

Grade 6 Unit 1 Lessons

Lesson 1: The Gift of Faith

Opening Prayer: [Begin and end with the Sign of the Cross. Remind students that when we make the sign of the cross we are inviting God into our minds (thoughts & will), our hearts (emotions & desires) and into all the things wrong in our lives, asking God to bring them to right).

Dear Father, thank you for all the ways you have blessed us. (have children state something specific they are grateful for). Amen

1. Intro:

Today we are talking about faith. Not just believing in something, but the gift of faith, or believing in God. Faith is not something we do or simply choose on our own. It is a gift from God. It is only with His help that we can believe and trust in Him.

2. Watch and Learn: At Mass each Sunday we do something called “Profess our Faith”. That means, stating certain truths that we trust in as Catholics. Usually we say either the Apostles Creed or the Nicene Creed.

Watch this video about the importance of not being a robot:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UZJ9zwmEv8k>

3. Explore:

Below you will find a fill-in-the-blank worksheet on the Apostles Creed. Either using your memory or p.258 of your book, fill in the blanks.

Once the creed is complete, get three different colored markers/crayons; color the section that talks about our faith in God the Father one color, the section that describes God the Son (Jesus) and what he did for us in another color, and color the section that professes our faith in God the Holy Spirit and the ways that He can sanctify us (i.e. make us holy) another color.

4. Ending prayer:

Faith involves more than just a feeling. We show our faith in our actions. Take a moment and pray “Come Holy Spirit, show me how I can live out my faith this week” and write down below one way that you will show your faith with your actions (and don’t forget to actually do it! ☺)

Apostles' Creed

I believe in _____, the _____ almighty,
creator of _____ and _____.

I believe in _____ his only _____, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the _____
and born of the _____.

He _____ under Pontius Pilate,
was _____, _____, and was _____.

He descended into _____.

On the third day he _____ again.

He ascended into _____
and is seated at the _____ of the Father.

He will come again to _____ the living and the dead.

I believe in the _____,
the holy _____,
the communion of _____,
the _____ of sins,
the _____ of the body,
and the _____ everlasting.

Amen.

Lesson 2: The Word of God

Opening Prayer: [Begin and end with the Sign of the Cross]

Lord God, send the Holy Spirit to open our minds and hearts to your holy Word. May we share the Good News of your love with all with everyone we meet.

1. Intro: The Bible is God's Words to us. The Holy Spirit inspired the human authors of the Bible so that they would write what He wanted us to know. The Bible is made up of 73 books in total, divided into the Old and New Testaments. At its core, the Bible is a love story, showing us the amazing love God has for us.

2. Watch and Learn: Catholic Central – First 5 Books of the Bible

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z-WuGfhcCDA&t=239s>

3. Explore:

Grab a bible and look up the following Bible Verses. Read the verse slowly and prayerfully. Then in the space provided, write one word or image that tells something about the covenant, or promises that God made to us.

Genesis 9:9-17

Genesis 12:1-3

Exodus 19:4-6

Hebrews 9:15

4. Ending Prayer: Open your Bible to Mark 4:35-41 and find a quiet comfortable place to sit. Using your thumb make a cross on your forehead, lips and heart inviting God into your mind, onto your lips, and into your heart. Imagine that you are sitting somewhere with Jesus and He has something to tell you. Then slowly read Mark 4:35-41. After you have read it once, read it again, this time imagining that you are in the story. What do you see? What do you hear? What do you smell? Where are you standing? Take a few quiet moments, then ask God "what is Your Word saying to me?" Write down any key phrases or pictures or words that jump out:

Lesson 3: The Mystery of God

Opening Prayer: [Begin and end with the Sign of the Cross]

You are great, O God. All creation bows before You. Thank you for loving me.

1. Intro: There is so much to know about God! God is so big, that trying to understand Him and hold Him in our minds is like trying to pour the entire ocean into a bucket. It just won't fit! There are some things that God has revealed to us though so that we can know Him and love Him better.

2. Watch and Learn: What is the Trinity? <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EoFNxugeEOo>

3. Explore:

Creation is the work of the entire Trinity, Father, Son & Holy Spirit, and the very first line of the Bible reveals 3 important points. Look up Genesis 1.1 and write it below:

3 things:

- a) There was a beginning.
- b) God creates out of nothing, with no help
- c) God created earthly & heavenly things (i.e. things we can see, and things we can't)

