

# Lesson 10 – Responding to God

Grade 1 – Chapter 10

## KEY CONCEPT

*God invites everyone into his Kingdom. The Church is the community of all baptized people who believe in God and follow Jesus.*

## QUICK SESSION OVERVIEW

STEP 1 - WELCOME

STEP 2 - INVITE

STEP 3 - DISCOVER

STEP 4 - LIVE

STEP 5 - CLOSING

### Don't Water Down the Faith

- Kids are able to grasp the faith at a level that we adults often underestimate
- Don't water down the faith lesson for them, simply present it in a manner they understand
- They are eager to soak in God and want to understand the "why" questions of our faith
- Our job is to guide them to the truth and feed their hunger for Jesus

## **STEP 1 - WELCOME**

### **TIP**

**Community Activity – Connect the Dot sheet or color Noah's ark picture**

## **STEP 2 – INVITE**

### **TIP**

#### **Let us Pray**

- **Say prayer on pg 149**
- **Use this poem after the opening prayer, before explaining that we are invited to say "yes" to God.**
  - **Read aloud the poem as the children follow along.**
  - **Ask the children for examples of other questions. *Possible responses:***  
***Did you finish your homework? Would you like a cookie?***
  - **Ask: When is it hard to say "yes?"**
  - **Transition back to the lesson instruction.**
- **Saying "Yes"**
- **Would you like to bake a cake?**  
**Would you help rake the leaves?**  
**Did you finish your homework?**  
**Would you pass out the papers please?**  
**Did you clean your room?**  
**Can you eat your peas?**  
**Have you fed the dog?**  
**Can you help me find the keys?**
- **Say Hail Mary and Glory Be.**

## **STEP 3 – DISCOVER**

### **TIP**

#### **Trust in God**

- **Read paragraph**
- **Read Noah's Ark book (or God's word at home)**
- **Ask questions about the story to see if the children understood when Noah said yes and why Noah was safe, etc.**
- **Activity – Noah and the Ark sheet**

#### **All Are Invited**

- **Read paragraph**
- **Read God's word (parable)**
  - **Ask: Who is the rich man in the story? Explain that God invites everyone to join him and be happy with him forever.**
- **Activity: Kingdom of God sheet**

#### **The Church**

- **Read paragraphs**
- **Do the Connect Your Faith section**

## **STEP 4 – LIVE**

### **TIP**

#### **Our Catholic Lives**

- **Read 1<sup>st</sup> paragraph and “The Mary says Yes” paragraph having the children read it with you.**
- **Ask: How can you say “yes” to God?**

#### **People of Faith**

- **Read paragraph on Blessed Mary Theresa of Jesus Gerhardinger**

#### **Live Your Faith section (pg. 286 and 287)**

- **Read paragraphs and discuss what the children are doing. What could they do to help others? (i.e. bring non-perishable food item for food pantry)**
- **Read You are Needed paragraphs**
- **Activity – Learn Grace before meals prayer**
  - **Can cut apart the page and see if they can put the pieces back together in the right order.**

#### **Take Homes**

- **Remind the children to review the Faith and Family section with their parents**
- **Chapter Review.**

## **STEP 5 – CLOSING**

### **TIP**

#### **Closing Prayer**

- **Say prayer on pg. 156**
- **Say Hail Mary**

# CONNECT THE DOTS



# JESUS

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

## Kingdom of God

You belong to the Catholic Church.

The Church invites people to God's Kingdom.

The Church shares God's love.

Draw a line from the person coming out of church to the picture of that same person sharing God's love.



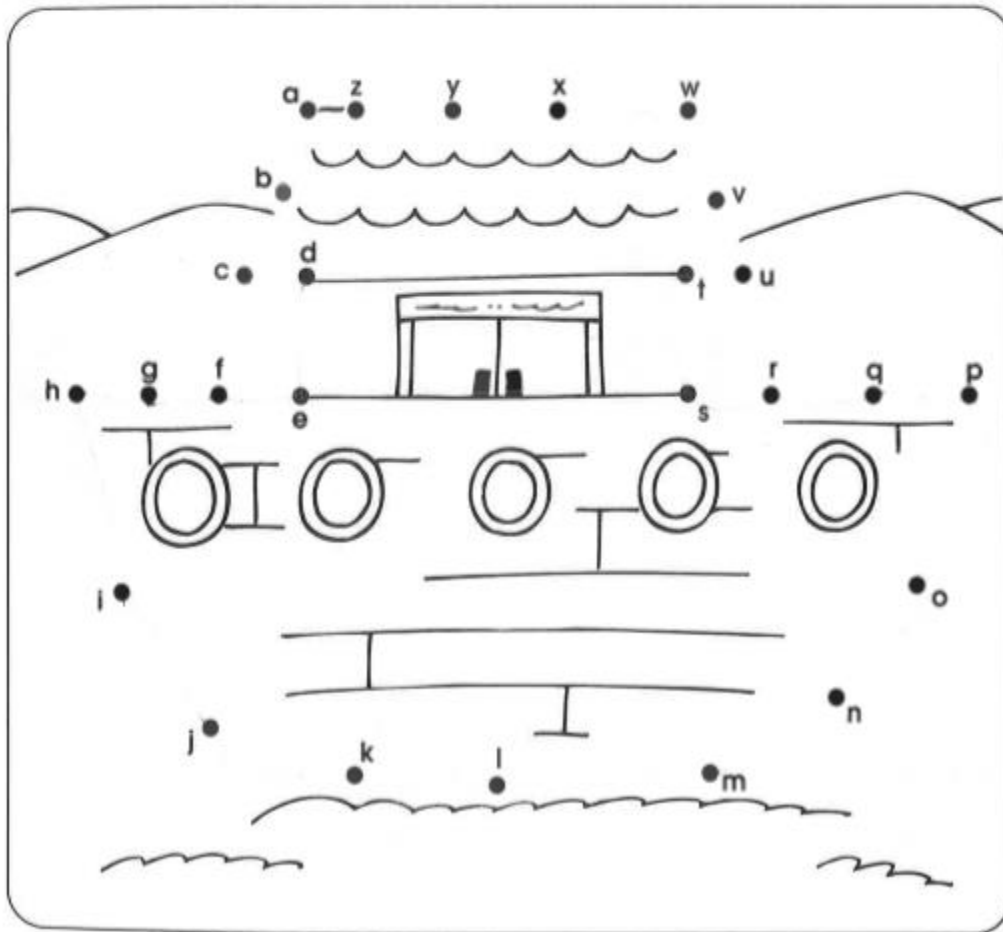
**Bible Brain Teasers**

# Noah and the Ark

(Genesis 6-9)

God saw how evil people on the earth had become. God was sad. He told the only good man he could find that He was going to send a terrible flood. This man was named Noah. God wanted Noah to build something to keep him and his family safe.

To find out what it was, connect the dots.



From thy bounty

Bless us, O Lord

Through Christ our Lord

And these thy gifts

Amen.

Which we are about to receive

Grace Before Meals



