



Unit	Chapter	Lesson Concepts			Sacred Scripture	Catechism of the Catholic Church	Tasks of Catechesis	Catholic Faith Words	People of Faith	Catholic Social Teaching
KERYGMA		How God Loves	<ul style="list-style-type: none">God’s love does not change because of our actions.God offers forgiveness.True sorrow and mercy are connected.A disciple strives to imitate Christ.Making good choices and growing deeper in friendship with Jesus are related.		Generous Love Titus 3:4–5; Two Criminals Luke 23: 32–33, 39–43	605–608, 616, 620, 1473, 2007, 2196	Forming for Life in Christ, Introduction to Community Life	Unconditional Love, mercy, Good Friday	St. Angela of Folingo	Life and Dignity, Call to Community
REVELATION 1	CHAPTER 1	God’s Gifts	<ul style="list-style-type: none">God created human beings in his own image.Humans have a special role in all of God’s creation.Jesus is God’s greatest gift, the Son of God who became man. He is always faithful to God the Father.		Handing Down the Stories Luke 1:1–2; The Creator and Humans Psalms 8:2, 7–9	355, 373, 357, 464, 606	Leading to Knowledge of the Faith, Forming for Life in Christ	psalms, creation, sin, Son of God	Blessed Virgin Mary	Life and Dignity, Care for Creation
	CHAPTER 2	God’s Promise	<ul style="list-style-type: none">God gives all people the ability to choose.Original Sin is the first sin committed by Adam and Eve.Jesus is the Savior because he led people who were lost through sin back to God; Jesus is the Good Shepherd.		The Sinner Who Repents Luke 15:7; The Garden of Eden Genesis 2:15–17; 3:1–6, 23; The Good Shepherd John 10:11–14	1730–1731, 389, 397, 457, 754	Leading to Knowledge of the Faith, Forming for Life in Christ	Original Sin, Savior	St. Cristóbal Magallanes Jara	Call to Community, Human Solidarity
	CHAPTER 3	The Word of God	<ul style="list-style-type: none">God tells us about himself through the Bible.The Bible is God’s Word written down by humans.Jesus tells stories that help us know and love God the Father.The Old and New Testaments are the two parts of the Bible, also called Scripture.		Jesus Among the Crowds Luke 6:17–18; The Great Flood Genesis 6–9; Jesus Teaches Matthew 4:23–25	104, 105, 546, 120	Leading to Knowledge of the Faith, Introduction to Community Life	Bible, Old Testament, New Testament	St. Luke	Life and Dignity, Rights and Responsibilities
TRINITY 2	CHAPTER 4	God the Father	<ul style="list-style-type: none">God the Father is the First Divine Person of the Holy Trinity.Jesus taught us that God the Father loves and cares for us.We rely on God the Father, praying to him and trusting he will provide what we need.		Trust in the Father Luke 12:29–31; Rely on God Matthew 6:25–32	254, 322, 2779–2781, 2590	Leading to Knowledge of the Faith, Teaching Prayer	Saint, God the Father, prayer, trust	Bl. Julian of Norwich	Life and Dignity, Care for Creation
	CHAPTER 5	God the Son	<ul style="list-style-type: none">The Angel Gabriel announced to Mary that she would be the Mother of the Son of God, the Savior, Jesus.The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph lived in Nazareth where Jesus grew up, learning and praying.Jesus is both the Son of God and a human being.The Baptism of the adult Jesus by John the Baptist was the beginning of his public teaching.		My Beloved Son Luke 3:21–22; Announcing Jesus’ Birth Luke 1:26–38; 2:1–11; The Boy Jesus in the Temple Luke 2:41–52; Baptism of Jesus Matthew 3:13–17	430, 514–515, 723–724, 535	Leading to Knowledge of the Faith, Initiating into the Celebration of the Mystery	Mary, angel, Holy Family	St. Peter	Life and Dignity, Human Solidarity
