

Lesson 2 – God’s Gifts for Us

Grade 1 – Chapter 2

KEY CONCEPT

God’s world is a gift to you. You can learn about God and his love by looking at the world he made.

QUICK SESSION OVERVIEW

STEP 1 - WELCOME

STEP 2 - INVITE

STEP 3 - DISCOVER

STEP 4 - LIVE

STEP 5 - CLOSING

HELPFUL HINT OF THE DAY

Focus on learning your children’s names

- This is the simplest way to demonstrate they matter to you
- Greet them at the door as they arrive
- Continue to let them know you better and use your personal experiences to relate into the curriculum
- Remember what Theodore Roosevelt wrote: “People don’t care how much you know, until they know how much you care.”

STEP 1 - WELCOME

TIP

Community Activity – dot to dot sheet

STEP 2 – INVITE

TIP

Scripture:

- **Do the Let us Pray section.**
 - **Make sure to practice the sign of the cross**

God's Word:

- **Read section and ask what they heard.**
 - **May or may not choose to have the kids try to close their eyes.**
- **Ask What do you wonder questions.**

STEP 3 – DISCOVER

TIP

Gifts from God:

- **Ask questions and write answers on white board.**
- **Read text**
 - **Skip graphic organizer**
- **Do work with words with index cards and Jesus and Praise.**
- **Can also review last week's words (Bible and Creation)**
- **Keep the index cards in your bin and pull them out each week to ask the children what the words mean to help them remember.**

God Made the World

- **Read paragraph**
- **Do God's Word section with game listed**
- **Do Creation Wheel**

Made to Help Us

- **Read paragraphs**
- **Can do activity together**
- **Do Gifts from God activity sheet**

Thank God

- **Do paragraph and Work with words**
 - **Do Quick tip activity for God's gifts**
 - **Do Connect your faith activity**

STEP 4 – LIVE

TIP

Our Catholic Life

- **Read first 2 paragraphs.**
 - **Do quick tip and teach a prayer to say before meals.**
 - **Do before meals worksheet (Bless Us, O Lord) to help the children learn the prayer. Send home so the children will practice at home.**
 - **Do section on Care for Creation on Pg 296-297**

People of Faith

- **Read about St. Nicholas**
- **Can do Live your Faith section**

Take Homes:

- **Remind children to share Family and Faith with parents.**
- **Chapter review**

STEP 5 – CLOSING

TIP

Closing Prayer

- **Have children go to the prayer space.**
- **Do Prayer of Thanksgiving on pg 64**

Bless Us, O Lord

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Name _____

When families gather to eat together and to talk with one another, there is a special prayer they often say. This prayer is called *Grace Before Meals*. It is a very short prayer, asking God to bless the food we are about to eat. You can cut out this prayer and keep it by your place at the dinner table until you learn it by heart.

Bless us, O Lord,
and these thy gifts,
which we are about to receive
from thy bounty,
through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Some families pray other prayers of praise and thanksgiving before they eat a meal. Some suggestions are printed here. Read each prayer, then cut it out and paste it under the correct picture on page 2.

Prayer Endings

children all over the world who are hungry.

people who are lonely and have no one with whom to share their meal, that they will feel your presence and your love.

parents who work hard to feed their families, that you will give them daily strength for their jobs.

people who are too sick, too old, or too weak to eat, that they will feel your healing touch.

families who have recently lost a loved one, that you will comfort them in their sorrow.

all people who spread your Good News, through daily deeds of love and kindness.

Name _____ Date _____

Gifts from God

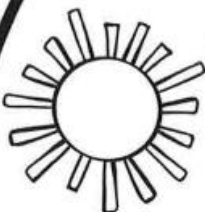
God gives us a world full of gifts. Circle the hidden food and animals that are gifts from God.



Word Bank

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feather
duck
loaf of bread
cat
snake
rabbit
crab
bird
apple
frog
octopus
cow
carrot
turtle
flower

Days of Creation



Name: _____



