

Faith Lesson Plan and Faith Activity

Chapter 5 - God the Son

Grades 1 & 2

Doctrinal Content

- The Angel Gabriel announced to Mary that she would be the Mother of the Son of God, the Savior, Jesus. (CCC, 430)
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- The Baptism of the adult Jesus by John the Baptist was the beginning of his public teaching. (CCC, 535)

Invite - Let Us Pray

Invite the young people to gather in the prayer space and make the sign of the Cross. Read aloud the leader's prayer. Proclaim the verse from Psalm 103:13 together. Have the young people move out of the prayer space and back to their seats.



Let Us Pray

Leader: God the Father, show us your Son.

As a father has compassion on his children,
so the LORD has compassion on those
who honor him. *Based on Psalm 103:13*

All: Thank you, God, for sending your Son
to show us the way to you. Amen.

Say: God's Word is what we hear and read in the Bible.

Guide the young people through the process of Scripture reflection below.

Invite them to close their eyes, be still, and open their minds and hearts to what God is saying to them in this passage.

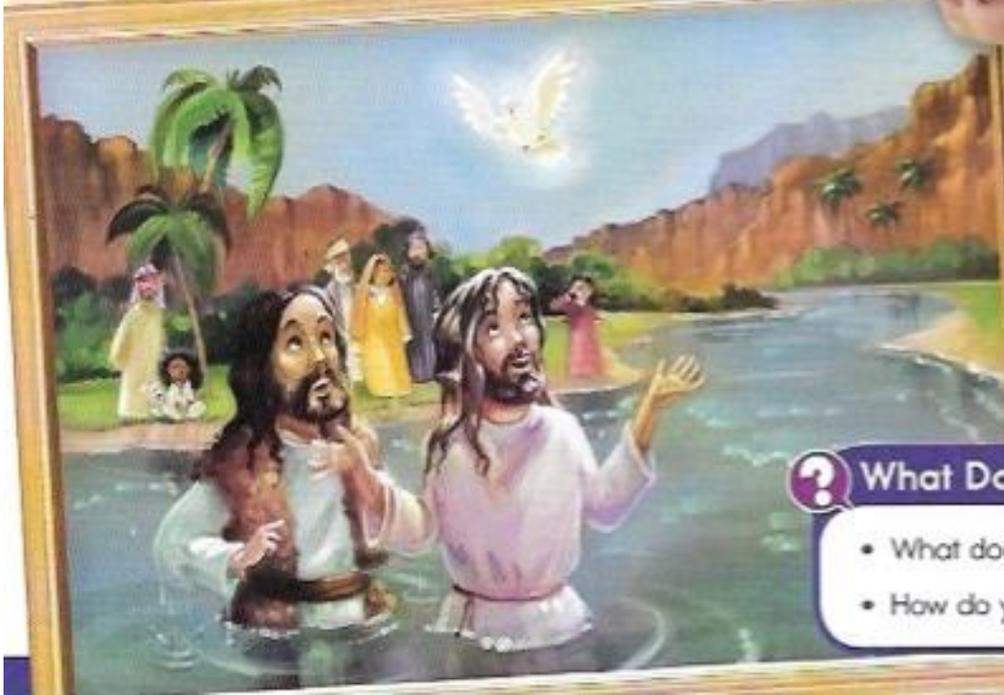
Proclaim the Scripture.

Maintain several moments of silence.

Display and Read the following.

God's Word

"After all the people had been baptized and Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, heaven was opened and the holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.'" *Luke 3:21-22*



What Do You Wonder?

- What does Jesus want you to do?
- How do you live like Jesus?

Ask: What did you hear God say to you in the Sacred Scripture reading? (Engage the children to respond.)

Say: God tells us that Jesus is his Son. God is pleased with him, and we should work to be like Jesus. Let's respond to the questions in the "What Do You Wonder?" section.

Ask: What else might you wonder about Jesus, the Son of God? (Engage the children to respond.)

Faith Activity: Jesus Is the Son of God and Our Savior

Write on chart paper the following:

Jesus

Savior

Son of God

Son of Mary

Say: The Church teaches that Jesus is the Son of God and our Savior. He is also fully divine and fully human.

