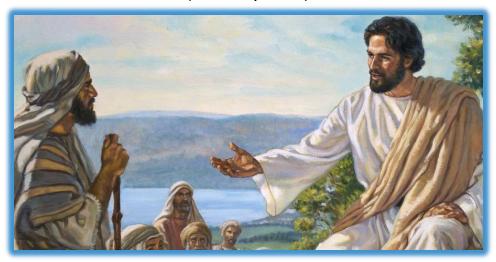
St. Laurence Catholic Parish Elementary Children's Faith Formation (CCE)

Week 2 Lesson Plan

(Home Study Version)



Unit 1 – Who is Jesus Christ?

EQ #1: What do we know about the life of Jesus Christ on earth?

PARENT CATECHIST PREPARATION

To prepare for this week's lesson:

- Establish a dedicated time and comfortable learning space for your family discovery session.
- Create a <u>Prayer Table</u> (or check out <u>How to Make a Prayer Table for Kids</u>) in a special corner of your home. Keep your family Bible reverently displayed there to be used for readings in your lessons.
- Prepare your adult heart and mind by watching one of the following videos ahead of the lesson: WHO IS JESUS? (Bishop Robert Barron) or WHO IS JESUS? (Dynamic Catholic)
- Reflect upon a favorite Scriptural passage about Jesus that you would like to share with your children and why it is important to you, or consider any one of the following:
 Mark 10: 13-16, John 6: 3-13, Mark 10: 46-52, Matthew 5: 43-48, LUKE 2: 1-20, or Luke 10: 25-37

Supplies you may want to have on hand before beginning the Lesson:

- A Catholic family or children's Bible (go to <u>USCCB</u> for approved Bible translations)
- An electronic device with reliable internet access
- Sticky notes
- Art or any unlined paper
- Crayons, markers and pencils
- (Optional): Materials necessary for any of the craft ideas selected during the EXTEND segment of the lesson

OPENING PRAYER

Begin your discovery session today with your child or children in prayer. Gather together in your dedicated prayer space and ask your children to quiet their minds and hearts as you pray together. Begin with the <u>SIGN OF THE CROSS</u> and recite a favorite prayer, choose one of the <u>COMMON PRAYERS BY GRADE</u> or, sing <u>AS IT IS IN HEAVEN</u> or <u>THE LORD'S PRAYER</u> (both by Matt Maher) together. Conclude by praying the <u>SIGN OF THE CROSS</u>.

ENGAGE

(Mental warm-up)

Say, "Today, we are going to learn about Jesus Christ. I want to share with you one of my favorite passages about Jesus, found in the Bible... (Read your favorite passage from the Bible about Jesus and explain WHY it is important to you or your favorite passage)...You know, the Bible is our best source for learning about who Jesus Christ is."

EXPLORE

(Pre-assessment of faith concepts)

Ask/Discuss, "What do you know about Jesus Christ?"

- As your child or children share their ideas, have them jot a few down on a sticky note (with their name) and then place them on the wall in your discovery space. (For younger children, you may act as the 'scribe'). Retain the sticky notes to have an understanding of what your child or children already know or don't know. This will be helpful as you move along in your lessons.
- ❖ To facilitate thinking and discussion, use some of the following prompts: Who were Jesus' parents? Where was Jesus born? When do we celebrate Jesus' birth? What do you know about Jesus' childhood? What did Jesus do and teach us while he was on earth? Who were Jesus' friends? How did Jesus die and what happened after he died? Plus, any others you can think of...

EQ "Essential Question"

(This question serves as a cognitive bookend for your child or children – i.e., it is the targeted "so what" or "take-away" of the lesson being presented)

Share and post a physical representation of the lesson's EQ in your study space:

What do we know about the life of Jesus Christ on earth?

<u>EXPLAIN</u> (Either guided with your assistance or working independently, have your child or children review their relevant grade-level material – listed below - and complete the workbook activities. *Empower older children by allowing them to mentor younger siblings*):

PREK3: Allelu! Lesson 27 (I am Growing); Allelu! Home Session Plan Lesson 27 Home

Session Activity Plan

PREK4: Allelu! Lesson 8 (Jesus is the Good Shepherd); Allelu! Home Session Plan Lesson

8 Home Session Activity Plan

Kinder: Call to Faith, Chapter 4: pgs. 48-50 (God the Father) and Chapter 7 (God Sends

His Son)

Grade 1: Alive in Christ, pgs. K4 & K5 + Chapter 8 (Jesus Teaches Love)

Grade 2: Alive in Christ, pgs. K4 & K5 + Chapter 5 (God the Son)

Grade 3: Alive in Christ, pgs. K4 thru K6 + Chapter 3 (Families Teach Love)

Grade 4: Alive in Christ, pgs. K1, K2 & K4 + Chapter 8 (Love God and Neighbor)

Grade 5: Alive in Christ, Chapter 7 (Living Image of Christ) and Chapter 9 (Celebrating the

Paschal Mystery)

EXTEND

(As a family, gather back together and have each child share, in turn, what they learned about Jesus Christ and his life on earth. Together as a family, come up with a list of at least three new things that you learned, were surprised by or think others should know about Jesus. Then, extend the lesson together by completing at least one of the activities provided below).

