

# Lesson Plan

## Objectives

## Process

## Materials

### Invite, 10 minutes

**The Creator's Word** Page 53

- **Psalm 108:5** Pray the opening prayer.
- **Psalm 139:13–15** Reflect prayerfully on the Word.
- Discuss What Do You Wonder questions.

**Optional Activity**  
Chapter Poem:  
“A Day at the Beach”

### Discover, 35 minutes

#### The Creation of the World

Pages 54–55

- Recall that God created human beings in his image and likeness
- Reflect on creation as a gift from God that shows his goodness

- **Catholic Faith Words** creation
- Give examples of creation and what these examples show about God.
- **Genesis 1:1–23** Proclaim “The Creation of the World.”
- **Share Your Faith Activity** Draw or write your favorite part of God's creation.

- ☐ pencils or pens
- ☐ colored pencils or markers
- ☐ drawing paper
- ☐ index cards, one per child
- **Optional Activity**  
Colorful Creation
- ☐ Activity Master 1: (Page 53E)

#### The Beauty of Creation

Pages 56–57

- Understand that creation is the work of the Holy Trinity
- Recognize our responsibility to care for all of creation, especially each other

- **Catholic Faith Words** Holy Trinity, image of God
- Help the children see that beauty and diversity are important aspects of creation.
- ★ Underline what we learn from God's creation.
- **Connect Your Faith Activity** Identify likenesses and differences of people in a group.

- ☐ pencils or pens
- ☐ index cards, two per child

### Live, 15 minutes

**Our Catholic Life** Pages 58–59

- Point out that the Earth must be cared for.
- ★ Place a check mark next to ways to care for and enjoy creation.
- **People of Faith** Learn about Saint Rabanus Maurus.
- **Live Your Faith Activity** Plan an imaginary garden.

- ☐ pencils or pens
- ☐ board or chart paper
- ☐ graph paper

**Prayer of Praise** Page 60

- Choose a volunteer to read the leader part.
- Follow the order of prayer.
- Sing “And It Was Good.”

Download “And It Was Good.”

#### Family + Faith Page 61

Point out that the Catholic Families page provides chapter highlights, information on how third graders understand faith concepts, and family prayer.

#### Chapter Review Page 62

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# Lesson Plan, Grade 3 - Chapter 1

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## Preparation

- Lesson Plan
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## Invite

- Catechist Edition Instruction

## Preparation

### Lesson Plan

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### Activity Master

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## Invite

### Catechist Edition Instruction

## Invite

### Let Us Pray

Invite the children to gather in the prayer space and make the Sign of the Cross. Read aloud the leader's prayer and the Psalm verse. Prompt the children's response.

Have the children move from the prayer space back to their seats.

Explain that God made the world and everything in it. He created human beings to be able to know him and live as his friends.

Say: Let's listen to the words of Psalm 139 to hear what God has to say to you about how you were created.

### God's Word

Guide the children through the process of Scripture reflection.

- Invite them to close their eyes, be still, and open their minds and hearts to what God is saying to them in this passage.
- Proclaim the Scripture.
- Maintain several moments of silence.

- Ask: What did you hear God say to you today?
- Invite volunteers to share.

## **What Do You Wonder?**

Say: You are God's special creation. There is no one in all of the world like you. All of creation is a gift and has a purpose.

Invite the children to respond to the questions. Ask what else they might wonder about being God's special creation.

