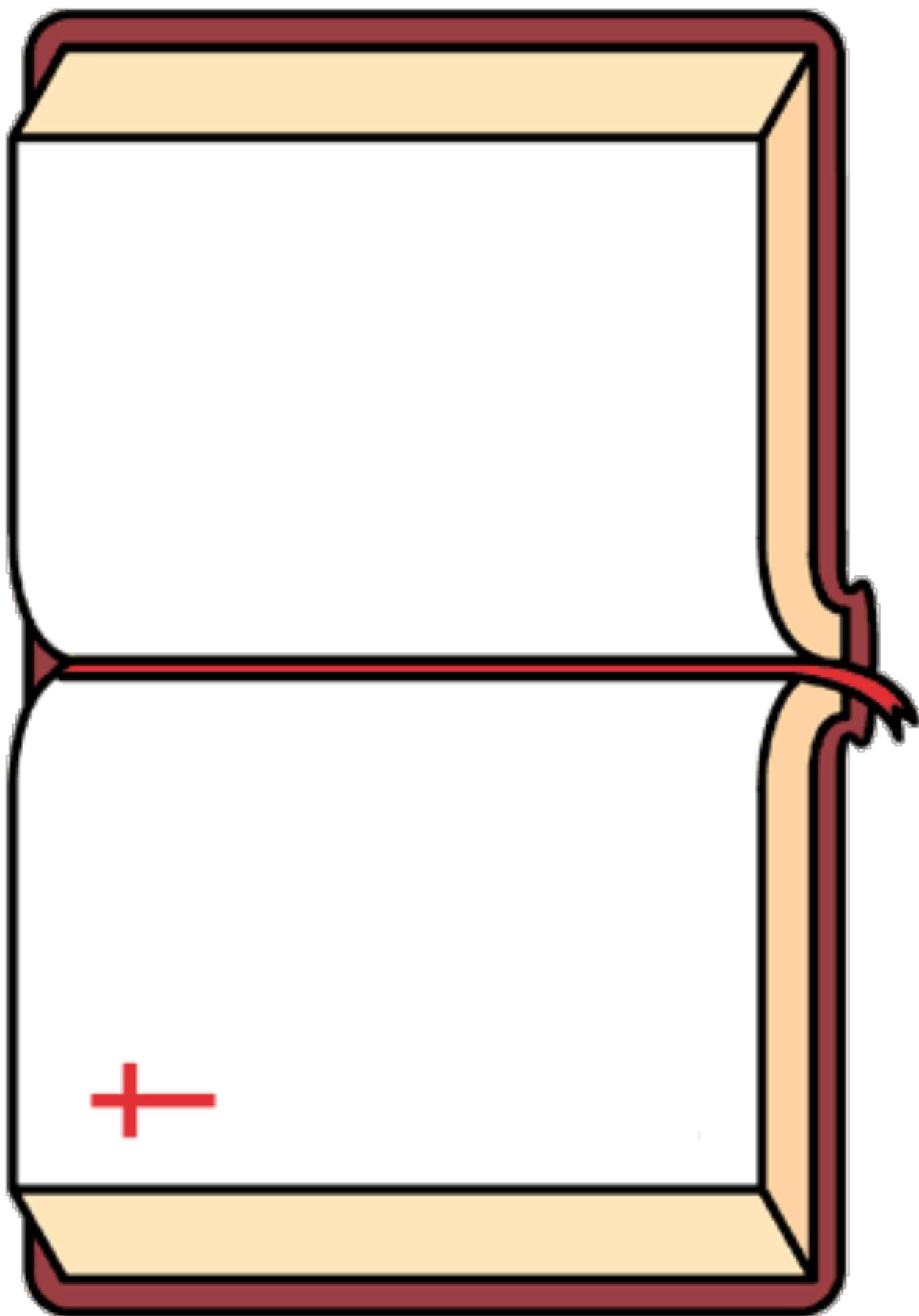
If you have a Bible at home, take it out and let your child look through it. Tell them that the Bible is divided into 2 parts – Old Testament (writings from before Jesus was born) and the New Testament (writings from the time of Jesus and after).

**Watch Video of Story of 10 Lepers: \*\*Note – link leads to a group of videos. Please scroll right until you come to Video 5 in Session 1, “From the Bible – Gratitude”**

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**Ask:** What do you think God is trying to say to you through the story of the ten Lepers?

Discuss what what struck you in the story. Help your child complete the worksheet below by having them draw a picture of what they heard God saying to them on the left side, and draw pictures of the items they prayed for when they practiced the 4 types of prayer (above) on the right side (Praise, Repent, Ask, Yeild).



## Lesson 2: God the Creator

**1. Opening Prayer:** Remind kids to make the sign of the cross before and after the prayer.

Dear God, please bless us today as we explore the goodness of your creation. Amen

2. Watch Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qHu352QwXXM>

Ask: **What did God say about His creations?** (answer – it's good or very good)

Get out your Bible (or look in textbook on p.22) and find Genesis 1:26-30. Read it together.

