



The first-grade program of the *Christ Our Life* series, *God Is Good*, is designed to provide a simple overview of the mysteries of our faith. Through learning of the goodness of God, and the love of Jesus, the children respond to God in friendship and prayer.

Unit	Chapter	Theme	Scripture	CCC References
1 God Is Our Good Father The children will more deeply realize the great love God has for them. They will desire to pray to God.	1. Jesus Is Our Friend	Jesus, our Savior, invites us to be his friends.	Mark 10:13–16; John 15:14; Matthew 28:20; Luke 18:16; Mark 16:15	425, 617–618, 2157
	2. God Is Good	God made the world good.	Genesis 1:1–2:4; Genesis 2:4–25; Psalm 104:24	282, 289–293, 299, 307, 2415
	3. God Is Our Father	God loves, cares for, and forgives us like a good father.	Genesis 1:26–27; Matthew 6:25–34; Genesis 1:27	302–303, 355–357, 2793
	4. God Our Father Is Holy	We worship God in church by words and actions.	Exodus 3:1–3; Exodus 33:7–23, 34:6–9; Psalm 95:6–7	1180–1186, 2691, 2809, 2811
	5. God Shares His Life with Us	Through Baptism, we become children of God and Christians.	Psalm 63:2; John 8:12; Ezekiel 36:25–26	1213, 1217–1222, 1234–1243
	6. God Speaks to Us	God speaks to us in silence, in the Bible, and through helpers.	1 Kings 19:9–13; Mark 9:37; Luke 11:28	105–107, 1880, 2717
	7. We Pray to God Our Father	We listen and talk to God in many ways every day.	1 Samuel 3; Jeremiah 29:12; Luke 11:9	2559, 2628–2629, 2637, 2639, 2698
	8. Jesus Teaches Us to Pray to Our Father	God’s family prays the Our Father that Jesus taught us.	Matthew 6:9–13; Luke 11:1–4; Matthew 6:11	2759, 2761, 2765–2766
2 God Sent His Son as Our Savior The children will know the story of the Fall and the story of God’s fulfillment of the promise of a Savior.	9. God Promised a Savior	After Adam and Eve sinned, God promised a Savior so that we could be happy with God forever in heaven.	Genesis 1,2; Genesis 3; Isaiah 35:4	218, 396–400, 839, 1731
	10. God Chose Mary and Joseph	Mary consented to be the Mother of the Savior.	Luke 1:26–38; Luke 1:39–56; Matthew 1:18–25; Luke 1:38	488, 494–495, 532, 534, 2220
	11. Jesus Our Savior Was Born in Bethlehem	On Christmas, we celebrate that Jesus came to save all people.	Matthew 1:18–25; Luke 2:1–7; Matthew 2:1–12; Luke 2:8–20; John 3:16 Luke 2:11	461, 525–526, 528, 826, 1889
	12. Families Share Life and Love	The Holy Family shows us how to live in our own family and in our parish.	Luke 2:22–38; Luke 2:39–40; Luke 2:51–52; 1 Corinthians 13:4–7	531–533, 1140–1141, 1154
3 Jesus Shows Us He Is Good The children will understand how to live the two great laws of love. They will be inspired to go to Jesus the Good Shepherd for forgiveness when they have done wrong.	13. Jesus Calls Apostles	Jesus invites everyone to help him.	Matthew 8:23–27; Mark 1:16–20, 2:13–14; John 1:35–51; Luke 4:16–22; Mark 1:17	541, 547–548, 849–856, 934
	14. Jesus Shows God’s Love	Jesus, who healed and forgave people, asks us to show his love today.	Mark 1:40–43; Mark 2:1–12; Mark 5:21–24, 35–43; Matthew 11:5	1503–1509
	15. Jesus Teaches Us to Love God	The greatest commandment is to love God.	Mark 12:28–30; John 15:9; Song of Songs 3:2	1695, 1803, 2055
	16. Jesus Teaches Us to Love Others	We love others by helping those in need.	Mark 12:28–31; Mark 12:41–44; Luke 10:29–37; John 13:34–35; Mark 12:31	1931, 1932, 1937
	17. Jesus Calls Himself the Good Shepherd	Jesus forgives us when we are sorry.	Psalm 23; Luke 15:1–7; John 10:1–21; John 10:27	1443, 1451–1453, 1490
	18. We Come to Our Good Shepherd	The Church comes together to ask forgiveness.	Matthew 18:10–14; 1 Peter 2:24–25; Isaiah 40:11	1425–1428, 1454, 1468–1469
4 Jesus Shows His Great Love The children will be familiar with the Paschal Mystery. They will be determined to live as loving, active members of the Church.	19. Jesus Gives the Gift of Himself	Jesus offered himself for us at the Last Supper and on the cross.	Mark 11:1–11; Matthew 26:26–29; Luke 22:14–20; Matthew 27; Mark 15; Luke 23; John 19; Matthew 26:26	559–560, 610–611, 613–614, 616–617
	20. Jesus Is Risen	Jesus rose from the dead, and so we will also rise.	John 20; Luke 24:13–35; John 20:19	638, 641, 644, 1443–1444, 1468
	21. Jesus Sends Us the Spirit	The Holy Spirit came to the Church on Pentecost to guide and strengthen us.	Matthew 28:16–20; Acts of the Apostles 1:6–12; Acts of the Apostles 1:13–2:47; Romans 5:5	659, 731–732, 1266, 1813, 2623
	22. Jesus Is with Us in His Church	The Holy Spirit guides and cares for the Church through its leaders.	John 21:1–19; Isaiah 2:3	818, 836–838, 880–882, 1267–1270
	23. Mary Is the Mother of the Church	We honor and imitate Mary, God’s Mother and ours.	Luke 1:26–38; John 19:25–27; John 19:27	966–967, 971–972
	24. The Holy Spirit Helps the Church	We share the Good News in the Gospels by our lives.	Matthew 5:14–16; Mark 16:14–20; Acts of the Apostles 2; John 15:26–27	84, 125–127, 849–856
	25. We Give Glory to God	The Holy Spirit helps us give glory to God in words and deeds.	Psalm 148; Colossians 3:12–17; Psalm 148:5	293–294, 422–424, 460, 736, 2641

