

## 2019-20 Elementary Lesson Guides

### Grade 6 – Catechist Guide

**Text: Finding God: Our Response to God's Gifts**

**Finding God Resources:** There are also Black-Line Masters in the back of each teacher manual that you can use to reinforce the chapter at the beginning or the end of class. There are also CDs with songs and readings suggested for each lesson. There is an easel of Art prints for every grade level which are referenced in every chapter

Grade 6 has scripture from the Old Testament in each chapter.

Students will be given their own *Fireside Bible* on the first day of class.

Date	Lesson	Focus
9/7	Open House And Opening Mass	Open House 9:30 Session 1 10:00 Mass Open House 11:00 Session 2
9/14	Unit 1: Creator and Father Unit Saint: St. Jerome Chapter 1 – The Bible, God's Story  Make nametags Pass out books and folders	<b>Theme: In the Bible, God reveals himself to us, especially in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.</b> <b>*SCRIPTURE: 2 Timothy 3:16-17; 2 Peter 1:20-21*</b> ENGAGE: Story (St. Jerome); Thinking about Bible stories you know; Short prayer (p. 3). EXPLORE: The Bible is the sacred book of the Christian faith written under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit by different writers using a variety of literary forms to convey God's message; The Bible is the Word of God, but it is not just one book – it is a collection of many book; how to locate a scripture passage. REFLECT: Prayer to the Holy Spirit (p. 8). RESPOND: What you will do this week that reflects what you have learned from the Bible?
9/21	Chapter 2 – God Creates the World	<b>Theme: The human family is created in the image and likeness of God.</b> <b>*SCRIPTURE: Genesis 1:1-2:4; Psalm 8:5-7*</b> ENGAGE: Thinking about some of the ways you can care for creation; Short prayer (p. 11). EXPLORE: God created everything and found it very good; God created man and woman in his own image, designing them to be equals and to cooperate with God in taking care of the earth; We can cooperate with God by treating other people in a way that recognizes their God-given dignity. REFLECT: Listen to Recorded Guided Reflection "God With Us" (CD 3, Track 1). RESPOND: What will you do this week to be kind to people and God's other creatures?
9/28	Chapter 3 – Sin and Salvation	<b>Theme: The root of sin is lack of trust in God and disobedience to His Commands.</b> <b>*SCRIPTURE: Genesis 3:15 and 6:5-9:17*</b> ENGAGE: Thinking about things we have done recently that showed we trusted in someone; Short prayer (p.19). EXPLORE: Original sin is the result of Adam and Eve's

		<p>disobedience; Because of their sin, we are born in a state of sin and find it difficult to resist the temptation to sin; The story of Cain and Abel shows the growing alienation between God and humanity; All sin is some form of not trusting in God; We can ask for God's mercy when we sin or at any other time.</p> <p>REFLECT: Hail Mary Prayer (p. 24).</p> <p>RESPOND: What are some things you can carry with you (cross, songs or prayers in our memories, etc.) to help you remember that God is always ready to help you?</p>
<b>10/5 &amp;10/12</b>	<b>NO CLASS</b>	<b>Columbus Day and Grade 8 Confirmation</b>
<b>10/19</b>	<b>Chapter 4 – Abraham Listens to God</b>	<p><b>Theme: God calls Abraham and Sarah to believe in Him.</b></p> <p><b>*SCRIPTURE: Genesis 15:1-5, 18:1-10, 17:5-8, 21:1-3, and 22:0-18; Galatians 3:7*</b></p> <p>ENGAGE: Thinking about difficult things our parents ask us to do; Short prayer (p. 27).</p> <p>EXPLORE: God established his covenant with Abraham and Sarah; They heard the voice of God and we can also hear God speaking to us today; We are called to know God in a special way and to help other people know God; Angels are spiritual beings who serve God by worshipping him and acting as his messengers.</p> <p>REFLECT: Act of Hope Prayer (p. 32).</p> <p>RESPOND: When is it hardest for you to trust God?</p>
<b>10/26</b>	<b>Chapter 5 : Unit 1 Review</b>	
	<b>Seasonal Sessions: All Saints</b>	See back of book for chapter.
<b>11/2</b>	<b>NO CLASS</b>	Fairfax County Holiday
<b>11/9</b>	<p><b>Unit 2: Son of God, Son of Mary</b></p> <p><b>Unit Saint: St. John Neumann</b></p> <p><b>Chapter 6 – God is Faithful</b></p>	<p><b>Theme: God helps people overcome sinful choices.</b></p> <p><b>*SCRIPTURE: Genesis 25:19-34, 27:1-45, and 29:15-30; Matthew 22:31-32*</b></p> <p>ENGAGE: Story (St. John Neumann); Thinking about ways God works through someone we know to bring good into the world; Short prayer (p. 43).</p> <p>EXPLORE: Jacob learned to trust God through difficult circumstances, and God brought about good results from bad choices and situations; God acts through human beings and allows them the choice of whether to obey him or not; God's forgiveness, however, does not mean that sin is acceptable; We can cooperate with God by asking his help and trusting in Divine Providence.</p> <p>REFLECT: Morning Offering Prayer.</p> <p>RESPOND: What are some steps you can take when you must make a difficult decision?</p>
<b>11/16</b>	<b>Chapter 7 – Passover and the Eucharist</b>	<p><b>Theme: Jesus calls us to the new covenant.</b></p> <p><b>*SCRIPTURE: Exodus 2:11-3:16; John 6:53-54*</b></p>