**God has blessed You! He has given you life, and with it, the ability to enjoy all the other wonderful blessings he gives you – like enjoying a sunny day, spending time with your friends, or eating yummy food.**

3. Activity: Count your blessings & Responsibilities Sheet!

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\*\*\* Please scroll right to Video 2 from Session 1 : You are Blessed

Have your child write or draw three things that God has given them/blessed them with on the left hand side of the sheet.

**With great blessings, come great responsibilities. Maybe God blessed you with good strong teeth so you can eat and enjoy food. That means you have a responsibility to brush them!**

For each blessing you listed, help your child write or draw a way that they are responsible for caring for God's creations on the right hand side. (i.e. have toys- need to be gentle with them; have siblings- be kind to them; have a talent for song, share it with the world, etc).

4. Ending Prayer:

Last week learned that when we pray we can praise, repent, ask and yield. Let's do that today: (Make sign of Cross)

**Dear Father, we thank you for all the wonderful blessings you have given us. We are sorry for the ways that we have not cared for your creations as we should have. Please help us to be more aware of the blessings we have and how we can care for all your creations. Amen (Make the sign of the cross).**

**Blessings**

**Responsibilities**

### Lesson 3: Mary Trusted God

**1. Opening Prayer:** Most of the time we pray to God, but sometimes we pray to other people in heaven, like Jesus' Mother Mary. We can ask them to talk to intercede for us, which means to ask God to do things for us. (Make the sign of the cross)

Dear Mother Mary, please pray for us. Pray that we will love and trust God as you did. Amen. (make the sign of the cross).

2. Watch Video:

Say: Today we are learning about Mary, the Mother of Jesus. Last week we talked about creation, and how God created everything and continues to bless us through His creations. God blessed us by giving Mary to us to be our spiritual Mother, to help us learn to be more like Him. We can look to her to learn how to love and trust God. Let's watch some of her story.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LZXtTgZ0rpI>

Have your child tell you in his/her own words what happened in the video, or have them draw a picture of their favorite part.

Say: When the angel told Mary she was chosen to have Jesus is called the Annunciation, because the angel announced this good news to Mary.

3. Activity – Learn about the Rosary

If you have a rosary at home, go get it and show it to your child.

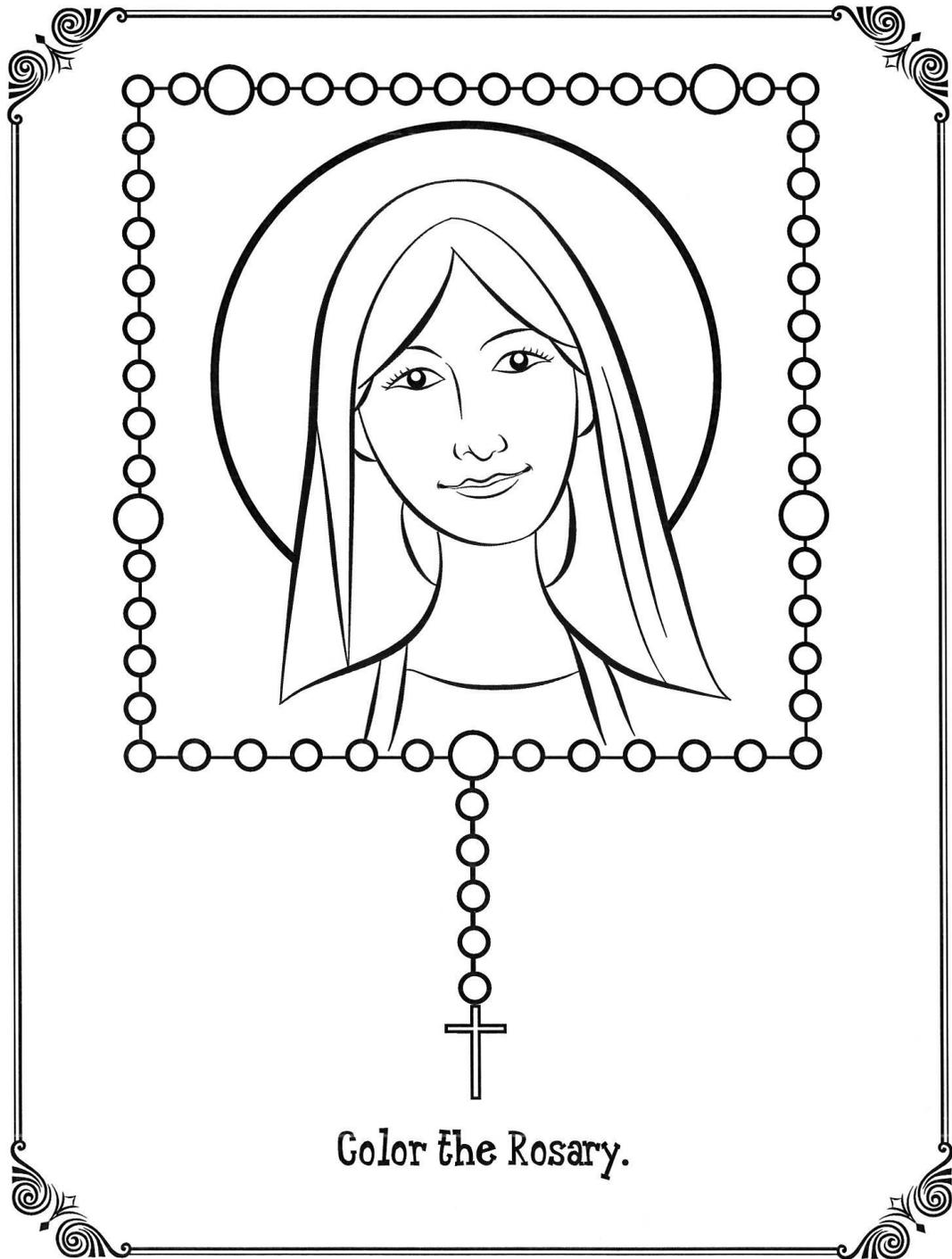
Say: The rosary is a special prayer in which we think about certain important moments in the life of Jesus and Mary helps us learn from them to become the best version of ourselves. One of the moments we think about when we pray the Rosary is the Annunciation.

