

**GRADE 3: OUR LIFE WITH JESUS**

Chapter 27: God’s Family on Earth Lesson 1

 PREPARATION – How to Get Ready

Teacher’s Manual: pp. 328-329

Materials: Student Book pg 129; Paper and colored pencils for *activity*

 PROCLAMATION – Main Theme

Jesus founded the Catholic Church and entrusted her to the apostles.

 EXPLANATION – Content of Lesson

* Jesus founded the Catholic Church
  + Entrusted to the Apostles
  + Peter was given role as leader
* Four Marks of the Church
  + One
  + Holy
  + Catholic
  + Apostolic
* Members of the Church
* Profess the same faith
* Receive the Sacraments
* Follow the Pope and Bishops

 APPLICATION – Connecting it to Students

* Talk about how the Sacraments bring a soul more fully into the Church
* Talk about why one leader is needed, by using examples from recess or neighborhood games. Things normally go better when someone is in charge.
* Complete Lesson 1 *Activity*
* Watch “Epic National” <https://youtu.be/JXg91sK5KAs>

 CELEBRATION - Conclusion

* Pray the Apostles Creed



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Chapter 27: God’s Family on Earth Lesson 2

 PREPARATION – How to Get Ready

Teacher’s Manual: pp. 330-331

Materials: Student book page 129;

 PROCLAMATION – Main Theme

The Pope is the visible head of the Church and the bishop is the head of the diocese.

 EXPLANATION – Content of Lesson

* The Pope is the visible head of the Church
  + Jesus, the actual head, works through the Pope
  + Another name for the Pope is the Vicar of Christ
  + The current pope is a successor of St. Peter
* A bishop is the head of a diocese
  + Under the authority of the pope
  + Teaches, guides, preaches
  + Bishop’s blessing

 APPLICATION – Connecting it to Students

* Show a map of your state. Point out the boundaries of the different diocese in the state.
* Complete activity under Lesson 2 of the *activity* page
* Watch “The Life of Pope Francis in Cartoon” <https://youtu.be/_rHL4P1_GFM>

 CELEBRATION - Conclusion

* The Apostles Creed



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Chapter 27: God’s Family on Earth Lesson 3

 PREPARATION – How to Get Ready

Teacher’s Manual: pp. 332-333

Materials: Student book pg 131-132; Saint stories for *activity*

 PROCLAMATION – Main Theme

Priest, Religious Brothers and Sisters and the laity all help share the Gospel message.

 EXPLANATION – Content of Lesson

* Each bishop has priests to help him
* Priests are in charge of a parish
* Priests bring us the grace of the Sacraments
* Religious Priests, Brothers, and Sisters also share the Gospel message
* The laity are other members of the Church
  + They also bring the Gospel message to others
  + Through words and actions

 APPLICATION – Connecting it to Students

* Invite the parish priest to come and answer questions about the priesthood
* Complete *activity* for Lesson 3
* Watch “For Love Alone Trailer” <https://youtu.be/j8nnIgo2PfY>

 CELEBRATION - Conclusion

* Pray a prayer for vocations found at Invisible Monastery <https://www.invisiblemonastery.com/prayers/simple-prayers/>



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Chapter 27: God’s Family on Earth Lesson 4

 PREPARATION – How to Get Ready

Teacher’s Manual: pp. 334-335

Materials: Student book pg 132;

 PROCLAMATION – Main Theme

All members of the Body of Christ are destined for Heaven.

 EXPLANATION – Content of Lesson

* Martyrs are people who witness to Christ through laying down their lives for the truth.
* We are members of the Mystical Body of Christ and are destined for heaven

 APPLICATION – Connecting it to Students

* Talk about times when it is difficult to live like Jesus wants us to live
* Watch “Discovering our Saints-St. Sebastian” <https://youtu.be/G3r2U7_6VEg>

 CELEBRATION - Conclusion

* See *activity* for Lesson 4