

Lesson 4 – God the Father

Grade 2 – Chapter 4

KEY CONCEPT

God is our Father who created us and cares for us. We can trust in God because he loves us.

QUICK SESSION OVERVIEW

STEP 1 - WELCOME

STEP 2 - INVITE

STEP 3 - DISCOVER

STEP 4 - LIVE

STEP 5 - CLOSING

HELPFUL HINT OF THE DAY

Share Your Story

- As a catechist, you have a unique opportunity to shape future generations through your time with students
- While it is important to present good content in your classroom, it is critical that you witness to your love for your faith
- This is a way for the students to relate to you – a way for them to gain your trust
- To successfully lead, you have to see your candidates as real people and they have to see you as a real person, and as crazy as that may sound, getting to this place can be harder than you think

STEP 1 - WELCOME

TIP

Community Activity – coloring sheet

STEP 2 – INVITE

TIP

Let us Pray

- **Say prayer in book.**
- **Invite the children to recite the Our Father together. If the children do not know the prayer, break it down into small segments and have them say that and then put it back together again.**
- **Ask what do you wonder questions.**

STEP 3 – DISCOVER

TIP

Care for God's Children

- **Read 1st paragraph**
- **Read about Saint John Bosco and ask them the questions**
 - **Do activity sheet on St. John Bosco (may need to do together as it could be hard for them to figure out on their own.)**

God the Father

- **Read paragraphs.**
- **Ask the children to get a blank sheet of paper and do the Share your Faith activity.**

The Father's Love

- **Read paragraph**
- **Read God's Word**
- **Ask the children to give examples of how their parents take care of them. Write answers on a poster board or small white board.**

Turn to God in Prayer

- **Read paragraph**
- **Do Trusting God with our Prayers worksheet**
- **Do Connect your faith activity**

STEP 4 – LIVE

TIP

Our Catholic Life

- **Read the paragraphs (one at a time) and ask the questions**
- **Give the children instructions on how to do a trust walk (optional activity at bottom of page 92) with someone in their family.**

People of Faith

- **Read about Blessed Julian of Norwich**

Take Homes:

- **Share Family and Faith section with your parents**
- **Chapter Review**

STEP 5 – CLOSING

TIP

Asking Prayer

Stress doing the sign of the cross correctly.

Say Our Father together.

Can also pray the Glory Be together.

St. John Bosco

Name _____

(1815-1888)

Feast: January 31

Caring for God's Children

Father John Bosco spent all of his grown-up life taking care of homeless boys. He and his mother opened a home for them and lived there with them. He cared for them with lots of love and encouragement. He paid for all their needs by preaching, writing, and collecting donations. He recruited others to help him. They became known as the Society of St. Francis de Sales (the Salesians). He also started an Order of Sisters to take care of poor and neglected girls. He was especially interested in teaching young people how they could earn a living. Solve the acrostic to discover what John Bosco is called.



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17 5 1



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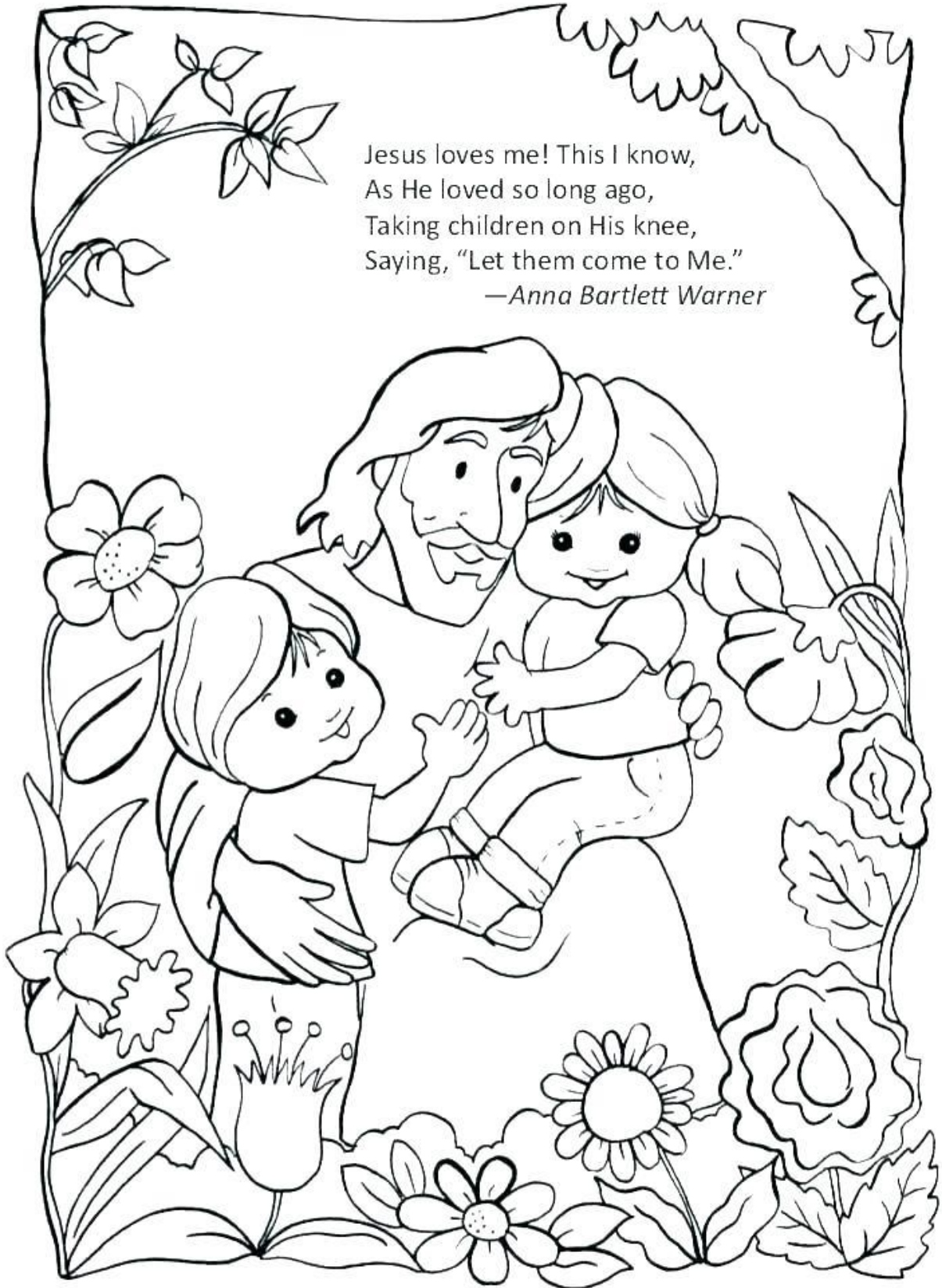


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Jesus loves me! This I know,
As He loved so long ago,
Taking children on His knee,
Saying, "Let them come to Me."

—Anna Bartlett Warner



Trusting God with Our Prayers

Name some people, places, or problems that need prayers
and that begin with the letters in the word *Father*.

Trust God the Father to listen to your prayers.