Present this concept in this way: Gather the children in a circle and ask them to go around the circle and say their name aloud. Or if only one or two children, just have them stand and say their name aloud.

When they are finished, **ask:** How many of you like your name? Or, if only one or two children, ask: Do you like your name?

Ask: How many of you would choose another name? Or, if only one or two children, ask: Would you choose another name?

Ask: How many are named for a person? A special reason? Or, if only one or two children, ask: Are you named for a person? A special reason?

Say: Names are important, aren't they? They help people know who we are. Sometimes our name tells people something about us. Sometimes they help people find us in a crowd.

If time allows, look up the meaning of the children's or child's name.

Say: Let's look at some of the names we use for Jesus. (Display chart paper. Read the names aloud.) Each of these names tells us something about Jesus. Does anyone want to guess about them? (Allow the children to respond, then summarize.)

Jesus (*means God saves*)

Savior (*Jesus came to save us from sin*)

Son of God (*Jesus is God*)

Son of Mary (*Jesus is human*)

Faith Activity: Fun with Names

- Have the children share first names that they like.
- Point out how names can make us feel special and distinguish us from others.
- After connecting our names with the name of the Son of God, transition back to the lesson after reading the following:

Oh, what great names for girls there are!

Rebekah and Sarah are Old Testament names.

There's Mary and Margaret, sisters they were.

Teresa and Monica, names for Saints!

Oh what great names for boys there are!

Joseph and David are Old Testament names.

Peter and Matthew, Apostles they were.

Francis and Nicholas, names for Saints!

Discover (1)

Objectives

- Recall that the Angel Gabriel announced to Mary that she would be the Mother of the Son of God, the Savior, Jesus.
- Connect that the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph lived in Nazareth where Jesus grew up, learning and praying.

Ask: What special name did God give his Son?

Say: All names have special meanings. Long ago, God sent his only Son to Earth. God sent him to show all people how they should live. God chose Mary to be his Son's Mother. His Son had a special name. God sent the Angel Gabriel to Mary in the town of Nazareth. The angel told Mary that she would give birth to a son and that she would name him Jesus, which means, "God saves."

Display, read, and discuss the following:



1. Draw a square around the Angel Gabriel on the left.
2. Draw a circle around Mary and Jesus on the right.



Work with Words

Review the Catholic Faith Words on page 5.

Catholic Faith Words

Mary the Mother of Jesus, the Mother of God. She is also called "Our Lady" because she is our Mother and the Mother of the Church.

angel a type of spiritual being that does God's work, such as delivering messages from God or helping to keep people safe from harm

Print page 6 and distribute to the young people. See directions by the star on page 6.

Proclaim the first paragraph of the Scripture story on page 6.

Say: God named his Son Jesus.

Proclaim the second paragraph.

Ask: Why do you think Mary agreed to become the Mother of Jesus? **Because she wanted to do God's will; it was a special honor.**

Ask: What is your favorite part of this story? (Invite volunteers to share their responses.)

Faith Activity: Share Your Faith

Read aloud the directions for the Share Your Faith activity on page 6 and provide the young people with crayons and markers. Have the young people share their drawing when completed.

Quick Review

Say: The Angel Gabriel announced to Mary that she would be the Mother of the Son of God. The Holy Family lived in Nazareth where Jesus grew up, learning and praying.

God's Word

Announcing Jesus' Birth

When the Angel Gabriel visited Mary he said, "He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High." Mary didn't understand how this could happen to her.

The angel said in reply, "The holy Spirit and the power of the Most High will come over you. Therefore the child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God." Mary told the angel, "May it be done to me as you say."

Months later, Jesus was born in Bethlehem. There were shepherds nearby caring for their flock. An angel of the Lord appeared to them in a great light. The shepherds were frightened.

The angel said, "Do not be afraid. Behold, I have Good News of great joy for all people. Today a savior has been born!" *Based on Luke 1:26-38; 2:1-11*

Share Your Faith

Think Write or draw your favorite part of the story inside the star.

Share with a partner.

Display the following.

Say: We ask Mary to pray for us. Let's go over the Hail Mary line-by-line to identify how this prayer relates to what we have just learned about the Mother of God.