	CHAPTER 6	God the Holy Spirit	<ul style="list-style-type: none">The Holy Trinity is one God in three Divine Persons.The Holy Spirit is the Third Divine Person of the Holy Trinity who helps and guides us as Jesus promised.Jesus is the Son of God who became man, the Second Divine Person of the Holy Trinity.The Holy Spirit helped the Apostles understand and spread Jesus’ teachings and he remains with the Church today.		Risen Jesus Appears to Disciples Luke 24:49; The Promise John 14: 15–26; The Spirit Comes Acts 1:4–5, 8; 2:2–3	683–684, 258–259, 253–255, 767–768	Leading to Knowledge of the Faith, Initiating into the Celebration of the Mystery	Holy Spirit, Holy Trinity, disciples, Pentecost, Apostles	St. Arnold Janssen	Call to Community, Rights and Responsibilities
JESUS CHRIST 3	CHAPTER 7	God’s Commandments	<ul style="list-style-type: none">The Ten Commandments are God’s laws that teach us to love him and others.The Great Commandment sums up all of God’s laws, telling us to love God above all else and others the way you love yourself.Jesus told the parable of the Good Samaritan to help us understand that loving God means loving our neighbor.Jesus gave us a New Commandment to teach us to love as he loves.		Moses on the Mountain Exodus 24:12; Love the Lord Your God Luke 10:27; The Parable of the Good Samaritan Luke 10:29–37	1962, 2055, 1465, 546, 1970	Leading to Knowledge of the Faith, Forming for Life in Christ	Ten Commandments, Great Commandment, parable, New Commandment	St. Elizabeth of Hungary	Rights and Responsibilities, Option for the Poor
	CHAPTER 8	Choose to Do Good	<ul style="list-style-type: none">When we make bad choices that hurt our relationship with God and others, God forgives us if we are truly sorry.Sin is a free choice to do what we know is wrong. Mistakes and accidents are not sins.Both venial and mortal sins harm our relationship with God, but in different ways.Conscience is an ability given to us by God that helps us make choices about right and wrong.		Peter Hears the Rooster Mark 14:69–72; Peter Denies Jesus John 18:17–18, 25–27	1441, 1849, 1777–1778, 1854–1855	Leading to Knowledge of the Faith, Forming for Life in Christ	free will, mortal sin, venial sin, conscience	St. Thérèse of Lisieux	Rights and Responsibilities, The Dignity of Work
	CHAPTER 9	God’s Mercy	<ul style="list-style-type: none">We learn about God’s mercy in the story of the Prodigal Son.The virtues can help us say no to temptation and choose what is good.Mercy is kindness and concern for those who are suffering; God has mercy on us even though we are sinners.It’s important to ask God and others for forgiveness, and to be forgiving.		Forgive Seventy-Seven Times Matthew 18:21–22; The Prodigal Son Luke 15:11–32	1439, 270, 2447, 1810, 1459	Forming for Life in Christ, Introduction to Community Life	virtues, temptation, mercy	St. Jane de Chantal	Call to Community, Human Solidarity



