



What's My Child Learning?

This is a review of the information your child is learning in Christ Our Life, Grade 6.

Unit 1: God Reveals a Plan of Love

Goals

The students will grow in love for God through a deeper understanding of God's plan of salvation. They will come to appreciate the Old Testament.

Chapter 1: The Bible Reveals God's Saving Love

The students are reminded that the Bible is one of the chief means of discovering God's love for them and of learning how they can deepen their relationship with God. They learn that through Scripture, God reveals himself and the divine plan for our happiness. They see that the Old Testament helps us to understand Jesus.

Chapter 2: Scripture Is God's Saving Word

The students learn that God reveals himself and calls us to an intimate relationship through Sacred Scripture as well as through Sacred Tradition. They come to understand that God desires to speak to them through Scripture. They are introduced to the Bible as a collection of various kinds of inspired writings and learn the major categories of books in the Old Testament. They review how to locate passages.

Chapter 3: Everything God Created Is Good

The students learn not only of the original creation of all things but of God's continual act of creation, which includes creating new beings and keeping all things in existence. They are made aware of God's special creation of people and are led to realize that people are more important than things. Responding to their call as stewards of the earth, they consider ways of protecting and caring for human life and for all the gifts of the earth.

Chapter 4: God Offers Love and Mercy

Through a study of the first stories in Genesis, the students ponder the entrance of sin into our world and its effect on our relationship with God and others. They see how God revealed the depth of divine love and mercy in promising a redeemer, and they discover in this promise the basis for Christian hope. They are given opportunities to grow in the Christlike response of peace and forgiveness.

Chapter 5: Unit 1 Review

The students review the terms, people, and events, as well as the concept of salvation history, presented in Unit 1. In the context of a celebration, the Scripture prayer booklet "God's Word Is Alive in ____" is provided for them from the back of the students' book. It may be used in class or assigned as a home project to lead the students to scriptural prayer.

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Unit 2: God Forms a Family of Faith

Goals

The students will understand how God's plan of salvation unfolded in the lives of the patriarchs. They will become more aware of God's goodness and deepen their trust in God.

Chapter 6: Abraham Is Our Father in Faith

The students learn that Abraham, a man of great faith and deep trust in God, responded to God's call with wholehearted generosity and prompt obedience. They are encouraged to respond to God's calls as Abraham did, thus giving witness to their faith. Learning about God's covenant with Abraham, they are led to renew their own baptismal covenant. They explore ways of expressing their faith through prayer, sacrifice, and service.

Chapter 7: Jacob Is Chosen by God

The students become acquainted with the story of Jacob, and they learn that they, too, have been chosen by God at baptism, when they received God's blessing and God called them by name. They realize that they, like Jacob, have received a mission: to continue the life and work of Jesus as Christians wherever they are.

Chapter 8: The Israelites Journey to Egypt

The students trace the events in the life of Joseph, the son of Jacob (Israel), and learn how God brings good out of situations that seem hopeless. They see how God's providence nourishes hope and encourages the people of God to look beyond the trials of the present to the glory that is to come. The students also explore the concept of Christ's prefiguration in Old Testament people and events.

Chapter 9: Unit 2 Review

The students review what they have learned about the formation of the people of God and their trust in Divine Providence. They respond with praise in a celebration that combines ritual and prayer.

Unit 3: God Guides the Chosen People

Goals

The students will view the Exodus as God's greatest act of saving love in the Old Testament. They will come to appreciate the commandments as a gift to deepen their covenant relationship with God.

Chapter 10: God Rescues the Chosen People from Slavery

The students learn how God delivered the Chosen People from slavery in Egypt. They are led to see how events connected with the Exodus prefigure God's saving action in the mystery of Christ. They are introduced to the Jewish celebration of Passover, which recalls God's saving love.

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Chapter 11: God Gives Us the Law

The students learn that the covenant at Sinai created a loving relationship between God and God's people, showing them how they could live as people of God and attain the happiness they were seeking. The students are led to a deeper realization that God is with them, taking loving care of them.

Chapter 12: We Live the Commandments Today

The students become more aware that the Sinai Covenant set the Israelites apart as a chosen people of God. They see the Israelites' relationship with God characterized by an obedience that is a full and free response of grateful love. They briefly review the Ten Commandments and focus on the loving response we as Christians today are called to give.