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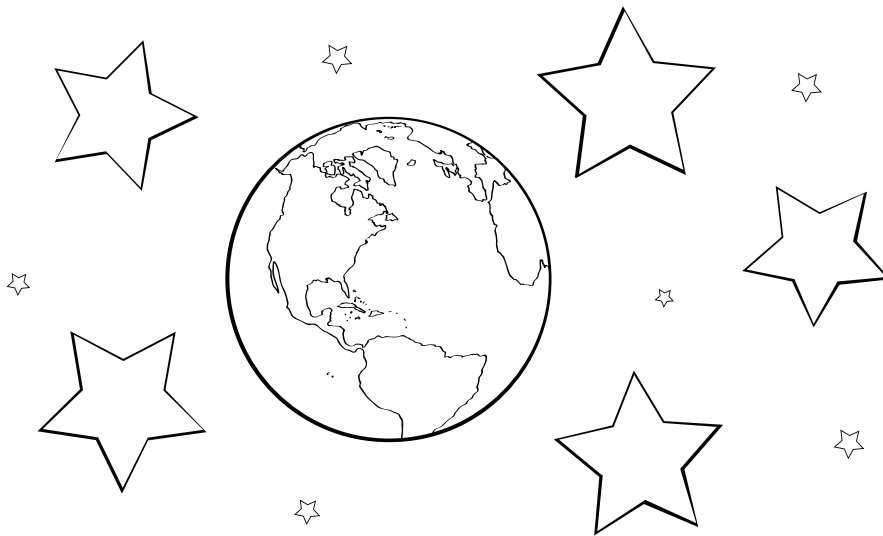
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# Colorful Creation

What are your favorite parts of creation?

- In the five large stars below, write the name of something you can find in the air or in the heavens. Color the stars yellow.
- In any three spaces where there is land on the Earth, write the names of creatures that live on land. Color the land green.
- In the remaining spaces, write the names of three creatures that live in water. Color the water blue.

If you like a challenge, try thinking of things in each group that begin with the same letter.



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Write a thank-you prayer. Tell God how you will help care for creation.

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## Objectives

### Invite, 10 minutes

**The Church Gathered** Page 63

## Process

- **Psalm 84:5** Pray the opening prayer.
- **John 1:20–23** Reflect prayerfully on the Word.
  - Discuss What Do You Wonder questions.

## Materials

**Optional Activity**  
Chapter Story:  
“Here’s the Church”

### Discover, 35 minutes

#### Serving the Community

Pages 64–65

- Describe the Bible as the Word of God written in human words, the holy book of the Church
- Define the Church as the community of all baptized people who believe in God and follow Jesus

#### God’s People

Pages 66–67

- Recognize that the Church helps us understand God’s Word, teaches us about God’s love, and gathers us to honor and worship God
- Realize that we can serve God and the Church by living out the Good News of Jesus

- **Catholic Faith Words** Bible
- Explain that it is important for the Church community to work together to solve problems.
- **Acts 2:42–47** Proclaim: “Helping One Another.”
  - ★ Underline ways Brother André helped.
- **Share Your Faith Activity** Write about having trouble sharing with family or friends.
- **Catholic Faith Words** Church, Sacred Tradition
- Discuss how God wants humans to live and work together in communities.
  - ★ Underline how being part of a community can be of help.
- **Connect Your Faith Activity** Draw how some people honor God and help others.

- ☐ pencils or pens
- ☐ board or chart paper
- ☐ index cards, one per child
- **Optional Activity**  
Communities in Action
- ☐ Activity Master 2 (Page 63E)

### Live, 15 minutes

**Our Catholic Life** Pages 68–69

**Prayer of Thanksgiving** Page 70

- Talk about who is called to serve the Church.
- ★ Write examples of how to live the Good News.
- Share current parish community projects.
- **People of Faith** Learn about Saint Francis of Assisi.
- **Live Your Faith Activity** List ways young people can do God’s work.
- Select six readers.
- Rehearse “We Come Today.”
- Follow the order of prayer.

- ☐ pencils or pens

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#### Family + Faith

Page 71  
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#### Chapter Review

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## Invite

### Catechist Edition Instruction

## Invite

### Let Us Pray

Invite the children to gather in the prayer space and make the Sign of the Cross. Read aloud the leader's prayer; have a volunteer proclaim the Psalm verse. Prompt the children's response. Have the children move from the prayer space back to their seats.

Say: Jesus called people to follow him. The disciples were people who said "Yes" to Jesus. They became a community of believers. Let's listen to some words that Jesus shared with his disciples.

### God's Word

Guide the children through the process of Scripture reflection.

