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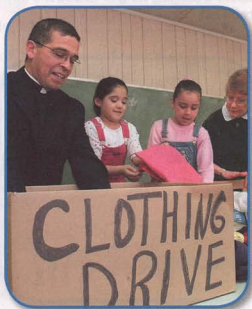
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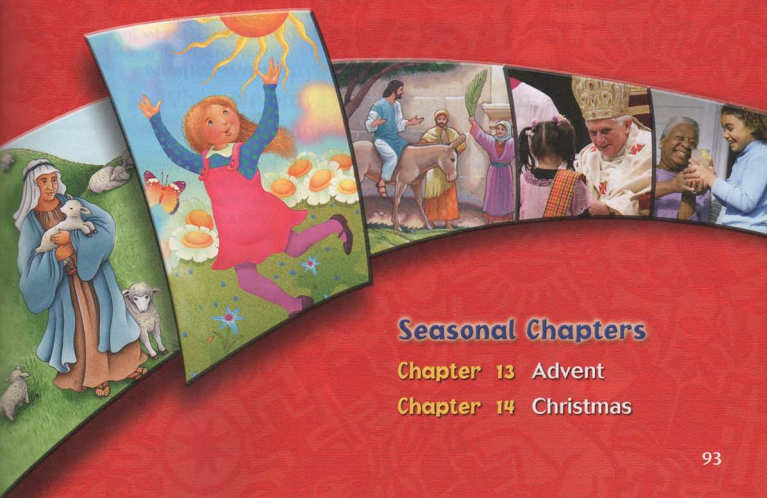
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In Unit 2 your child will grow as a disciple of Jesus by:

- appreciating that Jesus had many followers, and he taught them to pray
- understanding that Jesus died and rose to bring us new life
- learning that Jesus Christ sent the Holy Spirit to his followers
- hearing the story of Pentecost, and the ways the Holy Spirit helps the Church to grow
- recognizing that the pope and bishops lead the Church in caring for and serving others.

Celebrate!

This image is a model of the Temple in Jerusalem during Jesus' time. Jesus was Jewish, and so the roots of our Catholic faith are Jewish. If you have Jewish friends, invite them for a meal and celebrate your common heritage. Pray for all Jewish People.



Show That You Care

In Chapter 12 your child will learn about the pope and the bishops. Help your child to name the Church leaders. (Visit your parish Web site.)

Our pope is _____

Our bishop is _____

Our pastor is _____

Our parish ministers are _____

Together thank God for those who serve the Church today.

Reality Check

"Parents' respect and affection are expressed by the care and attention they devote to bringing up their young children and providing for their physical and spiritual needs."

(Catechism of the Catholic Church, 2228)

Pray Today

Pray the Lord's Prayer together. Talk about the ways your family can help the Kingdom of God to grow. Remind your child that you always pray the Lord's Prayer at Mass on Sunday.

Fast Facts

The Church uses several symbols to represent the Holy Spirit: a flame, a dove, clouds and light, a hand, and others. In your church, look for any symbols for the Holy Spirit. Which symbol means the most to your family?

Take Home

Each chapter in your child's *We Believe* Grade 1 text offers a "Take Home" activity that invites your family to support your child's journey to more fully become a disciple of Christ.

Be ready for this unit's Take Home:

Chapter 8: Praying the Lord's Prayer together

Chapter 9: Praising God

Chapter 10: Joining the parish for breakfast

Chapter 11: Making a Holy Spirit poster

Chapter 12: Pledging to serve others

Jesus Had Many Followers

8

✝ We Gather in Prayer

🎵 Jesus Wants to Help Us

We believe Jesus wants to help us.

We believe Jesus wants to help us.

We believe that Jesus
always wants to help us.

When we pray, Jesus wants to hear us.

When we pray, Jesus wants to hear us.

We believe that Jesus
always wants to hear us.



Jesus invited people to be his followers.

WE GATHER

✝ *Jesus, please help us to be your followers.*

👤 Act out how you feel when you get a special invitation from a friend.

WE BELIEVE

Jesus invited people to come and be with him.

He asked people to be his followers.

Here is a story about our friend Jesus and his first followers.

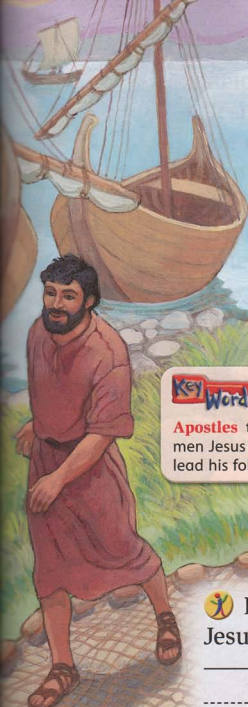
📖 **Matthew 4:18–20**

Read Along

One day Jesus was walking by the sea. He saw two brothers fishing. Their names were Peter and Andrew.