On the worksheet below, have your child color one bead as you say each prayer of the first decade (group of 10 Hail Mary's) of the Joyful Mysteries (the Annunciation). So start on the center bead with an Our Father and end on the next large bead with a glory be (color Our Father beads Blue and Hail Mary beads Red). If your child is familiar with these prayers, they can do the responses, otherwise, they can just listen and think about the annunciation while you say the prayers. (A detailed guide to praying the rosary can be found on p.262 of your textbook – we aren't doing the intro prayers today- just the one decade, ending with the Glory be, prayers are listed on p.257).

When you are finished, say:

When Mary heard that she was going to have Jesus she said a special prayer of thanks. That can remind us to be thankful, even for unexpected things. Watch video:

\*\*Please scroll right when you click on this link to **video 7** of session 1: **You are blessed – Closing Prayer.** <https://dynamiccatholic.com/blessed/program-view/first-reconciliation/session-1>



Color the Rosary.

## Lesson 4: Jesus the Son of God

**Opening Prayer:** (Begin and end with the sign of the cross)

Dear Jesus, be with us today as we learn more about your life and work. Amen.

### 1. Watch Video:

Last week we learned about the annunciation when the angel told Mary she was going to give birth to Jesus. This week, we are going to look at some special moments from when Jesus was a boy.

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ho\\_3gvlWzbw](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ho_3gvlWzbw)

Have your child tell you in their own words what they saw in the video or have your child draw a picture of their favorite part.

### 2. Activity: Make good Choices

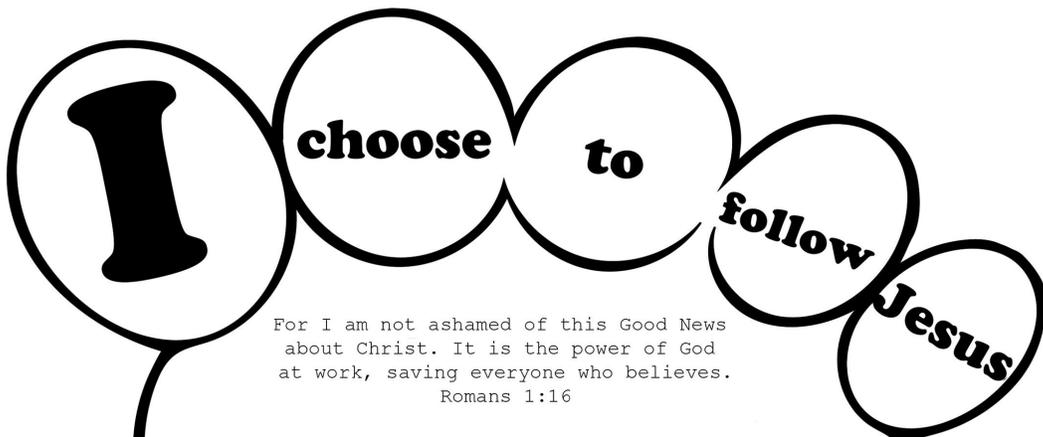
Jesus was the Messiah – which means He was sent by God to save us. He saved us when He died on the cross for us. But he is still saving us today by helping us make good choices. He does this when we pray to Him, and by the example He gave us in the way He lived.

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Session 3, Video 1: The Mess

Jesus spent His life teaching how we can help bring about the Kingdom of God on earth. The Kingdom of God is a time when everyone will be peace and justice for all. By living the way Jesus taught, we can help clean up the 'Mess' that the world is in.

Help your child complete the following worksheet. Help them come up with ideas as to ways they can make good choices and help clean up the mess the world is in. (Ideas include forgiving people, sharing, obeying parents, praying etc...)



For I am not ashamed of this Good News about Christ. It is the power of God at work, saving everyone who believes.  
Romans 1:16

When I'm at school I \_\_\_\_\_  
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When I'm at church I \_\_\_\_\_  
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When I'm at home I \_\_\_\_\_  
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When someone is mean to me I  
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When I hurt someone I \_\_\_\_\_  
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I follow Jesus everyday by  
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