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THE CHURCH 4	CHAPTER 10	The Sacraments <ul style="list-style-type: none">The Seven Sacraments are special signs and celebrations that Jesus gave his Church that allow us to share in God's life and work.Jesus continues to share his life and love with us in the Sacraments.Baptism, the first Sacrament received, makes a person a child of God and member of the Church, taking away Original Sin and all personal sin.The Sacraments of Initiation—Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist—celebrate our membership into the Catholic Church.		Jesus Heals a Blind Man Luke 18:35–43; The Commissioning of the Apostles Matthew 28:19–20	1113, 1116, 1127–1128, 1212, 1213	Leading to Knowledge of the Faith, Initiating into the Celebration of the Mystery	Seven Sacraments, Baptism, grace, Sacraments of Initiation	St. Pius X	Option for the Poor, Care for Creation
	CHAPTER 11	Seek Forgiveness <ul style="list-style-type: none">An examination of conscience is a prayerful way of thinking about how we have followed the Ten Commandments, Beatitudes, and Church teachings.Contrition is being sorry for your sins and wanting to live better.In the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation, God's forgiveness for sin is given through the Church.The Sacrament includes confession, penance, contrition, and absolution.		Whose Sins You Forgive John 20:21, 23; The Woman Who Was Forgiven Luke 7:36–39, 44–50	1779, 1432, 1422, 1423–1424	Initiating into the Celebration of the Mystery, Forming for Life in Christ	examination of conscience, contrition, Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation, confession, penance, absolution	St. Benedict-Joseph Labre	Call to Community, Human Solidarity
	CHAPTER 12	The Church Year <ul style="list-style-type: none">The liturgy is the public prayer of the Church.The Church year celebrates the life, Death, Resurrection, and Ascension of Jesus.The seasons of the Church year are Advent, Christmas, Ordinary Time, Lent, The Three Days (Triduum), and Easter.Easter celebrates Christ's Resurrection and is the greatest feast of the Church year.		The Holy Family Celebrates Passover Luke 2:41–42	1069–1070, 1171, 1163–1164, 1169	Initiating into the Celebration of the Mystery, Introduction to Community Life	liturgy, worship, Resurrection	Pope Saint Victor	Life and Dignity, Human Solidarity
MORALITY 5	CHAPTER 13	Welcome in the Kingdom <ul style="list-style-type: none">By the things he said and did, Jesus included those often left out and showed that God welcomes everyone.The story of Zacchaeus is an example of Jesus welcoming someone who had faith and was willing to repent.Jesus has a great love for children, and welcomed them along with all others into his Kingdom.The Kingdom of God is the world of love, peace, and justice that God has in Heaven and wants for us on Earth.		Let the Children Come Luke 18:15–17; Zacchaeus the Tax Collector Luke 19:1–10; Blessing of the Children Matthew 19:13–15	542–543, 2412, 526, 559, 2818–2819	Leading to Knowledge of the Faith, Introduction to Community Life	faith, peace, Kingdom of God	St. Brigid of Kildare	Option for the Poor, The Dignity of Work
	CHAPTER 14	Share the Good News <ul style="list-style-type: none">The Gospel message is the Good News of God's Kingdom and his saving love.In his parable of the Vine and Branches, Jesus teaches us that we need to stay connected to him in order to have life.The Holy Spirit strengthened the Apostles to share what Jesus had taught them.Many people in our parish share Jesus' message and work together with God as he builds his Kingdom.		Jesus' Disciples Receive a Mission Mark 16:15–16; The Vine and the Branches John 15:4–5	541, 787, 746–747, 941–942	Forming for Life in Christ, Introduction to Community Life	Gospel, proclaim, parish	St. Teresa of Calcutta	Rights and Responsibilities, The Dignity of Work
	CHAPTER 15	Ways to Pray <ul style="list-style-type: none">Jesus taught us to pray the Lord's Prayer, which we also call the Our Father.There are five basic forms of prayer: blessing, petition, intercession, thanksgiving, and praise.Prayer is important to deepen our friendship with God, and we can pray in many ways and at different times.Sacramentals are blessings, objects, and actions that remind you of God and are made sacred through the prayers of the Church.		The Lord's Prayer Luke 11:1–4; How to Pray Matthew 6:5–9	2759, 2644, 2565, 1668, 1671	Initiating into the Celebration of the Mystery, Teaching Prayer	Lord's Prayer, blessing, petition, intercession, thanksgiving, praise, sacramentals	St. Alphonsus Liguori	Human Solidarity, Care for Creation
SACRAMENTS 6	CHAPTER 16	Gather to Worship <ul style="list-style-type: none">The Eucharist is the Sacrament in which Jesus Christ shares himself and the bread and wine become his Body and Blood.The Mass is another name for the celebration of the Eucharist.The assembly is all those gathered for Mass. We take part by praying, singing, and using actions to worship God.The Introductory Rites gather and unite us, preparing our hearts to hear God's Word.		The Road to Emmaus Luke 24:30–32; The Community Gathers Acts 2:42–47	1323–1324, 1382, 1346, 1348–1349	Initiating into the Celebration of the Mystery, Introduction to Community Life	Eucharist, Mass, assembly	St. Tarcisius	Call to Community, The Dignity of Work
	CHAPTER 17	Listen to God's Word <ul style="list-style-type: none">Jesus used stories as a way to help us understand more about God and his Kingdom.The first main part of the Mass is the Liturgy of the Word during which we hear readings from both the Old and New Testaments.We listen to the deacon or priest proclaim the Gospel reading and give a homily to help us understand and apply God's Word.This part of the Mass ends with the Creed and Prayer of the Faithful.		The Parable of the Yeast Luke 13:18–21; The Mustard Seed Matthew 13:31–32	2613, 1154, 131–132, 1349, 1184, 1346	Leading to Knowledge of the Faith, Initiating into the Celebration of the Mystery	Liturgy of the Word, homily, creed, Prayer of the Faithful	St. Paul	Call to Community, Care for Creation
	CHAPTER 18	Remembering Jesus' Sacrifice <ul style="list-style-type: none">The Mass is a memorial celebration of Jesus' Death, Resurrection, and Ascension.Jesus' Death on the Cross is a sacrifice and gift that saves all people from the power of sin and everlasting death.The Liturgy of the Eucharist is the second main part of the Mass in which Jesus Christ gives us the gift of himself, and we receive his Body and Blood in Holy Communion.In the consecration, through the power of the Holy Spirit and the words and actions of the priest, the gifts of bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ.		Give God His Due Matthew 6:24; The Rich Young Man Matthew 19:21–22	1330, 616–617, 1408, 1142, 1411	Initiating into the Celebration of the Mystery, Introduction to Community Life	sacrifice, Last Supper, Liturgy of the Eucharist, consecration	Bl. Imelda Lambertini	Option for the Poor, Human Solidarity