	Seasonal Sessions: Christmas	Classroom Celebration
12/21 12/28 1/4	NO CLASS NO CLASS NO CLASS	CHRISTMAS VACATION CHRISTMAS VACATION New Years
1/11	Unit 3: Community of Jesus Unit Saint: St. Helena  Chapter 11 – God’s Presence in the Temple	Theme: The Church is the new Temple of the Holy Spirit: Scripture: John 2:19 and 22 1 Kings: 1-18 7:12-51 8:1-26 ENGAGE: Story (St. Helena); Thinking about what makes a place holy and places we’ve been that felt as if God was right there beside us; Short prayer (p. 83). EXPLORE: The Hebrew people saw the Temple in Jerusalem as the dwelling place of God; In Baptism, we become temples or sanctuaries in which the Holy Spirit dwells; God’s presence is spread throughout the world through the church – the Holy Spirit dwelling in the lives of Christians everywhere. REFLECT: Holy Spirit Prayer (p. 88). RESPOND: What is one characteristic that makes your life an expression of God’s presence?
1/18	NO CLASS	Martin Luther King Holiday
1/25	NO CLASS	Fairfax County Holiday
2/1	Chapter 12: Psalms, the Prayers of Jesus	Theme: The Psalms help us learn how to pray, and Wisdom Literature gives us practical advice on how to live. *SCRIPTURE: Psalm 23:1-4; Sirach 18:11-12* ENGAGE: Thinking about our favorite ways to pray; Short prayer (p.91). EXPLORE: Praying with others is called communal prayer, and praying alone is called personal prayer; The Psalms and Wisdom Literature give us words we can use to communicate to God all our problems and joys. REFLECT: Psalm 20 (p. 96). RESPOND: What line of the Psalm 20 prayer will you remember to pray this week?
2/8	Chapter 13: The Mission of the Church	Theme: The mission of the Church is to proclaim Jesus’ presence today. *SCRIPTURE: Matthew 5:16; Acts of the Apostles 2:1-41* ENGAGE: Thinking about an activity in your church that proclaims Jesus’ presence; Short prayer (p. 99). EXPLORE: Jesus Christ calls us to be members of the Church, which is the sign of God’s communion with the human family; Many images, such as that of the Bride of Christ, are used to describe the Church. REFLECT: The Lord’s Prayer (p. 104). RESPOND: How will you show people that we are all signs of God’s presence this week?
2/15	NO CLASS	PRESIDENT’S DAY
2/22	NO CLASS	OLGC Basketball Tournament
2/29	Seasonal Session: Lent	See back of book for Lent Lesson