Chapter 13: Learning God's Way

The students study the Israelites' first decision not to enter Canaan, which showed they needed a stronger faith in God. The students learn that they are responsible for their decisions and the consequences of those decisions. They are encouraged to base decisions on their obligations and on Christian principles and to consider circumstances. They are reminded that their decisions should identify them as followers of Jesus.

Chapter 14: God Forgives Us

The students learn how God saved the Israelites through the bronze serpent. They reflect on the power of Jesus' death to reconcile all people to his Father. They come to see the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation as a powerful means of reconciliation and an aid to growth in virtue.

Chapter 15: God's Chosen People Enter the Promised Land

The students are led to recognize and appreciate the qualities of leadership shown by Moses and Joshua. They compare the Israelites' journey to the Promised Land with their own journey to heaven. They are encouraged to respect just and lawful leaders and to develop their own leadership qualities.

Chapter 16: Unit 3 Review

The students review the events that led up to and followed the Israelites' deliverance from slavery. They are guided to a deeper understanding of the way they are called to live because of their covenant with God. They grow in appreciation of God's Word and show gratitude for God's goodness and guidance.

Unit 4: God Leads the Chosen People

Goals

The students will understand that God accomplishes the divine plan of salvation, using human strengths and weaknesses.

They will appreciate the roles and contributions of the judges and the first three Israelite kings.

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Chapter 17: The Period of Judges

The students are led to a general understanding of the period of the judges in Israel's history, a time of great adjustment for the Chosen People. They study a few judges who were charismatic military leaders. They are encouraged to reflect on their choices of role models and consider the heroes and heroines portrayed in modern media.

Chapter 18: The Kings of Israel

The students study the establishment of a monarchy in Israel. They meet Samuel, Israel's last and greatest judge, and the first two kings of Israel, Saul and David. They come to a better understanding of the mission God entrusts to those in authority. They consider the symbolism of the oil used in sacramental anointings.

Chapter 19: David and Solomon

The students learn how David united the tribes of Israel into one great nation, especially by making Jerusalem the political and religious capital of the kingdom. They see his greatness reflected in his humble repentance for his sins and in his deep love of God, a love shown in the psalms he wrote and in his desire to build a dwelling for God. The students become acquainted with Solomon, David's son, who built a magnificent temple during his reign. They are led to appreciate Solomon's wisdom in dealing with his people, a wisdom expressed in the proverbs attributed to him. They are guided to conclude that human leaders, though they may not be perfect, deserve our respect, support, and obedience.

Chapter 20: Unit 4 Review

The students review events from the Israelites' entrance into the Promised Land to the establishment and growth of the monarchy. They recall the key figures from this period in history. They participate in a celebration during which they pray for leaders.

Unit 5: Prophets Prepare the Lord's Way

Goals

The students will appreciate the messages of God delivered through the prophets.
They will desire to work for justice.

Chapter 21: Elijah and Amos Speak for the Lord

The students become acquainted with the message God delivered to the people through the prophets Elijah and Amos. They are led to realize that prophets' messages speak to us today, calling us to show our love for God and for one another by working for social justice. Recognizing God's love for all people, the students are encouraged to support the missionary efforts of the Church.

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Chapter 22: Isaiah Proclaims the Promised Messiah

The students are introduced to Isaiah, who tried to reawaken the people's love for and trust in God. They learn that he nourished hope with his description of the coming Messiah and the new kingdom and foretold the remnant who would remain faithful in spite of misfortune. The students are encouraged to plan and undertake a program for spiritual growth.

Chapter 23: Prophets Proclaim God's Everlasting Love

The students become acquainted with Jeremiah and Ezekiel, the prophets chosen to speak God's Word during the years of the fall of Jerusalem and the Babylonian Exile. The students are helped to recognize their obligation to listen to those speaking God's Word today and to worship the Lord with sincere hearts.

Chapter 24: The Savior Is Jesus, the Son of God

In this chapter, the students meet John the Baptist, the last and greatest of the prophets. The students are led to recognize and appreciate the role of John in the fulfillment of earlier prophecies of the coming of the Messiah. They also consider the Virgin Mary's role, realizing that through her, God's promise was fulfilled. The students are encouraged to prepare for the coming of Christ into their lives as did John and Mary.

Chapter 25: Unit 5 Review

The students review the prophets and their messages by participating in a prayer celebration. At the conclusion of the celebration, they are given the opportunity to make a commitment to the Lord to act as his prophets, whenever and in whatever way God calls.