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KINGDOM OF GOD 7	CHAPTER 19	Supper of the Lamb	<ul style="list-style-type: none">The story of the Loaves and the Fish helps us understand what Jesus gives us in Holy Communion.Before receiving Communion, we pray together the Lord’s Prayer and offer each other a sign of peace.Through the Eucharist, Jesus’ followers are united with him and one another.Jesus Christ is really and truly present with us in the Eucharist, so we receive Holy Communion with reverence and adore him in the reserved Blessed Sacrament.		The Bread of Life John 6:30–35; The Feeding of the Five Thousand Luke 9:10–17	1335,1365, 1369–1370, 1374	Initiating into the Celebration of the Mystery, Forming for Life in Christ	Holy Communion, Real Presence, reverence, Blessed Sacrament, Tabernacle	V. Pierre Toussaint	Call to Community, Option for the Poor
	CHAPTER 20	Go Forth!	<ul style="list-style-type: none">In the Concluding Rites of the Mass, we are blessed and sent out to proclaim the Good News and give honor to God by the way we live.As the Apostles were called to share the Good News, the Church’s mission is to share Jesus’ message of love and the Kingdom.All members of the Church share in her mission, and some serve as missionaries who travel far away to spread the Good News.		Paul Proclaims the Kingdom Acts 28:30–31; Peter Preaches Acts 10:42–48	1332, 849, 851–852	Forming for Life in Christ, Introduction to Community Life	mission, missionaries	St. Anthony Claret	Life and Dignity, The Dignity of Work
	CHAPTER 21	A Feast for Everyone	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Heaven is life and happiness forever with God.The story of the Wedding Feast is compared to God’s invitation and our response.The Eucharist is spiritual food that helps us to live with Jesus forever.We are called to say “yes” daily to God.		Jesus Knocks Revelation 3:20; The Wedding Feast Matthew 22:2–10 and Luke 14:16–23	326, 1329, 1391, 143	Leading to Knowledge of the Faith, Forming for Life in Christ	Heaven	St. Mary Magdalen de Pazzi	Option for the Poor, The Dignity of Work
THE HUMAN PERSON		Jesus, Our Gift	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Jesus gives himself to us in the Eucharist.Jesus gave himself to us on the Cross as a great gift to save us from sin.Jesus wants to be close to us in the Eucharist.Our bodies allow us to give the gift of self to others.We can celebrate and appreciate ways that we can receive love from others.We can recognize that receiving gifts is a form of giving love to others.		Jesus Bore Our Sins 1 Peter 2:24–35; This Is My Body Mark 14:22	621, 1339, 1347, 1397, 1426	Initiating Into the Celebration of the Mystery, Forming for Life in Christ		Bl. Carlo Acutis	Life and Dignity, Call to Community