- Invite them to close their eyes, be still, and open their minds and hearts to what God is saying to them in this passage.
- Proclaim the Scripture.
- Maintain several moments of silence.
- Ask: What did you hear God say to you today?
- Invite volunteers to share.

## **What Do You Wonder?**

Say: Jesus wants us to be one community, one Church. If we say "Yes" to Jesus like his first disciples, we can work together to spread the Good News.

Invite the children to respond to the questions. Ask what else they might wonder about the Church.

## Chapter 2 Activity Master

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# Communities in Action

Below are pictures of communities of people that are cooperating.  
Choose your favorite, and write or tell a story about it.



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### Invite, 10 minutes

**Families Teach Love** Page 73

- **Psalm 133:1** Pray the opening prayer.
- **Luke 8:19–21** Reflect prayerfully on the Word.
  - Discuss What Do You Wonder questions.

**Optional Activity**  
Chapter Poem:  
“A Family”

### Discover, 35 minutes

#### A Model for Our Families

Pages 74–75

- Appreciate that families teach us how to care for, respect, and help one another
- Recognize the importance of Mary as the Mother of God and our Mother, too
- Connect the words Elizabeth used to greet Mary with the Hail Mary

#### The Church of the Home

Pages 76–77

- Identify the Catholic family as the domestic Church where we experience love, and learn about God and how we pray and live as Catholics

- **Catholic Faith Words** Visitation, Mary
- Discuss what Mary teaches us about being a part of a family.
- **Luke 1:39–56** Proclaim “Mary Visits Elizabeth.”
  - ★ Fill in the blanks to complete the Hail Mary prayer.
- **Share Your Faith Activity** Write one way family members love and care for one another.

- **Catholic Faith Words** domestic Church
- Explain that families are part of the Church.
- ★ Underline how family shows the love of the Holy Trinity.
- **Connect Your Faith Activity** Write words and actions that show love.

- ☐ pencils or pens
- ☐ board or chart paper
- ☐ index cards, two per child
- **Optional Activity**  
Prayer Puzzle
- ☐ Activity Master 3 (Page 73E)

### Live, 15 minutes

**Our Catholic Life** Pages 78–79

- Remind the children that respect is honoring God and other people.
- ★ Write ways to respect God and others.
- **People of Faith** Learn about Blessed Luigi and Maria.
- **Live Your Faith Activity** Draw a comic strip about a family that cares for one another.

**Prayer of Petition** Page 80

- Choose four volunteers for the reader parts.
- Follow the order of prayer.
- Conclude with “The Family of God.”

- ☐ pencils or pens
- ☐ colored pencils or markers
- ☐ board or chart paper

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### Let Us Pray

Invite the children to gather in the prayer space and make the Sign of the Cross. Ask a volunteer to read aloud the leader's prayer and the Psalm verse. Prompt the group's response. Have the children return to their seats.

Explain that our families are one of God's first gifts to us. They help us to live as God's People. But we have another family as well.

Say: Let's listen to this story about Jesus.

### God's Word

Guide the children through the process of Scripture reflection.

- Invite them to close their eyes, be still, and open their minds and hearts to what God is saying to them in this passage.
- Proclaim the Scripture.
- Maintain several moments of silence.
- Ask: What did you hear God say to you today?

- Invite volunteers to share.

## **What Do You Wonder?**

Say: Jesus helps us to understand that our families belong to a bigger family we call the Church. Learning how to love each other in our family helps us to learn how to love other people in the world. God uses our families to teach us about love. Invite the children to respond to the questions. Ask what else they might wonder about family.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

# Prayer Puzzle

Use the words in the Word Bank to fill in the blanks of The Hail Mary. When you have finished, read the words in the darker outlined boxes going down. Those letters will spell a message.

**Word Bank**

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among	Hail	death	now
womb	Lord	Mother	blessed

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**Word Bank**

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among	Hail	death	now
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and    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    is the fruit

of thy \_\_\_\_\_, Jesus.

Holy Mary,							of God,
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pray for us sinners, 

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and at the hour of our 

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**Message:**

