

God the Son

Preparation for the Session

Turn to Page 105,
the Family + Faith page.

Read the **Consider This** feature. What thoughts or reactions do you have to the opening question?

In this chapter you will cover the following 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
- Identify Jesus as both the Son of God and a human being
- Recall the Baptism of Jesus as the beginning of his public teaching

Parents, Consider This: *Can you think of ways you see love in your family? How does the experience of your family's love help you to see God's love? Family is called, "the school of love." The ways we speak and act toward each other in a family every day are how we learn the most important lesson in life, how to love. Consider the ways your daily interactions are "lessons" in patience, appreciation, and faith. You, as a parent, more than anyone, teach your child that he or she is loveable. You teach them the power they have to love others and show God's mercy and kindness in conversation and in actions. Notice the next time your child shows love and praise him or her for it.*

Read these other sections on the Family + Faith Page.

- *Your Child Learned.* This highlights some of the content of Sacred Scripture and Tradition in the lesson.
- *Children At This Age.* This helps you understand how your child processes and learns at this developmental level.



Let's Sing: These songs connect the session topics and can be downloaded from aliveinchrist.osv.com.

- You Are God
- Incarnate One

INVITE: Encountering God in His Word

Turn to Page 97,
God the Son

After gathering the supplies that you will need, find a quiet place to be with your child. This is a sacred time—a time when you will be present to each other and to the Lord. You may want to light a candle as you begin.



Let Us Pray Invite your child to make the Sign of the Cross. Read aloud the Psalm verse from the book. Help your child to respond.

Explain that God sent his Son, Jesus, to lead us to Heaven.

Say: Now, let's listen to find out what God said about Jesus.



Guide your child through the Preparing for God’s Word Ritual you learned in the Introduction Session or play Track 1 of the *Songs of Scripture* CD.

- Proclaim God’s Word in the Parchment Paper box on the page.
- Maintain several moments of silence.
- Ask: What did you hear God say to you today?

Invite your child to respond and also share what you heard.

Now, look at the *What Do You Wonder?* box.

Say: God tells us that Jesus is his Son. God is pleased with him and we should work to be like Jesus.

Invite your child to respond to the questions. Ask what else they might wonder about living in the way that Jesus wants us to.

DISCOVER: Learning God’s Truth

Turn to Page 98,
A Savior is Born

Read the introductory paragraph aloud. Ask your child what special name they think God gave to his son.

Read the second paragraph aloud.

Direct your child to the Catholic Faith Words. As you slowly read the definitions for **Mary** and **angel**, have your child circle the unfamiliar words in the definitions. Ask what words were familiar and where he or she had heard them.



Do the gold-star activity.

Turn to Page 99,
Announcing Jesus’ Birth

Read the Scripture story to your child. Tell your child that God named his Son, “Jesus.”

Ask your child why he or she thinks Mary agreed to become the Mother of Jesus. (*she wanted to do God’s will; it was a special honor*)

Activity

Have your child do the Share Your Faith Activity.

Parents, Consider This: According to the Gospel of Luke, the Angel Gabriel is the angel of the Lord with the important mission to announce to Mary that God had selected her to bear his Son. Gabriel’s visit to Mary is called the Annunciation. The angel allowed Mary to know God’s will. She embraced God’s will and that has made all the difference in salvation history. We each, in our own small way, can change the world by seeking to know and follow God’s will in our lives. In your family prayers this week ask for the knowledge and willingness to do God’s will.

Remind your child that Jesus is God’s Son and he came to earth to be our Savior.

Turn to Page 100,
The Holy Family

Ask your child to tell you who they think Jesus lived with when he was growing up.

Read aloud the introductory paragraph, pointing out that Jesus, Mary, and Joseph are called the Holy Family.

Ask your child what might be happening in the picture on this page.



Read the Scripture story to your child or have your child read the story to you.

Ask them to respond to the final question.

Turn to Page 101,
Jesus Begins His Work

Read aloud the introductory paragraph.

Ask your child what John was doing? (*teaching sinners to turn to God; baptizing people*)



Read the Scripture story.

Explain that Jesus asked John to baptize him, not because he was a sinner, but because he wanted to set a good example for others.

Activity

Read the directions for the Connect Your Faith activity. Complete the activity.

Parents, Consider This: *Jesus did not need Baptism. He was God’s beloved Son and was without sin. He allowed John to baptize him. This was an example of how Jesus chose to teach, through example. He showed leadership by being an example of how to love God. This is the way children learn to love God, from the example of parents. Each time your children see the ways you show reverence for God in your actions, they see you live the faith you are teaching them.*

LIVE: Living Our Faith

Turn to Page 102,
Our Catholic Life

Discuss the question, “What does Jesus teach us about loving God and others?”

Read the introductory paragraphs.

Remind your child that everything is made by God. Even though we may make something ourselves, we are using God’s creation as the source.



Follow the gold-star activity instructions to review and complete the chart.

Parents, Consider This: *Take an opportunity this week to notice someone showing love for another person; care of Grandma, forgiving a friend, people praying at church. You may find your own faith strengthened as you make the effort to notice acts of love and faith.*

Turn to Page 103,
People of Faith

Read the paragraph about Saint Peter.

- Share your reactions to the information.
- Talk about some examples of Christ’s love in our world today.

Activity

Review the pictures in the Live Your Faith activity. Ask your child what he or she would say to Jesus if he or she were there during the events of each picture.

Turn to Page 105,
Family + Faith Page and
conclude with the Let’s Pray
prayer on this page.

Parents, Consider This: *It is important to form our children in the common language of prayer. We encourage you to pray the Glory Be (see Page 321), during your night prayer this week.*



To access and send an eAssessment to your child, go to the Student and Family section of aliveinchrist.osv.com.