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Preparation

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Doctrinal Content

- God created human beings in his own image. (CCC, 355)
- Human beings have a special role in all of God's creation. (CCC, 373, 357)
- Jesus is God's greatest gift, the Son of God who became man. (CCC, 464)
- Jesus was always faithful to God the Father. (CCC, 606)

Catechist Background

Since many have undertaken to compile a narrative of events that have been fulfilled among us ... just as those who were eyewitnesses from the beginning and ministers of the word have handed them down to us."—Luke 1:1-2

Reflect How do the stories in Scripture help you pass on the faith?

To have *dominion* means to have power over or to dominate. For many, these words may immediately conjure up images of oppression, corruption, and even distrust. Guns, money, and success are all images of power that most people have experienced. However, the word dominion in the verse from the Bible communicates a message that is very different from images of power that are familiar to us.

The Hebrew word for *dominion* expresses a reality different from the one that is lived out in the world today. By giving humanity dominion over the animals and creatures of the Earth, God shares the responsibility and care of the Earth with humankind. He calls each person to be a good steward of creation. As the first humans were given the task to care for the Garden of Eden, so are you given the task of caring for the fish of the sea, the birds of the air, and the people with whom you relate every day.

The creation story in Genesis speaks eloquently of the relationship between God, creation, and humanity. Creation, including humanity, is always seen in relationship to the Creator. This story affirms the unity and the goodness of God's creation, of which you are a part.

Reflect How do you show respect for creation?

Catechist's Prayer

Lord, God of all creation, bless my efforts in helping these children grow closer to you by appreciating

your creation. Amen.

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Objectives



Process

Materials

 10 minutes

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-  **Psalm 24:1** Pray the opening prayer
-  **Luke 1:1–2** Reflect prayerfully on the word
 - Discuss what Do You Wonder Questions

  Chapter Poem:
God Made Me






 35 minutes


 Pages 54–55

- Identify human beings as made in God's own image
- Understand the special role humans have in all of God's creation

 Pages 56–58

- Appreciate Jesus as God's greatest gift, the Son of God who became man
- Recognize that Jesus was always faithful to God the Father




-  psalms, creation
- Recall God's gifts of creation
- ★ Underline what is unique about people
-  **Psalm 8:2–9** Proclaim the Creator and humans
-  Write or draw one way to take care of creation.
-  sin, Son of God
- Explain that Jesus is God's greatest gift
- Discuss things Jesus did and says we are alive and different from him
-  Find the hidden name for Jesus.


- ☐ pencils, pens, or markers
- ☐ pictures of sheep, oxen, birds, and fish
- ☐ colored pencils
- ☐ board or chart paper
-  All Creation Is Good
- ☐ Activity Master 1 Page 53E


 15 minutes

 Pages 59–61

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- Explain how people use what God has created
- ★ Fill in the blanks with things that can be made from the gifts of God's creation
-  Learn about the blessed Virgin Mary
-  Write the name of one person or thing that can be taken care of
- Explain blessing as a prayer form
-  Rehearse God Is a Part of My Life
- Follow the order of prayer