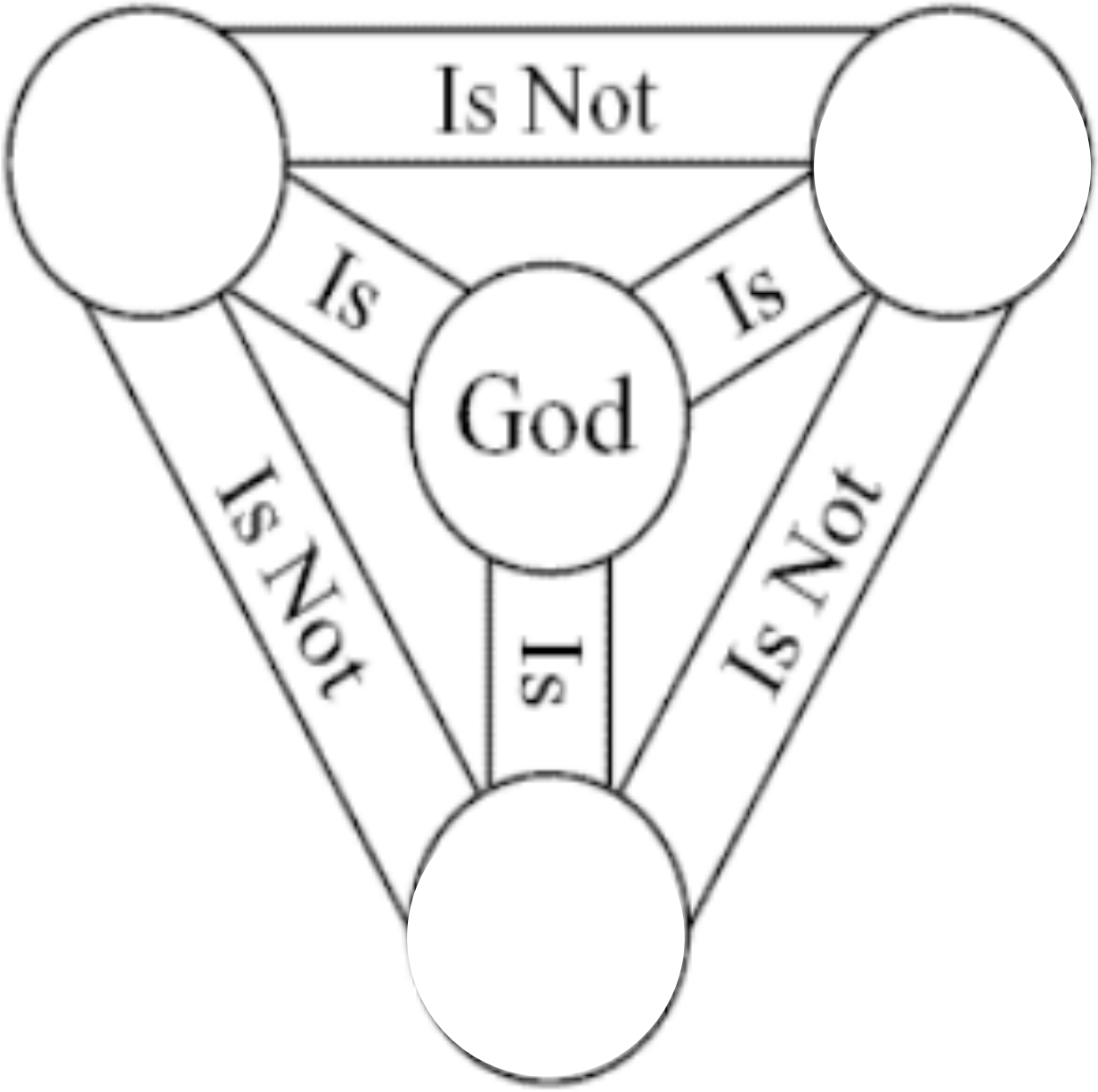
Color the part of the verse that tells us (a) green, (b) yellow and (c) red.

Because the persons of the Trinity are all one, Jesus and the Holy Spirit also participated in creation with God the Father.

Using your own knowledge and/or the glossary which begins on p.281 of your text, complete the chapter review on p.33 of your text and write the decoded final answer below:

On the Worksheet below, label the circles as either God the Father (Belover), God the Son (Beloved) or God the Holy Spirit (Love between them)

4. Ending Prayer: [Begin and end with the Sign of the Cross]. **Glory Be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the morning, is now and ever shall be world without end Amen.**



Lesson 4: God, Father & Creator

Opening Prayer:

1. Intro:

After God created everything else, He created Humanity. We all know what happened next – or do we? Watch the following video and write answer below: what exactly did Eve do that brought sin into the world? (Hint: the answer is not just eating an apple! The answer has to do with what the serpent made her doubt)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e2jamVUDVQY&list=PLdVV1jFG9Bwdr7nP6x2KpkqWvybFnQlz5&index=14>

2. Watch and Learn:

When Adam and Eve freely chose to turn away from God, and brought sin and death into the world, God launched a rescue mission to save us. That mission involved God sending His only Son to die for us, but...

Why did Jesus have to Die? https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8Z_SMrnEial

Summarize in your own words the answer to why Jesus had to die below:

All of God's promises in the Old Testament point to Jesus Christ, the savior He was planning to send. Jesus is the savior of all people – even those who don't know or believe in Him. God works quietly and mysteriously to draw all people to himself.

3. Explore:

As disciples of Christ, we can help share God's love in the world, thereby participating in Jesus' saving mission. We call that time when Jesus' mission is complete and all people are in communion with God (i.e. not separated from Him any longer) the Kingdom of God. We can help bring about this Kingdom.

"Thy Kingdom Come"

Read the story entitled "Thy Kingdom Come" on p. 36 of your textbook. Write something you can do or have already done to help bring about God's Kingdom.

4. Ending Prayer: Say the Our Father slowly and reverently

