

## Unit 1 – What do we Believe? The Faith Professed

12 Class Day Family Jeopardy Game

### 26 Class Day Lesson 1 – How do we know God?

Lesson 1 asks the Essential Question “How do we know God?” God is the creator of everything. We can know God by seeing his wonderful creation. We get to know him from the Bible. We can know him through the Church. We especially can know God as the Blessed Trinity through Jesus. The Holy Spirit guides us as we participate in the life of the Church. The Holy Spirit guides us as we continue the mission of Jesus shared through Scripture and the Traditions of our Church. Reflect on how these three ways of knowing God enlighten and inspire your life.

- God
- Bible
- Jesus
- Covenant
- Gospel
- Sacred Tradition
- Paschal Mystery
- Mystery
- Divine Revelation
- Sacred Scripture
- Sacred Tradition

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### 10 Class DAY Lesson 2 – Who Is God?

This lesson asks the Essential Question “Who is God?” Because there is no way to fully understand the totality of God, we rely on images and experiences that help us know him. Many people experience a closeness to God through the gift of creation. The psalms and other poetic passages from the Bible draw upon the natural world to describe both the awesome nature of God’s creative powers and his intimate presence, one that is as close to us as our own breath. If you were to write a psalm about God, what images would you use?

#### Lesson Summary

This lesson focuses on the three Divine Persons of the Blessed Trinity. God exists in three distinct Persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. While each Person is distinct, all three Persons are “of the same substance” (CCC 245). All three Persons of God are divine and eternal; God always was, always is, and always will be. God, in his three Persons, has been, is, and always will be present to us in the Church and in the sacraments.

How do you understand the mystery of the Blessed Trinity?

- Creation
- Blessed Trinity
- Holy
- Sanctified

### Lesson 3 – Why did God make us?

Lesson 3 asks the Essential Question “Why did God make us?” Reflect on a time in your life when you realized that God’s plan for you may have been different than your own plan for yourself. How did you come to this realization? How did this realization make you feel? Trust in God takes practice and faith. As you reflect on your experience, consider the parts of it that made it easy or difficult to discern what God wanted for you. Reflect upon the ways you can practice discernment and grow in your reliance on prayer as you learn to trust completely in God.

#### Lesson Summary

This lesson shows the children that all of God’s creation is good because it was created by him. God has a special love for humanity and created us in his image and likeness. God continually calls us to live out the goodness we were created for. We do this by trusting and believing in him. God gives us faith to help us..

In what ways is trusting in God difficult? In what ways does trusting in God give you peace?

- Faith
- Glory
- Original Sin
- Soul
- Original Justice – The state of Adam and Eve before they disobeyed God; a state of complete harmony with themselves, with each other, and with creation.
- Particular Judgement – The judgement of Jesus Christ at the moment of our death in which he will determine how well we have followed his commandments and teachings,

**17 At Home Lesson 4 – Who is Jesus Christ?**

Lesson 4 asks the Essential Question “Who is Jesus Christ?” Jesus is both God and man. We can get to know Jesus by learning about his life and his teachings. We can also get to know Jesus by learning about his mother, Mary. The Holy Spirit filled Mary with the graces to help her for this wonderful—and at times very difficult—job. Of the many titles we give to Mary, one of the most touching is “Mother of Sorrows.” While she experienced great joy in being the mother of Jesus, she also knew terrible pain as she witnessed his suffering. Bring your own sorrows to Mary and ask for her prayers in bearing them, as she did, with faith and fortitude.

**Lesson Summary**

This lesson focuses on the life, Death, Resurrection, and Ascension of Jesus Christ who models the love that God has for humanity. In the Incarnation, the Son of God, Jesus, took on a human nature and became man. Jesus’ humble birth was part of God’s plan to show his love for us. Jesus models the love and care that God has for all his people, especially the poor and the forgotten. Jesus died on the Cross to save us from sin and to show us God’s great love for us. The Church shares in the sacrifice of Jesus on the Cross every time we gather at Mass. In the Eucharist, Jesus is truly present with us and in us.

How do you strive to follow the example of Jesus through service and sacrifice?

- Mary
- Angel
- Holy Family
- Heaven
- Incarnation
- Assumption
- Pascal Mystery

**24 Class Day Lesson 5 – What is the Church?**

Lesson 5 asks the Essential Question “What is the Church?” What communities are you a member of? Perhaps you belong to a gym, a book club, or a community group. The Church is a wholly different type of community, far more than any club or group. All of its members belong

to Christ through faith and Baptism. The Church calls all people to join the Body of Christ and invites them to welcome and love everyone as Christ does. Reflect on your own participation in the Church and what you cherish the most about being part of the People of God.

#### Lesson Summary

The focus of this lesson is to help students understand the Church as both a human and divine community, founded by Jesus Christ, continued by the apostles, and inspired by the Holy Spirit. The Church is inclusive and welcoming of all peoples. We welcome people to our Church by sharing the Gospel message and by living out the principles of Catholic teaching. Through our Baptism, we continue Jesus' work in the Church today.

How can you communicate the welcome of the Church to the people you encounter?

- Church
- One
- Holy
- Catholic
- Apostolic
- Holy Spirit
- People of God
- Grace