- ☐ pencils or pens
- ☐ paper, crayons, and markers
-  Download God Is a Part of My Life

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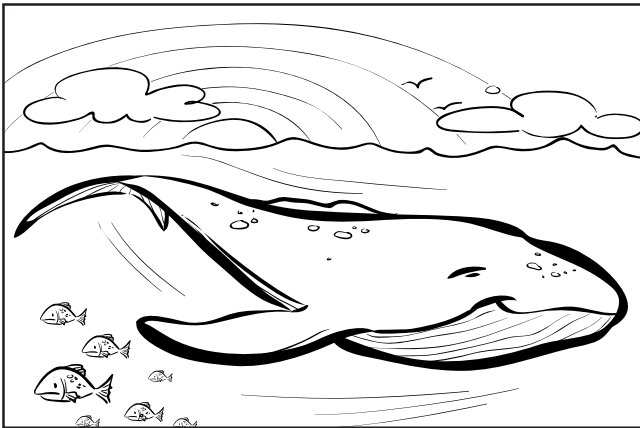
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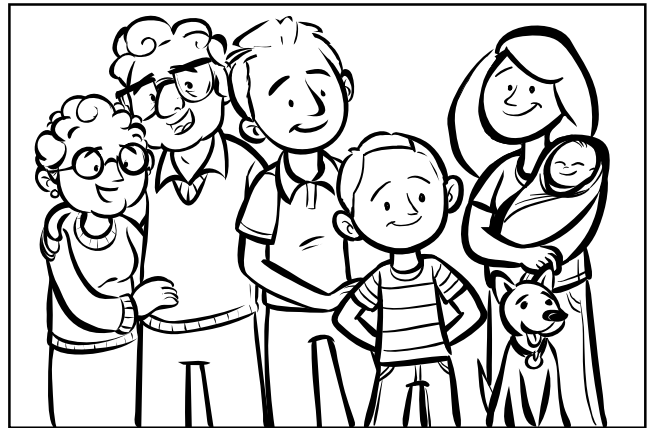
Color the pictures of God's creation. Write the name of the gift on the lines below the pictures.





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Doctrinal Content

- God gives all people the ability to choose. (CCC, 1730-1731)
- Original Sin is the first sin committed by Adam and Eve. (CCC, 389, 397)
- Jesus is the Savior because he led people who were lost through sin back to God. (CCC, 457)
- Jesus is the Good Shepherd. (CCC, 754)

Catechist Background

I tell you, in just the same way there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who have no need of repentance.”—Luke 15:7

Reflect Why does our turning back to God bring him such joy?

The Parable of the Lost Sheep is in the Gospel according to Matthew, but Luke also includes the two parables of the Lost Coin and The Prodigal Son in his writings which further illustrate Christ’s concern for the lost and God’s great love for the repentant sinner. These parables lead up to Jesus’ proclamation about the coming of the Kingdom and the revelation of the Savior. In this way, Luke highlights Jesus’ call to look out for one another.

Whether a lost sheep, a coin, or a father’s son, Jesus’ message in the Gospel according to Luke is clear. Despite one’s failings, God’s love is abundant. Jesus’ followers struggled in their daily lives with many of the same issues and decisions by which you are challenged today: finding the resources to feed yourself and your family, taking care of children, doing the work it takes to survive, and living together in community.

Confronted by these daily trials, many flounder, sink into despair, or lose their way when things don’t work out as planned. Christ’s Parable of the Lost Sheep is a reminder that he is searching for you along the windy and confusing pathways of life and awaits you at the end with open arms. God reminds you of his everlasting love.

Reflect When have you experienced God’s loving presence?

Catechist’s Prayer

Lord, I need your help to be the best catechist I can be. Help me use the talents you have given me to lead these children to know, love, and serve you. Amen.

