

## 2019-20 Elementary Lesson Guides

### Grade 2 – Catechist Guide

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

Sacramental texts: Call to Celebrate Reconciliation and Eucharist

Grade 2 students have three textbooks in order to cover the Grade 2 curriculum and the sacraments of Penance and Eucharist. Some weeks there will be two chapters to cover; one from each book. You may want to begin class with Finding God, take a break and go to The Call to Celebrate. Remind parents to review sacraments with their children. Penance preparation begins in October and Eucharist preparation begins in February. I have included the dates of the meeting and sacraments in this syllabus.

**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.

| Date          | Lesson  | Focus   |
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| 9/7           | Open House<br>And Opening Mass  | Open House 9:30 Session 1<br>10:00 Mass<br>Open House 11:00 Session 2   |
| -----<br>9/14 | -----<br>Finding God Chapter<br>1<br>God Creates Us<br>Make nametags<br>Pass out<br>books and folders | -----<br>Unit 1 Saint: Saint Isidore The Farmer<br>Theme: God created the world to show us how much He loves us<br>Focus: Read about Saint Isidore who cared for God's Creation<br>Read page 4 from Genesis about how the world began<br>Choose an option page 5 to engage students in creation or be creative<br>Teach and Pray: The Glory Be<br>Remember Parent Page: page 10 |
| 9/21          | Finding God Chapter<br>2<br>God Gives Us Jesus  | Theme: God Gives Us Jesus<br>Focus: Jesus is the most precious gift that God has given us.<br>Jesus is in all of us. Jesus is present in The Blessed Sacrament.   |
| 9/28          | Finding God Chapter<br>3<br>God Is Our Father<br><br>Grade 2 Parent Meeting                           | Theme: We call Jesus the Son of God because He reveals to us His loving Father<br>Focus: God is our Father. He is always there for us. We can always talk to him through prayer.<br>Teach and Pray: The Lord's Prayer Review: Glory Be  |
| 10/5<br>10/12 | NO CLASS<br>NO CLASS  | Columbus Day Holiday<br>Confirmation for Grade 8  |

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| 10/19         | <p><b>Finding God Chapter 4</b><br/><b>God's Life For Us</b></p> <p><b>Call to Celebrate: Reconciliation: Chapter 1</b><br/><b>We Are Called</b></p>                             | <p><b>Theme:</b> All good things we do and the good decisions we make come from The Holy Spirit<br/><b>Focus:</b> The Holy Spirit is our helper and guide. Read story of Simeon on page 28 to understand that we trust in The Holy Spirit even though we cannot see him. He is always with us, just like the air we breathe.</p> <p><b>FOCUS: Review sacraments of initiation: Discuss Baptism</b><br/>Introduce Penance Book. Explore the meaning of the ritual actions of The Sign of The Cross. Invite children to tell anything that they know about their Baptism. Read the story of St Paul on page 6. How do we answer God's call?</p>                                |
| 10/26         | <p><b>Call to Celebrate: Reconciliation: Chapter 2</b><br/><b>We Are Welcomed</b></p> <p><b>Finding God Seasonal Sessions:</b><br/><b>All Saints Day</b><br/><b>Page 227</b></p> | <p><b>FOCUS: Renewal of Baptismal promises. Discuss sin and penance.</b> Jesus brings good news. Read the story of Zacchaeus. Jesus loved and forgave everyone. Pages 18 and 19 review venial and mortal sin. It explains the different types of Reconciliation celebrations.</p> <p><b>Theme:</b> On All Saints Day we celebrate all members of the Church, living and dead, united in Christ.<br/><b>Focus:</b> How to live as children of God. Think of Modern Day Saints in their lives. Talk about Saints for their names. Use resources I CCF library or go on line to find their Saint's name. Five Finger Prayer or other option on page 229.</p>                    |
| -----<br>11/2 | -----<br>NO CLASS  | -----<br>FCPS Holiday  |
| 11/9          | <p><b>Call to Celebrate: Reconciliation: Chapter 3</b><br/><b>We Reflect</b></p> <p><b>Call to Celebrate: Reconciliation: Chapter 4</b><br/><b>We Are Sorry</b></p>              | <p><b>FOCUS: Discuss the Bible and the Ten Commandments</b><br/>The Bible is God's word. Remind students that at Mass, the readings are from the Bible. Read or act out The Great Commandment on page 26.<br/>Go through examination of conscience on page 28.<br/><b>FOCUS: Act of Contrition and examination of conscience.</b><br/>Teach The Act of Contrition. Explain the meaning of the words of this prayer so that students can learn and understand the meaning when they say it. Read the story of Sinners Come to Jesus on page 36. Jesus always forgave. The priest does this for Jesus in the sacrament of Reconciliation. Help them to see the connection.</p> |

