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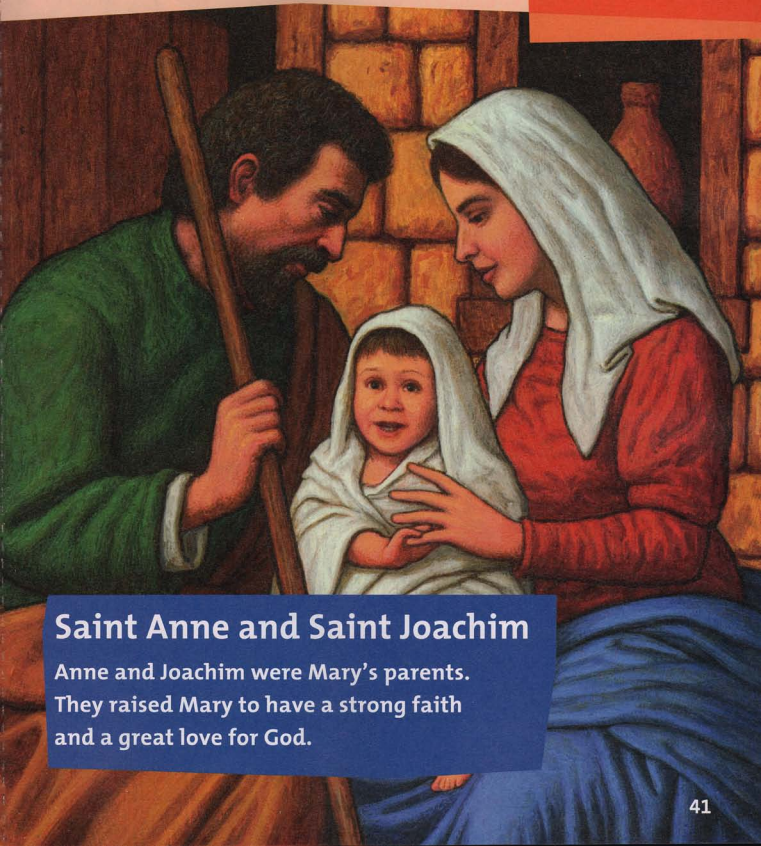
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Jesus Loves Us

Unit

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Saint Anne and Saint Joachim

Anne and Joachim were Mary's parents. They raised Mary to have a strong faith and a great love for God.

Saint Anne and Saint Joachim

Mary was devoted to God. She learned this devotion from her own parents, Anne and Joachim.

Mary listened to God and became the mother of Jesus. She was open to God because of her faith and the faith of her parents.

Saint Anne is the patron saint of mothers. She is also the patron saint of women who are expecting babies. Saint Joachim is the patron saint of fathers.



Jesus Is Faithful

Session 6



What are some ways you have obeyed your parents? What are some chores you have helped with?



Prayer

Jesus, Son of God, give me the grace to love God and to be faithful to him.

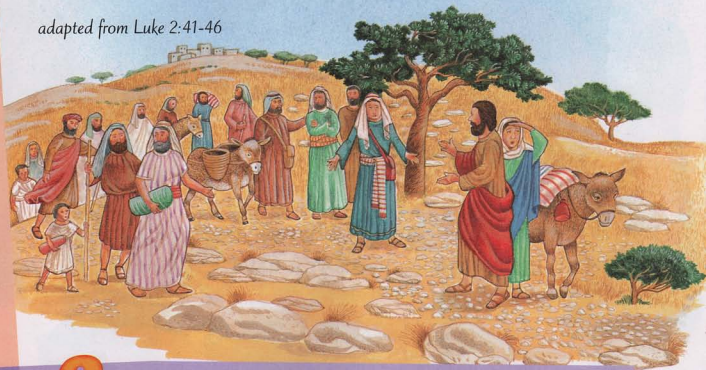
Jesus With the Teachers

When Jesus was 12 years old, he went with his parents to Jerusalem. They were celebrating a festival. When the festival was over, Mary and Joseph headed for home with their friends.

Mary and Joseph thought Jesus was traveling with them. They looked for him, but they could not find him. They became very worried.

Mary and Joseph returned to Jerusalem to look for Jesus. After three days they found him in the Temple.

adapted from Luke 2:41-46



Did You Know?

The Temple was the most important place of worship for the Jewish people.



Jesus was sitting with the teachers, listening to them and asking questions. When his parents saw him, they were amazed.

Mary asked, "Son, why did you do this to us? We were very worried about you."