HAIL MARY,
*full of grace,
the Lord is with you;
blessed are you among
women, and blessed is
the fruit of your womb,
Jesus. Holy Mary,
Mother of God,
pray for us
sinners, now
and at the hour
of our death.
Amen.*



Say: Now, let's recite this beautiful prayer together beginning with the Sign of the Cross.

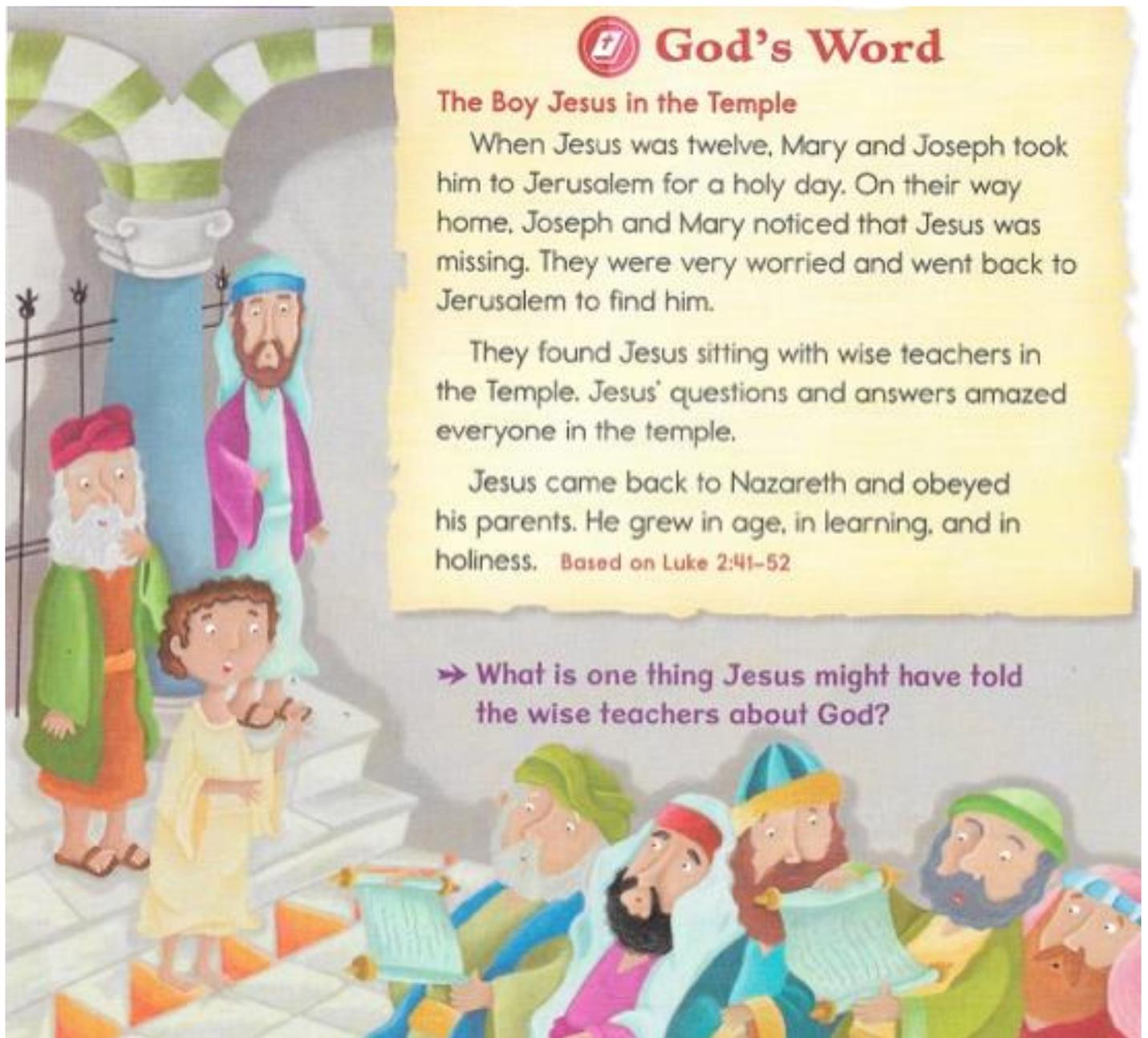
Discover (2)

Objectives

- Identify Jesus as both the Son of God and a human being.
- Recall the baptism of Jesus as the beginning of his public teaching

Say: Mary and Joseph brought Jesus back to Nazareth where he grew up. Together, they are called the Holy Family. The Holy Family is a good role model for our own families. Like most children, Jesus loved to learn and play. But Jesus was also very different, he was the Son of God.