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| 11/16<br>11/23 | <b>Finding God<br/>Chapter 9 Jesus Cares<br/>for Us</b>  | <p><b>Theme:</b> The parable of the lost sheep shows God's loving concern for us.</p> <p><b>Focus:</b> Jesus is The Good Shepherd. He is always with us. He takes care of all of his sheep. Discuss what it feels like to lose something. Read The Parable of The Lost Sheep. ( This will be the Parable at their RECONCILIATION service)</p> <p><b>FOCUS: Review all of the steps to celebrating the sacrament of Reconciliation.</b></p> <p>Read Jesus Shares Peace and Forgiveness on page 56. Review the Act of Contrition.</p>   |
| -----<br>11/30 | -----<br><b>NO CLASS</b>   | -----<br>Thanksgiving   |
|                | <p><b>Call to Celebrate:<br/>Reconciliation:<br/>Chapter 5</b></p> <p><b>We Are Forgiven<br/>Finding God<br/>Chapter 13</b></p> <p><b>Seasonal Sessions:<br/>Advent<br/>Page 203</b></p> | <p><b>FOCUS: We celebrate God's forgiveness in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. We say we are sorry for our sins.</b> Reconciliation is a celebration of God's forgiveness and love. God forgives us through Jesus and the Church. The Sacrament of Reconciliation gives us peace. What a wonderful gift we are given to be friends with God and one another again!</p> <p><b><i>PRAY: The Act of Contrition</i></b></p> <p><b>Theme:</b> In the season of Advent we prepare to celebrate Jesus' birth.</p> <p><b>Focus:</b> Teach children how to prepare their homes and hearts for Jesus. Remember John the Baptist, the cousin of Jesus, who was a good friend to Jesus. Talk about traditions; The Advent Wreath etc.</p> <p><b>Black line Master #66.</b></p> |
| 12/7<br>12/14  | <p><b>Finding God<br/>Chapter 8<br/>Jesus Calls Us To<br/>Love</b></p> <p><b>Finding God Seasonal<br/>Sessions: Christmas<br/>P. 207</b></p>   | <p><b>Theme: Jesus Calls us to the Kingdom of God</b></p> <p><b>Focus: Teach students about Parables, stories that Jesus used to teach a lesson. Read the parable of the Banquet on page 60. Everyone is invited to celebrate the Birth of Jesus (tie into Advent). Teach students about Peter the first Pope. He was an apostle; a good friend and follower of Jesus.</b></p> <p><b>Theme:</b> During the Christmas season we celebrate Jesus' birth.</p> <p><b>Focus:</b> Celebrate the birth of Jesus through the Christmas story. Do craft or have celebration or both before joining us at church for Lessons and Carols.</p> <p><b>Advent Lessons and Carols led by Grade 6 at the church</b></p>   |
| 12/21          | <b>NO CLASS</b>  | Christmas break   |
| 12/28          | <b>NO CLASS</b>  | <b>Christmas break</b>  |

