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Prayers to Know
LESSON 5: LOVE OTHERS AS GOD LOVES YOU

Directions: Cut out the pictures. Put them in the correct order.
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The story for this lesson is an adaptation of Luke 10:30–37. We are made in the image of God to do what God does. God loves us; God loves everyone. This means that because God loves us and everyone, we should love ourselves and everyone else. First we should love God, then we should love ourselves, and then we should love others as God loves us. When we love others, we make ourselves happy because we are acting as God made us to act.

Concepts of Faith

Whom does God love?
God loves everyone.

Whom are we to love?
We are to love God, ourselves, and everyone else.

Correspondence to the Catechism of the Catholic Church

God, “He Who Is,” is Truth and Love: CCC 214, 231
God is Love: CCC 221, 231
The Holy Spirit—God’s gift: CCC 733
Communion in spiritual goods: CCC 952
Marriage in God’s plan: CCC 1602
Male and Female He created them: CCC 2331
Holy Orders: CCC 1593–98
The communal character of the human vocations: CCC 1878
The Christian Family: CCC 2204–6
Conversion and Society: CCC 1889

Suggested Activity

Give your child an extra hug. Say, “I love you.”
Directions: Match the action to the place.

We show our love for God in different ways.
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Give your child an extra hug. Say, “I love you.”
God said, “This is my Son. He has pleased Me.”
Lesson 8: God’s Family—Baptism

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Concepts of Faith

Who are the members of God’s family?
All baptized people are members of God’s family.

What is grace?
Grace is the gift of God’s own life that He shares with persons.

Correspondence to the Catechism of the Catholic Church

“In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit”: CCC 232–33
Sacraments: CCC 1113, 1131–34
Sacraments of Christ: CCC 1114–16
Sacraments of the Church: CCC 1117–21
Sacraments of faith: CCC 1122–29
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Sacraments of eternal life: CCC 1130
Baptism: CCC 1213–74, 1275–84

Suggested Activity

Together look at pictures from your child’s Baptism. Discuss that special day.
At Baptism, we become members of God’s family.
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LESSON 13: JESUS SAYS, “COME FOLLOW ME”

Directions: Find and color the hidden fish.

Jesus asked the fishermen to follow Him.
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Concepts of Faith

Who were the apostles?
The apostles were special friends of Jesus’ who answered His call and chose to follow Him. They answered Jesus’ call and were sent by Him to teach others about Him and to do His work in a special way.

Correspondence to the Catechism of the Catholic Church

The Church is apostolic: CCC 857
The apostles’ mission: CCC 858–60
The bishops—successors of the apostles: CCC 861–62

Suggested Activity

Play “follow the leader” with your child.
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Directions: Follow the footprints to heaven.

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LESSON 16: GOD SHOULD COME FIRST IN OUR LIVES

Directions: Circle the good actions.

Our good actions show that God is most important in our lives.
Lesson 16: God Should Come First in Our Lives

The story for this lesson is an adaptation of Matthew 7:24–29. When we live our lives showing that we are images of God in all we “think, and say, and do,” then we show that God comes first for us. It may not always be easy to do what is right, but when we obey and think of others before ourselves, we are living as Jesus taught and showing that God is most important in our lives. The material things we have—toys, jewelry, houses, money, etc.—are good and are for our use, but they are not the most important part of life. God should be first in our lives.

Concepts of Faith

Who is most important in our lives?

God is most important in our lives.

How do we show that God is most important?

We show that God is most important by acting as images of God in all we think, say, and do.

Correspondence to the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*

Heaven: *CCC* 1023–29, 1052–53
Jesus teaches how to pray: *CCC* 2607–15, 2621
What is prayer?: *CCC* 2559–65, 2590, 2644

Suggested Activity

Have your child gather some outgrown toys or clothes to give to the needy.
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Directions: Color the picture.

The wise man built his house on the rock.
We should build our lives with God.
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Directions: Circle the items that remind us of Jesus’ birthday.

During Advent, we prepare our hearts and homes for Jesus’ birthday.
Lesson 19: First Week of Advent—Preparing Our Hearts and Homes

As we wait for the celebration of Jesus’ birthday, Christmas, we prepare our homes, and more importantly, our hearts. During the waiting period, Advent, there are many ways in which we can show our love for God and others. It is important we share the true meaning of Christmas—that is, love—in our daily lives throughout the entire year and not just during this season.

Concepts of Faith

Who is Jesus?
Jesus is God the Son.

When do we celebrate Jesus’ birthday?
We celebrate Jesus’ birthday on Christmas.

Correspondence to the Catechism of the Catholic Church

Preparations for Christ’s coming: CCC 522–24
Advent: CCC 524, 1095
Christmas mystery: CCC 525–26, 563
Mysteries of Jesus’ infancy: CCC 527–30
Liturgical seasons: CCC 1163–65
Liturgical year: CCC 1168–71, 1194

Suggested Activity

Use an Advent wreath with your family to count the weeks until Christmas.
Directions: Cut out the candles. Glue them on the wreath.

Advent is a time of waiting for Jesus’ birthday.
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