



What's My Child Learning?

This is a review of the information your child is learning in Christ Our Life, Grade 7.

Unit 1: Jesus Christ the Way

Goal

The students will have a deeper understanding of who Jesus is and will desire to follow Jesus.

Chapter 1: The Impact of Jesus

Jesus the Son of God

The students explore their own identity. They are reminded of God's unconditional love for them that calls them to be the best they can be. They consider the impact of Jesus on the world, reviewing the doctrine that Jesus is true God and true man.

Chapter 2: Friendship with Jesus

Jesus the Son of Man

The students study the basis for our faith in Jesus. They see that Jesus is completely human. They ponder the meaning of true friendship and then are led to realize that Jesus invites them to friendship with him. They are introduced to the reflection notebook as a means of growing in friendship with Christ.

Chapter 3: Scripture: A Portrait of Jesus

Jesus the Messiah

The students learn how the Gospels came to be written. They study the characteristics of each Gospel and become familiar with the books of Christian Scripture. They recognize the Bible's importance in coming to know Jesus better. They assemble a Scripture booklet to use for Scripture-based prayer.

Chapter 4: The World Jesus Lived In

Jesus the Nazarene

The students study the culture of first-century Palestine when Jesus lived. They learn about the land, the political and religious situations, customs, and family life. They study the Jewish faith and practices.

Chapter 5: The Early Life of Jesus

Jesus the Son of Mary and Joseph

The students read the Infancy Narratives as proclamations that Jesus is the Son of God who saved us. They review Catholic doctrines about Mary, the Mother of God. They are encouraged to listen to the Word of God and act on it as she did.

Chapter 6: The Mission of Jesus

Jesus the Christ

The students see Jesus as a prophet, priest, and king who accepted his mission to proclaim and make present the Kingdom of God. They learn the significance of his baptism and temptations in the desert. They study temptation and sin and how to resist them.



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Chapter 7: The Apostles, Mary, and Others

Jesus the Master

The students reflect on the impact Jesus had on the first disciples. They come to realize that their own relationship with him can gradually deepen too. They learn what is required of a disciple. They meet each of the twelve apostles and find out why Mary is the first and best disciple.

Chapter 8: Baptism and Confirmation

Jesus the Savior

The students learn that Jesus is still with us through the seven sacraments and that we accept his call to discipleship in the Sacraments of Initiation. They learn of their own call to service. The students study the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA).

Chapter 9: Unit 1 Review

The students review the main concepts of Unit 1. They participate in a celebration that leads them to reflect on what Jesus means to them and to renew their love of him.

Unit 2: Jesus Christ the Truth

Goal

The students will know what it means to follow Jesus in daily life.

Chapter 10: Parables: Stories Jesus Told Jesus the Storyteller

The students learn how the teachings of Jesus have been handed down by the Church. They become familiar with the parables that he told to teach truths about God and God's kingdom. They come to see that the kingdom is here and that they can live the spirit of the kingdom in genuine, self-sacrificing love. Then they analyze their fidelity to Christ's message.

Chapter 11: Miracles: Signs Jesus Worked

Jesus the Miracle Worker

The students learn more about Jesus through some of his signs. They witness his power as well as his love and concern for others. They become aware of the importance of faith in those he helped. They consider ways of imitating his compassion by meeting the needs of people in today's world.

Chapter 12: Penance and Anointing of the Sick

Jesus the Healer

The students study the way the Church shares in the healing ministry of Christ through the sacraments of Penance and Reconciliation, and the Anointing of the Sick. They consider the meaning and the importance of reconciliation and how it is accomplished. They also learn Christian attitudes toward the celebration of the Sacrament of Penance, Reconciliation or a nonsacramental reconciliation service.



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Chapter 13: The Message of Jesus: Choose Life

Jesus the Teacher

The students consider the implications of Christian love. They see that Jesus calls us to go beyond the letter of the law. They reflect deeply on their responsibility to respect, nurture, and protect the gift of life. They study the Fifth Commandment, sins against life, and the works of mercy.

Chapter 14: The Challenge of the Beatitudes

Jesus the Light of the World

The students learn the new way of life that Jesus lived and taught—the Beatitudes. They study the meanings of each beatitude and practical ways to live them.

Chapter 15: Jesus' Kingdom of Justice and Truth

Jesus the King

The students see how the Seventh and Tenth Commandments protect our right to freedom and to own property. They also study the Eighth Commandment, which protects our right to know the truth and to have a good reputation. They learn how the practice of honesty and truthfulness builds love and trust in the community.

Chapter 16: Jesus' Kingdom of Love

The Sacred Heart

The students are presented with the Christian view of the sacredness of sex. They see it in the context of true love, marriage, and family life. They learn that the Sixth and Ninth Commandments require fidelity as a protection of family life. They are taught ways to lead a chaste life.

Chapter 17: Unit 2 Review

The students review the main concepts of the unit. They participate in a celebration of the teachings of Jesus.

Unit 3: Jesus Christ the Life

Goal

The students will have a greater appreciation of the life Jesus won for us by his death and Resurrection.

Chapter 18: Living Faith in Jesus

Jesus the Prophet

The students are made more conscious of the spiritual life and the importance of spiritual growth through two Gospel stories. They come to understand grace as a free gift of God, as friendship with him. They also reflect on the Theological Virtues of faith, hope, and love, and the Cardinal Virtues of prudence, justice, temperance, and fortitude.



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Chapter 19: Opposition to Jesus

Jesus the Suffering Servant

The students study the mystery of the Transfiguration. They witness Jesus' power over life and death in his raising Lazarus from the dead. They consider the opposition that grew against him. They consider the Christian view of death in relation to Jesus, themselves, and those they love.

Chapter 20: The Eucharist

Jesus the Bread of Life

The students learn how Jesus continues to be present with us, drawing us deeper into the mystery of his life through the Eucharist. They reflect on the power of the Eucharist to transform us into a united people who live, serve, hope, and share as followers of Christ. The students study the parts of the Mass preparing and celebrating a Eucharistic liturgy.

Chapter 21: Jesus' Final Hours

Jesus the Lamb of God

The students see in Jesus' suffering a model for their own response to suffering. They enter into a reflective prayer experience based on the agony of Jesus in the garden. They view the Cross in the light of the great love Jesus showed for his Father and for all of us when he chose to sacrifice his life. They learn about the last things: the particular judgment, the Last Judgment, heaven, Purgatory, and hell.

Chapter 22: The Victory of Jesus

Jesus the Risen Lord

The students study the Resurrection stories and what they mean for us. They consider how we experience the risen Lord in the sacraments, Scripture, and the faith community. They learn the role of sacramentals in the Church. They come to understand the Ascension as a call to witness.

Chapter 23: Alive with the Spirit

Jesus the Head of the Church

The students study the transforming power of the Holy Spirit in the life of the Church and in their own lives. They study the characteristics of the Christian community. They are encouraged to turn to the Spirit of Christ for guidance and strength as they spread the Good News and form Christian communities today.

Chapter 24: Matrimony and Holy Orders

Jesus Emmanuel

The students consider their personal call to holiness and various vocations through which Christians can become holy: the single life, the married life, the priesthood and diaconate, and the religious life. They explore how Christians in each of these vocations can share in the mission of Christ.

Chapter 25: Unit 3 Review

The students review the concepts of this unit. They participate in a celebration on the journey of life as a Christian.