

Lesson Objectives

The *Gospel Weeklies* and this teaching plan are designed to help you and your children:

- hear and understand Jesus' teaching in this Sunday's Gospel.
- know how to put the teaching into action.
- grow in understanding the Church's tradition and teachings and how they help us live as followers of Christ.

Lesson Preparation

Familiarize yourself with each child's Gospel Weekly and prepare as follows:

- Review the Sunday Gospel and the Doctrine content. Reflect on connections between the Gospel and Doctrine.
- Read the full Sunday Gospel. Go to pflaum.com/readings. You can find all of this Sunday's Scripture readings at this link.
- Note any special lesson features, such as reflection questions and Faith Words in each weekly. Plan how you will incorporate these into the lesson.
- Review lesson activities and have on hand materials as needed.
- Plan the pacing for each level so you can spend instructional time with each child as the other child(ren) work independently.

Materials

- Each child's Student Lesson / *Gospel Weekly* for this week
- Teaching Guide for each child's level
- *What the Church Believes and Teaches (WCBT)* handbook for each child's level
- Throughout the year, have on hand the following. See materials list in the Teaching Guide for each child's level for lesson-specific lists.
 - large newsprint • wide-tip marker • writing paper • pencil sharpener
 - rulers • glue • stapler • construction paper • large garbage bags
 - chalk • child's scissors • transparent tape • masking tape • erasers
 - large scissors • markers • bulletin board tacks • paper punch • pencils
 - small portable bulletin board • crayons and markers
- Materials for prayer space: cloth in liturgical color, candle, Bible, prayer cards or other devotionals, *Our Catholic Family* (Twenty-Third Publications) or another book of prayers

Lesson Resources

- **Weekly Review Template:** Go to <http://gospelweeklies.com/parents/>.
- **Video Links:** Go to gospelweeklies.com/blog/category/videos/ or to subscribe to the *GROW* blog.

Suggested Pacing Guide

Follow this pacing guide as you and your child work together on this week's lesson.

The following abbreviations are used for the five levels of the Gospel Weeklies: S = *Seeds*; P = *Promise*; GN = *Good News*; VN = *Venture*; VS = *Visions*

Share Experiences

- **Opening Prayer** • Begin this week's session with prayer. Choose a favorite prayer from the prayer pages of WCBT or *Our Catholic Family* (Twenty-Third Publications) or another prayer book.
- **Activity** • Read the opening activity with your S/P child(ren) and complete it together. Have your GN/VN/VS child(ren) complete the opening activity from the Teaching Guide for this week's lesson. If you have children in the S/P and in the older levels, consider having your older children complete this activity independently while you work with your younger children on "Discover Gospel and Doctrine."

Discover Gospel and Doctrine

- **Sunday Gospel** • Read aloud the Sunday Gospel text, or assign parts as appropriate. You can also find the Sunday readings at Pflaum.com/readings/.
- **Breaking open the Word** • Use the reflection questions provided in the lesson to help your child go deeper into the meaning of the Gospel. Add additional discussion questions tailored to your family's and children's circumstances. Consider the following: What does Jesus want us to know? What does this Gospel tell us about Jesus? How can we follow the message of this Gospel in our lives today?
- **Connecting Gospel and Doctrine** • (S/P) Look at the illustration on page 1. Complete the Gospel-related activity or activities.

- **Connecting Gospel and Doctrine** • (GN/VN/VS) Read the Gospel and Doctrine text only. Help your child understand the meaning using the questions provided and by sharing your own insight.



- **What the Church Believes and Teaches/Catechism Handbook** • Turn to the pages as noted in your child's lesson to read more about this week's doctrine.

Live the Gospel

- **Activity** • Complete the activity or activities for this week's lesson.
- **Family Corner (S/P/GN) or With My Family and Friends (VN/VS)**
 - Review this feature as a family. Discuss the question(s) and pray the prayer together.
- **Closing Prayer** • Choose a favorite prayer from the prayer pages of WCBT or from *Our Catholic Family* or another prayer book you have chosen, or simply pray in your own words. Consider taking turns with your child leading the closing prayer for the weekly sessions.

Weekly Review

- Ask your child questions based on the lesson to test for comprehension. Ask about the Sunday Gospel and Doctrine. Also review the Faith Word.
- Following each unit, you may wish to use the unit test, found at www.pflaumweeklies.com. Go to the Catechists/Teachers menu, select your child's level, then scroll down to find "Unit Assessments."