Display, read, and discuss the following:



God's Word

The Boy Jesus in the Temple

When Jesus was twelve, Mary and Joseph took him to Jerusalem for a holy day. On their way home, Joseph and Mary noticed that Jesus was missing. They were very worried and went back to Jerusalem to find him.

They found Jesus sitting with wise teachers in the Temple. Jesus' questions and answers amazed everyone in the temple.

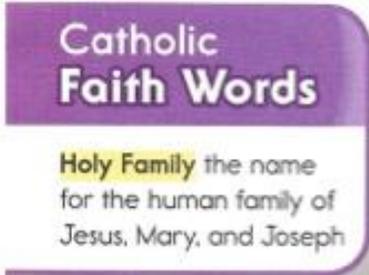
Jesus came back to Nazareth and obeyed his parents. He grew in age, in learning, and in holiness. *Based on Luke 2:41-52*

➔ What is one thing Jesus might have told the wise teachers about God?

Ask: What is one thing Jesus might have told the wise teachers about God? (Encourage the young people to respond.)

Work with Words

Review the Catholic Faith Word.



Say: Then when Jesus was thirty years old, he went to see his cousin John, whom we call John the Baptist. John wanted all sinners to turn toward God. He baptized them with water in the Jordan River.

Display, read, and discuss the following:

God's Word

Baptism of Jesus

One day, Jesus asked John to baptize him. Jesus never sinned. But he wanted to set an example for others. After Jesus' baptism, the Holy Spirit came down on him in the form of a dove. Then a voice from Heaven said, "You are my beloved Son. I am pleased with you."

After this, Jesus taught about God his Father and shared his Father's love with everyone.

Based on Matthew 3:13-17

We learn about God the Father from the people in our families.

➔ Who teaches you about God the Father?

Say & Ask: Let's think about the question above: Who teaches you about God the Father? (Engage the young children to respond.)

Say: Remember, Jesus asked John to baptize him not because he was a sinner, but to set a good example for others. (Pause.) Let's complete Activity 1 on page 10. (Review the instructions.)

Print page 10 and distribute to the young people. Review the directions for each activity.

Activity 1

Connect Your Faith

Circle the Words Circle the names for Jesus and mark an X on the words that aren't. What's your favorite name for Jesus?

Good Shepherd

Savior

John

God the Son

God the Cousin

Activity 2



Fill in the blanks with things you can say to follow Jesus' teachings.

What Jesus Teaches

Things You Can Say

Forgive other people.

I forgive you.

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Be kind to others.

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Help people who are sick.

May I come visit you?

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Share with others.

I'll share this orange with you.

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Pray often.

Quick Review

Say: Jesus was both the Son of God and a human being. He began his Father's work by being baptized. After his baptism, Jesus taught about God the Father.

Live: Our Catholic Life

Say: After his baptism, Jesus traveled throughout his country to remind others that God loves them. He taught them to love one another and to be good to others. Jesus still teaches us today through the Bible, the Church, the Sacraments, and his followers. Listen carefully and you will learn how to show your love for God and others.

Ask & Say: So, what does Jesus teach us about loving God and others? (Engage the young people to respond.) Let's complete Activity 2 on page 10 to identify some of the ways Jesus teaches us about loving God and others.

Read aloud the teachings of Jesus from the left column of the chart.

Explain that the right column gives examples of what we can say to follow Jesus' teachings and have the young people complete Activity 2 on page 10.

Ask: Now that you've completed this activity, read aloud one of the things Jesus teaches and the corresponding example of things we can say. (Give each young person a turn.)

Parish Video Connection: I'll Follow Jesus

Say: Now, let's watch this video entitled "I'll Follow Jesus." I invite you to dance and sing along with the children in the video. (Afterwards, quiet the children and ask them to give examples of ways that they can follow Jesus every day.)

YouTube Link: <https://youtu.be/Dx6RWOuF1M8>

Display and Read the following.