	<p><b>Chapter 14: The Marks of the Church</b></p> <p><b>Chapter 15</b></p> <p><b>Unit 3 Review</b></p>	<p><b>Theme:</b> The Church is one, holy, catholic, and apostolic.</p> <p><b>*SCRIPTURE:</b> Ephesians 4:1-6 and 15-16; Luke 1:49*</p> <p><b>ENGAGE:</b> Thinking about what the Church has meant for you and your family; Short prayer (p. 107).</p> <p><b>EXPLORE:</b> The four marks of the Church – one, holy, catholic, apostolic – are symbols of the Church’s authority and mission; These four marks are proclaimed in the Nicene Creed, which we pray at Mass.</p> <p><b>REFLECT:</b> Nicene Creed (p. 112).</p> <p><b>RESPOND:</b> What you will do this week to celebrate that you are part of God’s family?</p>
3/7	<b>Chapter 18 – Baptism and Confirmation</b>	<p><b>Theme:</b> In Baptism, we are born into the family of Jesus, a bond that is strengthened in Confirmation.</p> <p><b>*SCRIPTURE:</b> Ephesians 2:21-22; 1 Peter 2:4-5*</p> <p><b>ENGAGE:</b> Thinking about the most important events in our lives and how those events changed us (p. 139).</p> <p><b>EXPLORE:</b> Prophets call people to conversion; Through conversion, we are led through the Sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation to become members of Jesus’ Church and to become more fully involved with the Church’s mission.</p> <p><b>REFLECT:</b> Recorded Guided Reflection “Belonging to God” (CD 3, Track 4) and Prayer by St. Richard of Chichester (p. 144).</p> <p><b>RESPOND:</b> What is one way that you hope your faith will develop as you continue to grow?</p>
3/14	<b>NO CLASS</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Eucharist Retreat for 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade</b>
3/21	<b>NO CLASS</b>	<b>LIVE JESUS!</b>
3/28	<p><b>Seasonal Session: Holy Week</b></p> <p><b>Catch Up/Review</b></p> <p><b>Diocesan Standards of Learning</b></p>	<p><b>Theme:</b> During Holy Week we remember that Jesus suffered and died for our salvation.</p> <p><b>ENGAGE:</b> Thinking about our own sacrifices and the sacrifices of Jesus (we remember them in the “Stations of the Cross”); Short prayer (p. 215).</p> <p><b>EXPLORE:</b> Jesus’ Trial (Luke 23:22-26); Simon of Cyrene (what we do for someone else, we do for Him).</p> <p><b>REFLECT:</b> Prayer Service (p. 218).</p> <p><b>RESPOND:</b> Discussing ways we can follow Jesus willingly, even when it is difficult to do so.</p>
4/4 & 4/11	<b>NO CLASS</b>	<b>Holy Week and Easter</b>
4/18	<b>SEASONAL SESSION: Easter</b>	<p><b>Theme:</b> During the Easter season we celebrate the Resurrection and Ascension of Jesus Christ.</p> <p><b>ENGAGE:</b> Thinking about the emotions involved in the events of Good Friday and Easter Sunday; Short prayer (p. 219).</p> <p><b>EXPLORE:</b> Jesus has risen (Luke 24:1-8)</p> <p><b>REFLECT:</b> Prayer Service (p. 222).</p> <p><b>RESPOND:</b> Discussing signs of a joyful Christian and what we can do to be witnesses to Jesus Christ.</p>
	<b>Chapter 19 – Sacraments of</b>	<b>Theme: In celebrating the Sacraments of Penance and the</b>

	<b>Healing</b>	<p>Anointing of the Sick, we find the healing presence of God in our everyday lives.</p> <p><b>*SCRIPTURE:</b> Luke 9:1-6; John 15:12*</p> <p><b>ENGAGE:</b> Thinking about times we were very sick and how the sickness changed our daily lives; Short prayer (p. 147).</p> <p><b>EXPLORE:</b> In the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, a priest anoints with oil the ill, injured, and aged – as a result, they receive forgiveness for their sins, comfort in their suffering, and spiritual (and sometimes even physical) healing; The effects of sin, which can remain even after confession and forgiveness, are removed through restitution, penance, and indulgences.</p> <p><b>REFLECT:</b> Act of Contrition prayer (p. 152).</p> <p><b>RESPOND:</b> What is one way that you can help a sick person?</p>
<b>4/25</b>	<p><b>Chapter 20</b></p> <p><b>Chapter 22 – Sacraments of Service</b></p>	<p><b>Theme:</b> In the Sacraments of Holy Orders and Matrimony, Christians are called to holiness.</p> <p><b>*SCRIPTURE:</b> 1 Peter 1:15-16; Leviticus 11:44*</p> <p><b>ENGAGE:</b> Thinking about what your life will be like in 20 years; Short prayer (p. 171).</p> <p><b>EXPLORE:</b> Although every person is called to the vocation of a holy life, some people are also called to holiness through Holy Orders or through Matrimony.</p> <p><b>REFLECT:</b> Recorded Guided Reflection “My Call to be Holy” (CD 3, Track 5); Meditative prayer (p. 176).</p> <p><b>RESPOND:</b> Every day this week, pray for the person you will be in 10 years</p>
<b>5/2</b>	<b>NO CLASS</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Eucharist Masses for 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade</b>
<b>5/9</b>	<p><b>Unit 4 Review</b></p> <p><b>Review of Year</b></p> <p><b>Review of Diocesan Standards of Learning</b></p>	<b>Review The Old Testament with a review game or lesson.</b>

<b>5/16</b>	<b>Closing Mass</b>	<p><b>Closing Mass at 9:00AM for all, led by Grade 6 TBD.</b></p> <p><b>Parents are invited and encouraged to come. Celebration to follow in DeSales Hall.</b></p>
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