Jesus invited Peter and Andrew to be his followers. "At once they left their nets and followed him." (Matthew 4:20)





Jesus asked other men and women to be his followers, too. Those who became his followers learned from him.

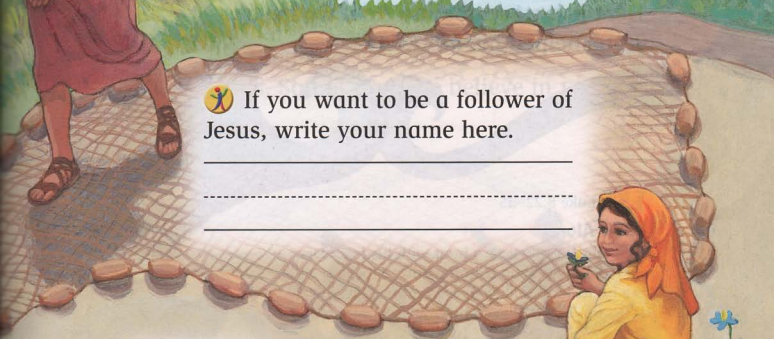
They tried to act as Jesus did. They shared God's love with others as Jesus did. They became his friends.


Jesus had many followers. The **Apostles** were the twelve men Jesus chose to lead his followers.

Jesus invites each of us to be his follower, too.

Key Word

Apostles the twelve men Jesus chose to lead his followers



 If you want to be a follower of Jesus, write your name here.

WE RESPOND

Why do you want to be a follower of Jesus?

How can you follow him?





Jesus' followers believed that he was the Son of God.

WE GATHER

✝ *Jesus, we believe that you are the Son of God.*

When are some times you need help? Who helps you?

WE BELIEVE

Jesus spent a lot of time with his followers. They trusted Jesus very much. Here is a story about a time when Jesus helped his followers.



Luke 8:22-25

Read Along

One day Jesus was in a boat with his followers. He fell asleep. Soon a storm started rocking the boat. Jesus' followers were afraid. They woke Jesus up. They believed he would help them.

Jesus told the winds and waves to be still. Jesus' followers were amazed because the storm stopped. They asked, "Who then is this, who commands even the winds and the sea, and they obey him?" (Luke 8:25)



Act out the story.

Jesus did amazing things to help people.
Jesus calmed the storm.
He did many things that only God can do.
Jesus' followers saw these things and believed in him.
They believed Jesus was the Son of God.

WE RESPOND

Imagine that you were on that boat with Jesus.

What would you have said to Jesus after he calmed the storm?

What will you do to show that you believe in Jesus?

Pray together.

Jesus, Son of God, we believe in you.



Jesus showed his followers how to pray.

WE GATHER

✝ *Jesus, you are always with us.*

Talk about something you have learned by listening to others.

Talk about something you have learned by watching other people.

WE BELIEVE

Jesus often prayed to God the Father. Sometimes Jesus prayed alone. Sometimes he prayed with other people.

Jesus' followers learned to pray by watching him pray.

They learned to pray by listening to Jesus, too.

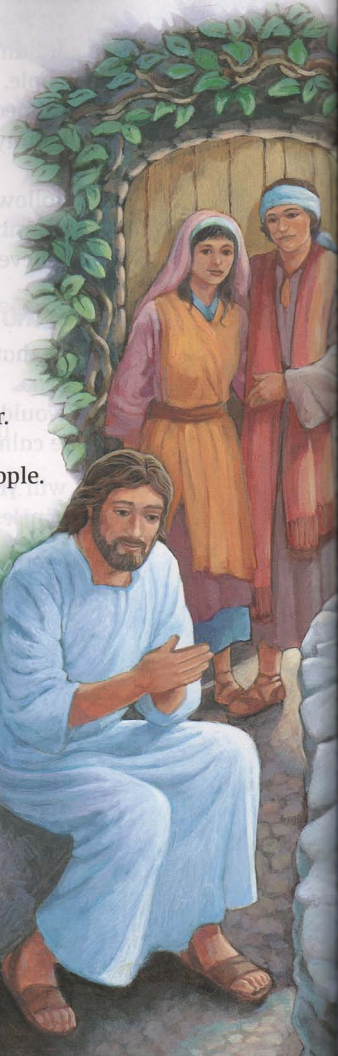


Luke 11:1-2

Read Along

One day Jesus was praying. When he was finished, one of his followers asked him to teach the group to pray.

Jesus told his followers, "When you pray, say: 'Father, hallowed be your name.'" (Luke 11:2)




We call the prayer Jesus taught his followers the **Lord's Prayer**.

We also call this prayer the Our Father.
Here are the words we pray.

Key Word

Lord's Prayer the prayer Jesus taught his followers

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done on earth as it is in
heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass
against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
Amen.

 Decorate the prayer frame.

WE RESPOND

Who teaches you to pray?
Why do you pray?

As Catholics...

