



What's My Child Learning?

This is a review of the information your child is learning in Christ Our Life, Grade 1.

Unit 1: God Is Our Good Father

Goals

The children will more deeply realize the great love God has for them.

They will desire to pray to God.

Chapter 1: Jesus Is Our Friend

Jesus invites us to be his friends and to enjoy his presence just as he welcomed the little children of Galilee. The children are taught that Jesus and his friends love everyone. Jesus' Death on the Cross showed the depths of his love for us. The crucifix reminds us that Jesus died but is risen and is still with us. The children learn how we, God's people, sign ourselves with a cross to show that we are friends of Jesus who try to be like him.

Chapter 2: God Is Good

The goodness of creation leads us to give thanks and praise to our Father, the source of all life and goodness, who lets us share in bringing all creation to fulfillment. The children learn that God made everything and that living things grow best when they are given good care.

Chapter 3: God Is Our Father

God continually invites us to grow and deepen our relationship with him and others. God gives each of us unique gifts and calls us to use our gifts to give human expression to God's loving, forgiving care for every person. The children contrast human life with other forms of life and learn that they are made in God's own image and likeness.

Chapter 4: God Our Father Is Holy

God speaks to us and is available to us so that we can experience joy, support, and strength in God's friendship. The children enter the sacred space we call church, the place where God meets us and where we ponder God's ways. They learn how we, in word and gesture, acknowledge the presence of the all-holy One who remains with us as Christ our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament.

Chapter 5: God Shares His Life with Us

God, our good Father, shows the greatness of his love by giving us a share in his own life at Baptism. The children learn that our newness of life calls us to live by the Spirit we received when we were incorporated into the family of the Church.



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Chapter 6: God Speaks to Us

God's Word enlightens and guides those who choose to follow his path of peace and love. The children learn how we can hear God's gentle voice in created wonders and providential care, in the Bible, in the teaching of the Church, in the directives of those God has chosen to care for us, and in the silence of our own hearts.

Chapter 7: We Pray to God Our Father

In prayer we consciously open ourselves to God's presence in our lives and come to recognize God's loving hand in all that happens to us. The children learn how to listen to God and talk to God by sharing their deepest thoughts and desires.

Chapter 8: Jesus Teaches Us to Pray to Our Father

Jesus taught us to call God "Our Father" and to acknowledge with confidence our dependence on God's faithful, forgiving care for us. The children learn about the solidarity of the human family and our relationship with God as they come to understand the meaning of the Lord's Prayer and learn how to make it their own prayer.

Unit 2: God Sent His Son as Our Savior

Goals

The children will know the story of the Fall and the story of God's fulfillment of the promise of a Savior. They will celebrate Christmas in a more meaningful way.

Chapter 9: God Promised a Savior

God showed divine mercy when the parents of the human family used their freedom to oppose God's expressed will. The children learn the effects of sin and how the promised Redeemer restored to all people the possibility of sharing in God's life, thus enabling them to live as God's children on earth and to live with God forever in heaven.

Chapter 10: God Chose Mary and Joseph

God kept his promise to send a Savior and prepared a special people to be his own. The children learn how God chose Mary to be the mother of Jesus, God's Son. They are led to prepare for Jesus' coming as Mary, Joseph, and other faithful believers did.



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Chapter 11: Jesus Our Savior Was Born in Bethlehem

God emptied himself and became human like us in all things except sin when Jesus was born in Bethlehem. The children learn how the Savior's arrival was announced to shepherds by angels, who told them to share the good news with others. Through the story of the Wise Men, they find out that Jesus came for all people.

Chapter 12: Families Share Life and Love

The home life of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph shows us a picture of people who live in God's love. The children are encouraged to do many little things that will bring the joyful sharing and caring spirit of the Holy Family into their own family life.

Unit 3: Jesus Shows Us He Is Good

Goals

The children will understand how to live the two great laws of love.

They will be inspired to go to Jesus the Good Shepherd for forgiveness when they have done wrong.