Jesus said, "I must do what my Father wants me to do." His parents did not completely understand.

Jesus returned home with Mary and Joseph. Mary remembered what happened. Jesus grew older and wiser.

adapted from Luke 2:47-52

Jesus the Good Son

Jesus realized that he should obey his parents and not cause them to worry. That is why he went home with them and always did what they asked.

Like Jesus, you should listen to and obey your parents. Ask Jesus to help you obey them.

Finding Jesus

Use the words in the box to tell about when Mary and Joseph found Jesus.

Mary Temple three

1. the number of days that Jesus was missing

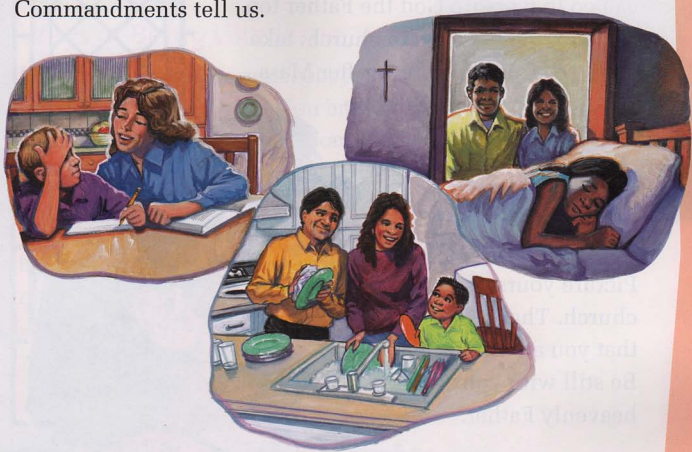
2. the person who looked for Jesus

3. where Jesus was found



God's Special Rules

Jesus, Mary, and Joseph were followers of the Jewish faith. They accepted the **Ten Commandments** and always obeyed them. As Catholics, we also are to follow the Ten Commandments. We follow Jesus when we obey the Commandments. Our **conscience** guides us to do what the Commandments tell us.



Reading God's Word

Honor your mother and father so that you may live a long life.

adapted from Exodus 20:12

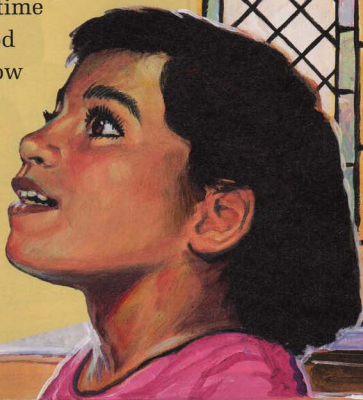


Prayer

Jesus was at home in the Temple.
This was the special place where he
could worship God the Father.

You have a special place where you
can go to worship God the Father too.
The next time you go to church, take
time to be quiet before or after Mass.
Make this your special time
and place to be with God
your Father. Imagine how
happy he is to be
with you!

Picture yourself in
church. Thank God
that you are his child.
Be still with your
heavenly Father.



Living My Faith

Faith Summary

Jesus was faithful to the Ten Commandments. They help us love God and others.

Words I Learned

conscience Ten Commandments

Ways of Being Like Jesus

Jesus honored his parents, obeyed them, and helped them. You are like Jesus when you follow his example.

With My Family

Show your love for your family. Every time someone does something nice for you, do something nice for another person.



Prayer

*Thank you, God, for giving us your Commandments.
Help me to obey you as Jesus did.*

My Response

Write a sentence to show what you can do to obey your parents.

RAISING FAITH-FILLED KIDS

a parent page

Focus on Faith

Jesus' Obedience and Ours

Jesus was a faithful Jewish boy who loved and obeyed his parents. We like to emphasize this when we talk to our children. We tell them that they should be obedient to their parents, just as Jesus was obedient to his. The root word for *obedience* means "to hear or to listen." As parents, we need to listen carefully to our children in order to recognize their concerns and respond to them. Becoming a good listener is one obligation we have if we are to raise our children in the ways that Jesus wants. As Christian parents, we have authority over our children. We are called to exercise this authority by nurturing our children's growth in the Christian life.

Dinnertime Conversation Starter

Explain to your children that you are always ready to listen, whether they have good or bad news. Tell them that their honesty is more important than any mistake they might make. Be sure not to criticize them when they are honest. Instead, discuss what they should do in the future to act according to Jesus' teaching.