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| <b>1/4</b>                 | <b>NO CLASS</b>   | <b>New Years</b>  |
| <b>1/11</b>                | <b>Call to Celebrate:</b><br><b>Eucharist:</b><br><b>Chapter 1</b><br><b>We Belong</b><br><b>Call to Celebrate:</b><br><b>Eucharist:</b>  | <b>FOCUS: The Church is the Body of Christ</b><br><b>The Sacraments of Initiation</b><br><b>Introduce Eucharist Book.</b><br>Review original sin and what it means to be Christian and a member of the Body of Christ. Read the story of The Vine and The Branches on page 6. Jesus is always with us. Review the sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation. Discuss the role of the Holy Spirit.   |
| <b>1/18</b><br><b>1/25</b> | <b>NO CLASS</b><br><b>NO CLASS</b>  | <b>Martin Luther King Holiday</b><br><b>Fairfax County Holidays</b>   |
| <b>2/1 2/8</b>             | <b>Call to Celebrate:</b><br><b>Eucharist:</b><br><b>Chapter 2</b><br><b>We Gather</b><br><b>Call to Celebrate:</b><br><b>Eucharist:</b><br><b>Chapter 3:</b><br><b>We Are Forgiven</b> | <b>FOCUS: The Liturgy</b><br><b>The Liturgy is the prayer of the church. Prayer is talking and listening to God. It can happen anywhere and at any time. Read The Early Christians on page 16. The early followers of Jesus shared food, prayer and their homes in addition to praying together at church</b><br><b>FOCUS:</b> Penitential rite, Lord Have Mercy. We ask forgiveness when we begin Mass. We are reminded that Jesus is forgiving. Read Jesus Calls Sinners on page 26. Jesus called Matthew even though he knew that Matthew was a tax collector. |
| <b>2/15</b>                | <b>NO CLASS</b>   | <b>President's Day</b>  |
| <b>2/22</b>                | <b>NO CLASS</b>   | <b>OLGC Basketball</b>  |
| <b>3/1</b>                 | <b>Call To Celebrate:</b><br><b>Chapter 4:</b><br><b>We Listen</b>  | <b>FOCUS: The Bible, The Liturgy of the Word</b><br>The first part of the Mass is called the Liturgy of The Word. We listen to readings from the Bible. Read or pantomime The Sower on page 36.<br>When we hear God's Word, do we follow it?  |
| <b>3/8</b>                 | <b>Call to Celebrate:</b><br><b>Eucharist</b><br><b>Chapter 5</b>   | <b>FOCUS: Offertory, Liturgy of the Eucharist</b><br>After the homily which explains the readings, begins The Liturgy of The Eucharist. The gifts are brought forward ( students will carry the gifts at their First  |

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|  |  | Communion)<br>Read The Washing of The Feet on page 46. Discuss serving others |
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| 3/28   | <b>Finding God Chapter 6<br/>Jesus Is Faithful</b>  | <b>Unit 2 Saints: Saint Anne and Saint Joachim</b><br>Theme: With God's help, we can follow the Commandments and live in peace with one another.<br>Focus: We are all part of God's Family. Read the story of Mary's parents; St. Anne and St. Joachim on page 42 and Jesus at the Temple on page 44. Talk about family and the fourth commandment; Honor thy Father and Thy Mother. Use black line Master #15. and 16.<br>Review the commandments and discuss ways that they help us to love God and others. Help students understand the meaning of conscience. |
| 4/18   | <b>Call to Celebrate:<br/>Eucharist<br/>Chapter 6<br/>We Remember and<br/>Give Thanks</b> | <b>FOCUS: Eucharistic Prayer and Consecration</b><br>The bread and wine is turned into the body and blood of Christ in the <b>consecration</b> . We receive Jesus in The Eucharist. Discuss the tabernacle and The Blessed Sacrament. Read <b>The Last Supper</b> on page 56.   |
| 4/25   | <b>Call to Celebrate:<br/>Eucharist:<br/>Chapter 7<br/>We Share a Meal</b>                | <b>.Focus: Eucharist:</b> Students learn vocabulary of The Eucharist; paten, chalice, ciborium. The Eucharist is sharing a meal. Read I am the Bread of Life on page 66. Jesus is the Living Bread  |
| 5/9    | <b>Finding God Seasonal<br/>Sessions: Holy Week<br/>and Easter<br/>Page 215 and 219</b>   | <b>Theme:</b> During Holy Week we remember that Jesus suffered and died for our salvation. During the Easter Season we celebrate the Resurrection and Ascension of Jesus Christ.<br><b>Focus:</b> Teach children about Holy Week which begins on Palm Sunday. <b>Discuss Holy Week and Easter</b>   |
| Assign | <b>Call to Celebrate:<br/>Eucharist:<br/>Chapter 8<br/>We Go Forth</b>                    | <b>FOCUS: The Blessing, Pentecost, The Holy Spirit</b><br>Read the story of Pentecost when The Holy Spirit came to the apostles on page 76  |
| Assign | <b>Finding God<br/>Chapter 14 Mary<br/>Shows Us The Way</b>                               | <b>Theme:</b> Mary is the great example of what it means to obey God.<br><b>Focus:</b> Mary said yes to God without question. Read the story of the Visitation. Teach the Magnificat. Talk about the Rosary and the stories that they may know about the children who have seen Mary at Fatima, Guadalupe, and Lourdes.   |

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|             |                     | Review and pray: <b>The Hail Mary</b>  |
| <b>5/16</b> | <b>Closing Mass</b> | <b>Closing Mass at 9:00AM for all , led by Grade 6.<br/>Parents are invited and encouraged to come.<br/>Celebration to follow in DeSales Hall.</b> |