People of Faith - Saint Peter, First Century; Feast Day - June 29

Say: Peter is the patron Saint of fishermen, shipwrights, and the Papacy. He was first called Simon. Jesus changed his name to Peter, which means “rock.”

People of Faith

Saint Peter, first century

Saint Peter was a fisherman with his brother Saint Andrew. Later, he was the leader of Jesus' followers. He knew that Jesus was the Son of God. But he also knew Jesus was a man. He ate with Jesus. He prayed with Jesus. He walked and talked with Jesus. He even went to parties with Jesus! Saint Peter knew that Jesus got tired and hungry. He knew when Jesus was happy and sad. But most of all, he knew that Jesus loved everyone. After Jesus died, Saint Peter told many people about Jesus. He is considered to be the first Pope.



June 29

What the Children Should Know

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Faith Activity 1: Footprints

Supplies: large cutout footprints (one for each child), pencils, crayons or colored markers

Say: Jesus walks with us every day. He is with each of us now.

Distribute the footprints and art supplies. Instruct the children to write a prayer to Jesus thanking him for being with them always. When they are finished with the prayer, they may decorate their footprint. You may wish to collect the footprints and use them as a display on a bulletin board or wall.

Faith Activity 2: Goin' Fishin'

Ask: What do you think Jesus might have done for fun? (Engage the young people to respond.)

Say: Saint Peter, the first Pope, was first a fisherman when he met Jesus. Later Jesus teaches us to be fishers of men. This means that we want to tell all people about Jesus' love.

Supplies: Small packs of goldfish or Swedish Fish (gummy), small dowels, paper clips, and twine (36" long) for each child.

Direct the young people to tie the dowel, twine, and paper clip all together to make a fishing pole. The paper clip will serve as the hook. Let them stripe or color their poles as they wish. Slim strips of duct tape spiraled around the dowel can also make a nice design.

Directions:

- Glue a small magnet to each small packet of goldfish or Swedish Fish. Or, just hook the packet to the paper clip.
- Stretch a bed sheet from wall to wall, or pole to pole. The sheet should droop low enough for the young people to drop their line over the sheet.
- The young people should stand in line on one side of the sheet. Let them go fishing one at a time.
- You or a helper should be on the other side of the sheet to attach a packet to the end of each fishing pole's paper clip, especially if you choose not to attach magnets to each small packet.
- Tell the children that they will feel a hard tug when they've caught something.
- Remember to tug sharply when you have the packet secured to their pole.

Say: In conclusion, let's say this prayer together, beginning with the Sign of the Cross:

Saint Peter, pray for us, that we learn to be fishers of men by our words and our actions. Amen.

Student Name: _____

Date: _____

1. When Jesus was born, an angel gave joyful news: a _____ was born.
 - a. new king
 - b. savior
 - c. Good Shepherd
2. The Holy Spirit descended upon Jesus in the form of a _____.
 - a. dove
 - b. crown
 - c. hand
3. Mary was told that her son was holy because he was _____.
 - a. John the Baptist's cousin
 - b. God's messenger
 - c. God's Son
4. When Jesus was a boy growing up with Mary and Joseph, _____ was his home.
 - a. Bethlehem
 - b. Nazareth
 - c. Jerusalem
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- a. Joseph
- b. Shepherds
- c. The Angel Gabriel

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- a. the Baptist
- b. God saves
- c. God is love

12. At the _____ of Jesus, a voice from Heaven said, "You are my beloved Son."

- a. birth
- b. baptism
- c. death

13. Match each option with its appropriate term.

Options

- 1. (____) angel
- 2. (____) Son of God
- 3. (____) Mary
- 4. (____) John the Baptist
- 5. (____) Saint Peter

Terms

- f. the Mother of God
- g. baptized sinners in the Jordan River
- h. a leader of Jesus' followers
- i. spiritual being sent as God's messenger
- j. given a name that means "God saves"

14. Fill in the blank in the sentence below.

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15. Fill in the blank in the sentence below.

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When he was twelve, Jesus was found teaching in the _____ in Jerusalem.

17. Fill in the blank in the sentence below.

An angel named _____ told Mary that God wanted her to be the Mother of Jesus.

18. Fill in the blank in the sentence below.

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Answer Key

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Temple

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Gabriel

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Family