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Objectives


Process

Materials

 10 minutes

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-  **Psalm 78:70–71** Pray the opening prayer
-  **Luke 15:7** Reflect prayerfully on the word
 - Discuss what Do you wonder questions

 Chapter Story:
Strip to the Book







 35 minutes

 Pages 64–65

- Appreciate that God gives all people the ability to choose
- Recognize Original Sin as the first sin committed by Adam and Eve


 Pages 66–67

- Begin to understand our need for a savior
- Recognize Jesus as Savior because he led people who were lost through sin back to God
- Identify Jesus as the Good Shepherd

-  Original Sin
- Recall what choice Adam and Eve made
-  **Genesis 2:15–17; 3:1–6; 23** The Garden of Eden
 -  Rite or draw one way to obey God at school and at home
-  Savior
- Discuss why Jesus came into the world
- Explain the need for a Savior
-  **John 10:11–14** Proclaim the Good Shepherd
 - Underline what shepherds do and discuss how Jesus is like a shepherd
 -  Fill in the blanks to find the name Good Shepherd

☐ pencils, crayons, or markers

☐ Board or chart paper




-  Follow the Shepherd

☐ Activity Master 2 Page 63E

 15 minutes


 Pages 68–69

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- Discuss having the freedom to choose
- ★ Read bad choices and indicate a better choice
-  Learn about Saint Cristóbal Magallanes Jara
-  Circle the good actions that lead to God
- Have volunteers practice the parts
-  Rehearse Jesus, Shepherd
- Follow the order of prayer

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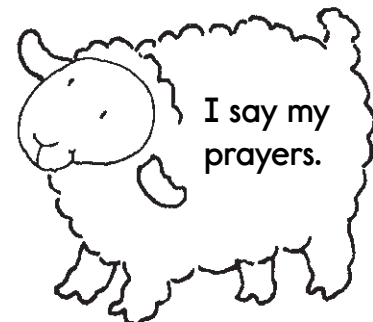
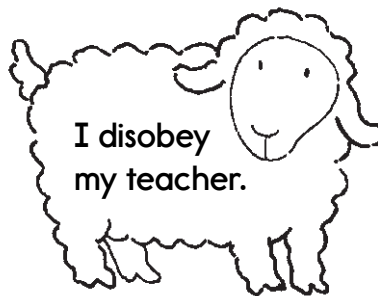
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Follow the Shepherd

Jesus is the Good Shepherd. Circle the sheep below that are following the Good Shepherd. Draw an X on the sheep that are not following Jesus.



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Catechist Background

Doctrinal Content

- God tells us about himself through the Bible. (CCC, 104)
- The Bible is God's Word written down by humans (CCC, 105)
- Jesus tells stories that help us know and love God the Father. (CCC, 546)
- The Old and New Testaments are the two parts of the Bible, also called Scripture. (CCC, 120)

Catechist Background

"And he came down with them and stood on a stretch of level ground. A great crowd of his disciples and a large number of people ... came to hear him and to be healed of their diseases."—Luke 6:17-18

Reflect How do you listen for Jesus' direction?

The early prophets and writers of the Scriptures were inspired by God to share his message. These writings were collected and edited over time, becoming a part of the collection of sacred books known as the Bible. It is divided into the Old and New Testaments. This holy book contains the story of Hebrew and Christian peoples. The Bible proclaims the Word of God Christ came to tell.

Jesus listened to the stories of his faith as they were read aloud in the synagogue. The stories of the Hebrew people were important to Jesus. The Bible is important for us, too. Listening to the Scriptures can help you know who you are as a Christian. Reading the Bible can enable you to grow in your relationship with Christ. It can help you recognize the way God is calling you to share his message.

You will be more compelled to tell others of the Bible's richness as you read and learn more about your faith. The more time you spend with Scripture, the deeper will be your yearning to share God's Word.

Reflect How can you share God's Word with others this week?

Catechist's Prayer

Loving Father, bless the children in my class as they listen to the Words of your Son, Jesus. Open their hearts to hear the Good News of your love. Guide them in your ways as they go forth to live as Jesus' disciples. Amen.

