

Lesson 1 – Divine Revelation

Grade 6 – Chapter 1

KEY CONCEPT

God reveals himself and his plan of salvation through Sacred Scripture, the inspired Word of God written by humans. An important truth of Sacred Scripture and Sacred Tradition is that God is faithful and wants us to live with him forever.

QUICK SESSION OVERVIEW

STEP 1 - WELCOME

STEP 2 - INVITE

STEP 3 - DISCOVER

STEP 4 - LIVE

STEP 5 - CLOSING

HELPFUL HINT OF THE DAY

Welcome students and thank them for coming

-From day one it is important to convey two things: that you care about the candidates and that you are excited.

-Introduce yourself. Tell them a few things about you and your life – where you grew up, favorite sports team, favorite ice cream, why you decided to be here with them

-Take a few minutes and go around the class, asking each person to introduce themselves and share something like you did

-Let them know that you will be praying for them throughout the year. Encourage them to start praying for each other

-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

STEP 2 - INVITE

TIP

Scripture:

- **Read through the Scripture passage once out loud**
- **Then invite the children to read it quietly to themselves**
- **Invite them to choose a short phrase that stood out to them personally and have them underline it**
- **Discuss “What do you Wonder” questions.**
 - **Skip the Optional Activity**

STEP 3 – DISCOVER

TIP

God Makes himself Known

- **about the Storyteller**

Stories of Our Faith

- **Read paragraphs about Stories of our Faith**

Share Your Faith:

- **Share your own favorite Bible story before splitting them into groups of 3**
- **Explain why you enjoy it and how it might play a role in your own life**

Graphic Organizer

- **Draw up the graphic at the bottom of the page and explain how God reveals himself, and his plan, through a combination of both Scripture and Tradition**

Different Types of writing in the Bible

- **Ask: What are some of the literary forms used in the Bible?**
- **Read paragraphs. Ask the children what types of literary forms they like to read.**

Connect Your Faith

- **Once you've read the directions, organize the same groups of 3 from Share Your Faith**
- **Explain how to find Scripture passages (what the numbers mean)**
- **Have each group go through all 3 passages**
- **Share responses and see if the groups agree on what forms each are**

STEP 4 – LIVE

TIP

Our Catholic Life

- **Explain that Lectio Divina is a form of reading Scripture that allows for reflection on what they are reading**
- **Should reading Scripture be different than reading a mystery novel?**
 - **Yes, God is directly speaking to us through these words and we should be trying to understand how these words affect our lives**

Catholic Social Teaching

- **Use “Call to Family, Community, and Participation” pages 292-293**
 - **What does the word “community” mean to them?**
 - **Read through the paragraphs**
 - **Discuss the importance of strong families by using the Families and Society activity (discuss in small groups and share with class)**

Skip “Celebrating the Gift of God’s Word”

- **Take a field trip to the Church and use about 10 minutes to try Lectio Divina on the passage John 15:12-17**
- **Individual sheets will be provided for the children to have while in the Church**
- **Invite them to reflect on this passage and what God is asking them to do in their lives through His words to them**

Take Homes:

- **Share the Family + Faith page at home**
- **Provide “Discover God’s Message” worksheet to bring home as optional work**

STEP 5 – CLOSING

TIP

Close in prayer together

- **Encourage them to explore Scripture further at home over the next week**

Chapter 1 Activity Master

Name _____ Date _____

Discover God's Message

God speaks through all of the literary forms of the Bible. Read the following passages from the Bible. Then write a summary of God's message on the lines below.



Psalms/Canticles
Psalm 104:10-15

Folktale
Genesis 11:1-9

Historical Account
2 Samuel 7:8-17

Parable
Mark 4:1-20