Lower Elementary

• Video: <u>LET'S MEET JESUS IN SONG</u>

• Craft: JESUS LOVES ME

• Activity: THE NAMES OF JESUS GUIDED MEDITATION

Upper Elementary

• Video: Watch THE STORY OF JESUS or THE NAMES OF JESUS video

Crafts: Create a set of the <u>NAMES OF JESUS CARDS</u> or complete the <u>NAME OF JESUS</u> or <u>JESUS I AM'S</u> craft

Activity:

Recite the <u>LITANY OF THE MOST HOLY NAMES OF JESUS</u> together as a class, or spend some time completing the <u>NAMES OF JESUS GUIDED MEDITATION</u> or the <u>NAMES OF JESUS REFLECTION ACTIVITY</u>

EVALUATE/REFLECT

Restate today's Essential Question (EQ) – What do we know about the life of Jesus Christ on earth?

• Summarize what's been learned during this lesson, emphasizing those concepts which may have been missed or misunderstood in the EXPLORE step above.

Say, "Jesus is the Son of God. He was born into a Jewish family and lived with his mother Mary and his earthly father, Joseph, who was a carpenter. Jesus became a man and lived on earth. He was kind to everyone and showed us how to be kind to and love

others. He lived on the earth for 33 years. Jesus showed God's love when he talked and healed others. He also shared and blessed meals, told stories called parables, and taught us how to pray."

- Say, "Think back to the passage that I read from the Bible at the beginning of our lesson today. What does it specifically share with us about Jesus Christ's life here on earth?" (Discuss together, affirming and reinforcing appropriate answers/teaching points).
- Separately reflect on these questions: How was Jesus' life similar to my own life?

 How was it different? Who is Jesus Christ to me? (After some reflection time, turn and share your answers with another family member).

CLOSING PRAYER

Gather together in your dedicated prayer space and ask your children to quiet their minds and hearts as you pray together. Begin with the <u>SIGN OF THE CROSS</u> and recite a favorite prayer, choose one from the <u>COMMON PRAYERS BY GRADE</u>, sing <u>YOU ARE HOLY</u> together or ask the children to offer up their <u>INTERCESSORY INTENTIONS</u>. Conclude by praying the <u>SIGN OF THE</u> <u>CROSS</u>.

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BONUS (optional)

- What We Believe: Begin to memorize the 2nd set of "I Believe" statements of the
 <u>NICENE CREED</u> regarding who Jesus Christ is to us as Catholic Christians and practice
 reciting it as a family.
- **Saint of the Week:** Jesus taught and showed us how to love God and others. Research the life's story of Saint Teresa of Calcutta, or watch <u>THE STORY OF MOTHER TERESA</u> and discuss how she lived her life in the service of others as Christ did.

Want to extend your family's formation about this topic? Check out these additional resources which can be used at the Parent Catechist's discretion, if desired:

- Parent Catechist Preparation Videos: WHY DID JESUS HAVE TO DIE THE WAY HE DID?,
 THE BROTHERS OF JESUS, CHRONOLOGY OF THE LIFE OF JESUS CHRIST
- Lesson Plans: JESUS IN THE TEMPLE LESSON PLAN, THREE LESSONS OF JESUS'
 BAPTISM, ASCENSION OF THE LORD, WHY DID JESUS COME TO EARTH?, NAMES OF
 JESUS LESSON, NAMES AND PROPHECIES OF JESUS, JESUS ACTIVITIES & GAMES
- Videos: THE STORY OF JESUS (6:33), GOD'S STORY: JESUS (4:05-Remember! Jesus' 'brothers and sisters' were his cousins...), CHRISTMAS ACCORDING TO KIDS (3:15), JESUS SONG (w/LYRICS) (2:45), THE NATIVITY (6:54), BOY JESUS LOST IN THE TEMPLE (3:23), LEGO LIFE OF CHRIST (7:03), KIDS TALK ABOUT JESUS (5:52), WHO IS JESUS? (3:15), CREATION FOR KIDS: WHO IS JESUS? (4:38)
- Games/Activities/Crafts: JESUS IS OUR SAVIOR, JESUS & ME, JESUS, GOD'S SON, JESUS LOVES ME BINGO, LIFE OF JESUS JEOPARDY, BIBLE QUIZ QUESTIONS, ALIVE IN CHRIST ONLINE GAMES, LIFE OF JESUS FACT CARDS, LIFE OF JESUS LAPBOOK, JESUS AS A BOY AT

	Meditations: (Video about meditating with children – for parent catechists - <u>MEDITATION</u>) <u>MEETING JESUS</u> (play some soft music and guide the children through	this
	neditation which you read), THE NAMES OF JESUS GUIDED MEDITATION	
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