The children should

- become aware of God’s presence and goodness in their lives, in others, in the world, and in his Church.
- respond to God’s goodness by loving him and others.

- Prayer in this grade**
- Sign of the Cross
 - Glory Be to the Father
 - Lord’s Prayer (Our Father)
 - Stations of the Cross
 - Hail Mary
 - To the Guardian Angel
 - Morning Prayer (adapted)

Catholic Social Teaching Themes	Words Learned	Saints and Holy People*
Family and Community	Christ, Jesus	Saint Mark
God’s Creation	Creation, Creator	Saint Francis of Assisi
Life and Dignity, Solidarity, The Poor and Vulnerable		Saint Anthony of Padua
		Moses, Saint Matthew
God’s Creation, Family and Community	Baptism, Christian, Church	Saint Julie Billiart
	Bible	Elijah, Saint Andrew
The Poor and Vulnerable	prayer	Samuel, Saint Luke
Solidarity		Saint Ignatius of Loyola
Family and Community, God’s Creation	grace, heaven, Savior	Adam and Eve, Saint John Bosco
Work and Workers	angel, Joseph, Mary	Mary, Saint: Joseph, Elizabeth
The Poor and Vulnerable	Christmas	Saint Monica
Family and Community	Holy Family, Mass, parish	Saint Joan of Arc
Solidarity, Work and Workers	apostle	Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini
The Poor and Vulnerable, Solidarity		Saint Jude
		Saint John
Solidarity		Blessed Teresa of Calcutta
		Blessed Junipero Serra
		Saint Patrick
		Saint Blaise
Solidarity	Easter, Eucharist, Resurrection	Saint: Francis of Assisi, Thomas
	Holy Spirit	Saint Teresa of Ávila
Family and Community, Solidarity	Catholic, pope	Saint: Peter, Juan Diego
The Poor and Vulnerable		Saint Thérèse of the Child Jesus
	Gospel	Saint Martin of Tours; Mary Elizabeth Lange, OSP
Family and Community		Saint Paul

* Information on more saints can be found in Saints and Feast Days, pages T431–T436.