Chapter 13: Jesus Calls Apostles

Jesus chose 12 men to be his first apostles. The children learn that all Christians are called to work together to bring all people to the Father and to help make a better world. The children can be Jesus' helpers too.

Chapter 14: Jesus Shows God's Love

Jesus spent his life doing good. The children learn how his tender compassion for people who are sick or suffering comforted them and how his divine power healed them. From this the children learn that they, too, must be concerned for others.

Chapter 15: Jesus Teaches Us to Love God

Jesus' love for his Father prompted Jesus to commune with him in prayer and to fulfill his Father's will. The children learn that love of God calls for a wholehearted response. They are introduced to a simple morning prayer.

Chapter 16: Jesus Teaches Us to Love Others

Jesus showed the meaning of Christian love by his own example. The children learn what the command to love our neighbor implies through the parable of the Good Samaritan.

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Chapter 17: Jesus Calls Himself the Good Shepherd

The forgiving love of our God is revealed through the words and deeds of his Son. Jesus the Good Shepherd seeks out sinners and welcomes them back. The children learn that God's family asks for forgiveness at Mass. They are introduced to Psalm 23.

Chapter 18: We Come to Our Good Shepherd

Members of the Church forgive and ask forgiveness of one another and of God. In a celebration the children strengthen the bonds of love between God, themselves, and others. The children's reaching out to others with forgiving hearts is a sign of their union with the Lord, in whom we are one.

Unit 4: Jesus Shows His Great Love

Goals

The children will be familiar with the Paschal Mystery.

They will be determined to live as loving, active members of the Church.

Chapter 19: Jesus Gives the Gift of Himself

The night before he suffered and died, Jesus invited us to come together to give thanks to the Father for freeing us from the power of sin. The children will learn that in each Mass, Christ is present to nourish us with the Eucharist and, by this gift, to make us one with himself and with one another. The sufferings of Christ reveal the depth of his love for the Father and for all of God's people. Jesus inspires us to respond to mental and physical sufferings as he did—with peaceful confidence that they lead to the fullness of life. The children will learn to accept the mystery of suffering in their own lives and to reach out with love to help others in pain.

Chapter 20: Jesus Is Risen

The Resurrection of Jesus transforms human life and sheds rays of hope through the darkness that sin spreads throughout the world. The children will associate Easter with signs of new life and will experience the peace and joy that Jesus brings to those who believe in his Resurrection. Jesus' Paschal Mystery gifts all who are baptized with a life over which death has no more power. The children will review the ways our risen Lord is present among us. They will celebrate their call to live in the hope and the joy of the risen Lord.

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Chapter 21: Jesus Sends Us the Spirit

Jesus' Spirit, sent upon the apostles, Mary, and the Church, is with us today. The children will learn how their lives can be transformed by the Holy Spirit they received at their Baptism. They will learn how they were gifted with faith, hope, and love and how they can strengthen these virtues.

Chapter 22: Jesus Is with Us in His Church

The continuing reality of Christ's presence in the world today is expressed through his Church, the means God chose to unite our human family with himself. The children will learn that through the pope and the bishops, Jesus is leading us. The children will experience a sense of belonging to the Church and will learn to express its holiness through words and deeds of love.

Chapter 23: Mary Is the Mother of the Church

Mary, the Mother of the Church and the model for followers of Jesus, shows us how a faithful response to God leads us to eternal happiness with him. She was assumed body and soul into heaven, where she is Queen. The children will be encouraged to imitate Mary's saying yes to God by giving themselves to God and to others with love in their hearts.

Chapter 24: The Holy Spirit Helps the Church

Jesus wants everyone to know the good news of God's saving love. He shares the message of love with us through the Gospels. The children will learn how loving words and deeds show that the Spirit of Jesus is with us.

Chapter 25: We Give Glory to God

God invites us to enter into his glory and to share it with everyone. The children learn how kind words and good deeds give glory to the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. The children will experience how, with the help of Jesus' Spirit, they can bring true happiness and peace of heart to themselves and others. The children will learn how they can grow in the life Jesus offers them, and they will be prepared to welcome the Lord into every moment of the day.