Our Catholic Heritage

Catholicism has developed into a truly global religion. For example, in recent years Catholicism has shown tremendous growth in Africa. Approximately 390 million people in Africa are Christian; of those, roughly 115 million are Catholic. As recently as the early to mid 1990s, there were fewer than 100 million Catholics in Africa.



Hints for at Home

Help your child create a Time for Prayer clock. You will need a paper plate, crayons or markers, construction paper, scissors, and a brass fastener. With crayons or markers, decorate the paper plate to look like a clock. Create praying hour and minute hands by tracing your child's hands, fingers together, onto the paper. Cut out the hands and attach them to the center of the clock with the fastener, and hang the clock in a special place. You may wish to designate a special family prayer time, such as before dinner or at bedtime. You may also allow time for prayer when the moment is appropriate, such as when asking for guidance or expressing special thanks.

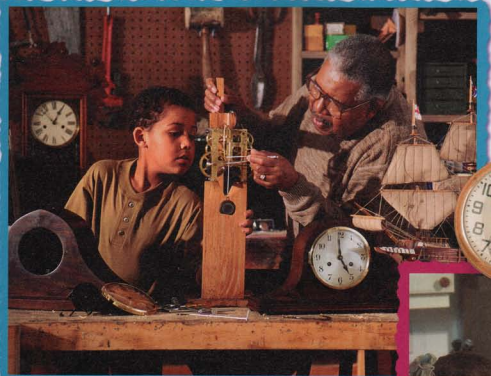


Focus on Prayer

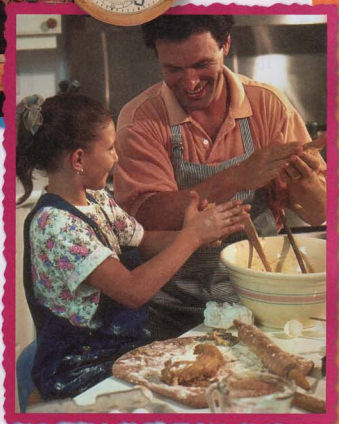
The family provides a nurturing environment in which your child can learn to pray. Be a positive role model. Guide your child to understand that speaking and listening to God can be done at any moment.

Review

Session 10



Jesus is the Son of God and the son of Mary. Jesus is our friend and Savior. Through his example of love and goodness, we can follow God's way. What can you do to show your love for Jesus?



Prayer

Thank you, Jesus, for watching over me. Help me obey God and my parents.

Faith Summary

Jesus obeyed the Ten Commandments. He obeyed his heavenly Father and Mary and Joseph.

Jesus did all he could to help others. We can follow his example and discover the goodness in others.

Jesus told the parable of the lost sheep to show God's concern for us. He gave us our pope, bishops, and priests to care for us.

Jesus calls everyone to follow God. Everyone is welcome.

People Who Served God

Peter served God and others. The sentence in the orange box tells about Peter. In the blue box write the name of another important person you have learned about in this unit. Then write a sentence about this person.

Peter

Jesus chose Peter to lead
the church.

Be Like Jesus

Read each of the sentences below. On the lines write what you could do to be like Jesus.



Your friend has broken her arm.



You see your neighbor shoveling snow on a cold day.



You see a little boy crying because he is lost.

Jesus Is Many Things

Unscramble the words to tell about Jesus.

1. When Jesus gave sight to those who could not see, he was a **elhare**. _____



2. When Jesus left Jerusalem with Joseph and Mary, he was a **dogo ons**. _____



3. When Jesus told parables, he was a **ecetahr**. _____



4. When Jesus loves and cares for us, he is like the **dogo hspehrde**. _____



5. When Simeon saw Jesus in the Temple, he knew that Jesus was the **hsesiMa**. _____





Prayer Service

Leader: *Let us begin our prayer with the Sign of the Cross.*

A reading from the Book of Psalms.

Know that God created us and watches over us. He cares for us always.

[adapted from Psalm 100:3]

Leader: *Let us pray to Jesus.*

Jesus, you are the Son of the living God.

All: *Receive our thanks and praise.*

Leader: *Jesus, you are our teacher and friend.*

All: *Receive our thanks and praise.*

Leader: *Let us pray together the Lord's Prayer.*

Living My Faith

Ways of Being Like Jesus

Jesus cares for all the people in the world. You are like Jesus when you do things to help others.

With My Family

Visit a church that has stained-glass windows. Enjoy the beautiful works of art with your family.



Prayer

Dear God, thank you for giving us Jesus to tell us about your goodness. Help me as I bring your goodness to those I meet today.

My Response

What would you like to thank Jesus for?
Draw a picture or write a sentence to thank him.