Lord is another name for God. Jesus' followers sometimes called him Lord. We use the name *Lord* in many of our prayers. When we do this, we remember that Jesus is the Son of God.

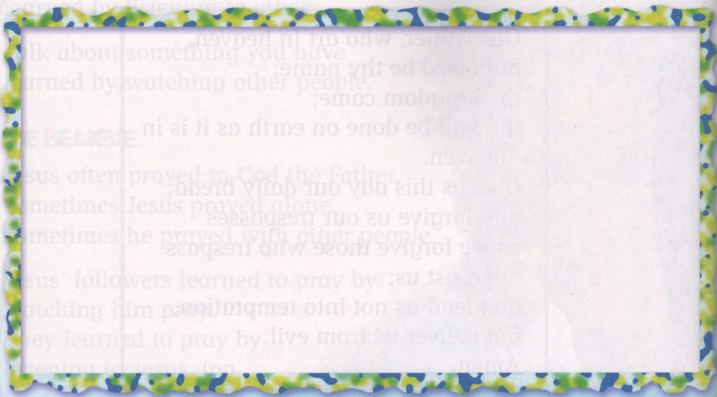
During Sunday Mass, listen for the times we pray, "Lord."

We pray the Lord's Prayer.

WE GATHER

✝ Jesus, teach us to pray as you did.

👤 Draw a picture to show a time you prayed with your family.



WE BELIEVE

Jesus taught his followers the Lord's Prayer.

We can pray this prayer with others or by ourselves.



The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven,

hallowed be thy name;

thy kingdom come;
thy will be done on earth
as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily
bread;

and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who
trespass against us;

and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
Amen.

When we pray this prayer:

We praise God.
We pray to God as our loving
Father.


We say that God is holy.
We honor and respect his name.

We ask that all people will know
and share God's love.
This is what God wants for all
of us.

We ask God to give us what
we need.
We remember all people who
are hungry or poor.

We ask God to forgive us.
We need to forgive others.

We ask God to keep us free from
anything that goes against his love.

 Make up actions for the Lord's Prayer.

WE RESPOND

When do you hear the Lord's Prayer prayed?

Gather in a circle. Pray the Lord's Prayer together.



PROJECT

Pray
Learn
Celebrate
Share
Choose
Live

Show What *you* Know

Apostles

Lord's Prayer

Write the **Key Word** that answers each question.

What is the prayer Jesus taught his followers?

Who are the twelve men Jesus chose to lead his followers?



Many fishermen in France pray this prayer. It shows they trust God.

*Dear God,
be good to me.
The sea is so wide,
and my boat is so small.*
(Fishers of Brittany, France)

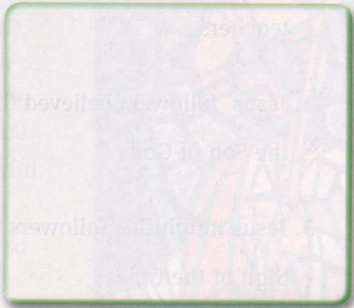


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What's *the* Word?

Jesus taught us to pray the Lord's Prayer. Part of this prayer is, "Give us this day our daily bread." When we pray these words, we are praying for the needs of all people. Draw some things that people need today.



Make *it* Happen

Finish this message to Jesus.
As your friend and follower, I can

- share my toys.
- pay attention in school.
- say my prayers.
- help a friend.

- _____
(your own way)



Take Home

Share the stories about Jesus you have learned this week. Pray the Lord's Prayer together as a family. Talk about what the words mean.

CHAPTER TEST

Circle the correct answer.

1. The _____ of Jesus learned from him.

teachers

followers

2. Jesus' followers believed that he was _____.

the Son of God

an Apostle

3. Jesus taught his followers the _____.

Sign of the Cross

Lord's Prayer

4. The _____ men Jesus chose to lead his followers were the Apostles.

twelve

ten

5. Jesus _____ prayed to God the Father.

never

often



What did Jesus do to help his followers in the storm?

UNIT TEST

Fill in the circle beside the correct answer.

1. Jesus taught his followers how to _____.

pray

read

2. Jesus told us that he was the _____.

pope

Good Shepherd

3. The Church is all the people who believe in _____ and follow his teachings.

Peter

Jesus

Circle the correct answer.

4. Is the Holy Spirit the Third Person of the Blessed Trinity?

Yes

No

5. Did Jesus choose John to be the leader of the Apostles?

Yes

No

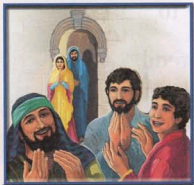
6. Did Jesus' followers believe he was the Son of God?

Yes

No

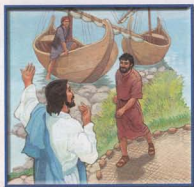
Match each sentence to the correct picture.

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- Jesus invited people to be his followers.

8.



- Jesus taught his followers to pray.

9.



- The first members of the Church shared God's love with others.

10.



- The Holy Spirit came to Jesus' followers on Pentecost.