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Bible Fun

Stories of God's love can be found in the places listed in the Word Bank.
Search for the words from the Word Bank in the puzzle below and circle them.

Word Bank

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Scripture	Bible	New Testament
Word of God	Gospels	Old Testament

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First Communion Prayers

Our Lady of Lourdes Roman Catholic Church (Erath, Louisiana) *(Revised October 2014)*

NOTE 1: Regardless of their current grade level, all First Communion candidates must be able to recite **prayers for Grades 1-2**. The prayers marked with an **asterisk (*)** should be memorized/recited before the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) is administered (usually in January). The rest of the prayers must be recited before the Sacrament of Eucharist (Communion) is administered (usually in April). Grade 2 Prayers may be found on the other side of this sheet. **NOTE 2:** The prayers marked with an **(M)** should be recited every morning. The prayers marked with an **(N)** should be recited every night to help us reflect on the sins we've committed during the day.

Grade 1 Prayers

The Sign of the Cross* (M,N)

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer* (M)

Our Father, Who art in Heaven,
hallowed be Thy Name. Thy kingdom
come, Thy Will be done on earth as it
is in Heaven. Give us, this day, our
daily bread, and forgive us our
trespasses as we forgive those who
trespass against us, and lead us not
into temptation, but deliver us from
evil. Amen.

Hail Mary* (M)

Hail Mary, full of Grace, the Lord is
with Thee. Blessed art Thou among
women, and blessed is the fruit of Thy
womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of
God, pray for us sinners, now and at
the hour of our death. Amen.

Glory Be* (M)

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the
beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.

Angel of God (M)

Angel of God, my guardian dear, to
whom God's love entrusts me here.
Ever this day be at my side, to light
and guard, to rule and guide. Amen.

First Communion Prayers

Our Lady of Lourdes Roman Catholic Church (Erath, Louisiana) *(Revised October 2014)*

NOTE: Regardless of their current grade level, all First Communion candidates must be able to recite **prayers for Grades 1-2**. The prayers marked with an **asterisk (*)** should be memorized/recited before the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) is administered (usually in January). The rest of the prayers may be recited before the Sacrament of Eucharist (Communion) is administered (usually in April). Grade 1 Prayers may be found on the other side of this sheet. **NOTES:** The prayers marked with an **(M)** should be recited every morning. The prayers marked with an **(N)** should be recited every night to help us remember (and reflect upon) the sins we committed during the day. We should make plans to go back to Confession soon!

Grade 2 Prayers

The Ten Commandments* *(review often)*

1. I am the Lord, your God. You shall not have any other gods before me.
2. You shall not take the Name of the Lord, your God, in vain.
3. Remember to keep holy the Sabbath Day.
4. Honor your father and your mother.
5. You shall not kill.
6. You shall not commit adultery.
7. You shall not steal.
8. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.
9. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife.
10. You shall not covet your neighbor's goods.

Act of Contrition*(N)

O my God, I am heartily sorry for having offended Thee, and I detest all my sins because of Thy just punishment, but most of all because they offend Thee, my God, who art all good and deserving of all my love. I firmly resolve, with the help of Thy Grace, to sin no more and to avoid the near occasion of sin. Amen.

Brief Examination of Conscience*(N)

What sins have I committed of thought, word, deed, or omission, against Almighty God, neighbor, and self?

Prayer before Meals (daily)

Bless us, O Lord, and these, Thy gifts, which we are about to receive from Thy bounty, through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

The Apostle's Creed (pray often)

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of Heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell, and on the third day, He arose from the dead. He ascended into Heaven and sits at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty, from thence He shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

"Conversation" during Confession*

Bless me, Father, for I have sinned. This is my first Confession.* I have *(tell your sins to the priest)*. For these and any other sins I may have forgotten, I am truly sorry.

***NOTE:** Upon our return to the Confessional, we can no longer say "This is my first Confession." Instead, we say, "It has been ____ weeks (or months or years) since my last Confession."