

*Faith and Life Series*  
*22 Week Curriculum Outline*

*Grade 2*  
*Jesus Our Life*

*Third Edition*

# **Grade 2: Jesus Our Life**

## **22 Week Parish Curriculum**

**THEME:** Preparation for the first reception of the Sacraments of Penance and Holy Communion, with the law of God and salvation history as background. The lessons emphasize God's mercy and love. The curriculum covers Creation, the covenant with Moses, the Ten Commandments, redemption, forgiveness of sins, and the Mass.

**Sacramental Preparation: Students will study the Sacraments of Penance and Holy Communion in preparation to receive them for the first time.**

**They will learn about sin, God's mercy, confession of sins, Reconciliation, the steps to a good Confession, and the matter, form, effects, and minister of the Sacrament of Penance.**

**They will also study the Passover, Last Supper, the institution of the Eucharist, Transubstantiation, the priesthood, sacrifice, the order and parts of the Mass, personal union with Christ in Holy Communion, Eucharistic devotion, and the matter, form, effects, and minister of the Sacrament of Holy Communion.**

**The Sacrament of Penance is studied in chapters 17, 18, 19, 20, and 30.**

**The Sacrament of Holy Communion is studied in chapters 22, 25, 27, 28, 30, and 33.**

### **Weeks 1-8**

#### **❖ Part I: Salvation History**

- ❖ Chapters 1-16: God teaches us through His Law. We obey through love.

### **Weeks 9-12**

#### **❖ Part II: Preparation for First Reconciliation**

- ❖ Chapters 17-20: We have forgiveness of sins in and through Jesus' sacrifice.

### **Weeks 13-22**

#### **❖ Part III: Preparation for First Communion and Life in the Church**

- ❖ Chapters 21-34: We prepare for life in Heaven by our life in the Church and by receiving Jesus in the Eucharist.

**AIM:** To prepare second-grade students for the Sacraments of Penance and Holy Communion, and to help them appreciate God's love for them shown in these two Sacraments. Students will learn how to receive the Sacrament of Penance, the order of the Mass, and the basics of prayer.

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## Part I: Salvation History

### Week 1: Souls / Blessed Trinity

- Ch. 1: Our Heavenly Father
  - a. Our Father wants us to be in heaven
  - b. God gave us our souls to allow us to love
  - c. God gave the Bible to us to help teach us how to get to heaven
  
- Ch. 2: The Blessed Trinity
  - a. Three Persons in one God
  - b. God calls us to share in his relationship of love

### Week 2: Creation / Image and Likeness of God

- Ch. 3: God the Creator
  - a. God created out of love
  - b. We are made to praise God
  
- Ch. 4: God Made Us
  - a. We are made in the image and likeness of God

### Week 3: Angels / The Fall / Original Sin / Baptism

- Ch. 5: God Is Offended
  - a. God created the angels
  - b. God tested the angels and some fell from grace and became devils
  - c. God tested man
  - d. The Fall of man
  
- Ch. 6: Becoming a Child of God
  - a. Baptism restores us to grace

### Week 4: Adam & Eve / Noah & the Flood / Abraham / David

- Ch. 7: Obeying God Our Father
  - a. God promised a Savior
  - b. Servants of God
    - i. Noah
    - ii. Abraham
    - iii. David

### Week 5: Moses / Ten Commandments / Loving God and Neighbor

- Ch. 8: God Gives Us His Laws
  - a. Moses delivered his people
  - b. Ten Commandments
  
- Ch. 9: I Choose to Love God
  - a. Love of God and neighbor

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## Part I: Salvation History (Continued)

### Week 6: Preparation for Jesus / Jesus' Birth and Youth

#### Ch. 10: Preparing for Our Savior

- a. Annunciation
- b. Advent

#### Ch. 11: The Savior Is Born

- a. Birth
- b. Shepherds and Magi
- c. Flight into Egypt

#### Ch. 12: The Holy Family

- a. The Holy Family
  - i. Jesus
  - ii. Mary
  - iii. Joseph

### Week 7: Parables

#### Ch. 13: Good News

- a. Jesus begins his ministry
- b. Jesus was baptized
- c. Jesus was tempted
- d. The Mustard Seed
- e. The Buried Treasure

#### Ch. 14: Jesus Our Teacher

- a. The Good Samaritan
- b. Corporal Works of Mercy

### Week 8: Prayer / Miracles

#### Ch. 15: Let Us Pray

- a. Our Father
- b. Types and kinds of prayer

#### Ch. 16: We Believe

- a. Miracles
  - i. Wedding at Cana
  - ii. Calming of the storm
  - iii. Multiplication of loaves and fishes
  - iv. Eucharist
  - v. Jairus' daughter

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## **Part II: Preparation for First Reconciliation**

### Week 9: Asking Forgiveness

#### Ch. 17: Asking Forgiveness

- a. Sin is turning away from God
- b. Repentance is turning back to God

### Week 10: Forgiveness of Sins

#### Ch. 18: Jesus Forgives

- a. We must have sorrow for our sins to be forgiven
- b. Sacrament of Penance

### Week 11: Sacrament of Penance

#### Ch. 19: The Sacrament of Penance

- a. Steps to a good confession
  - i. Examination of conscience
  - ii. Sorrow for sin
  - iii. Decide not to sin again
  - iv. Tell your sins to a priest
  - v. Do the penance the priest gives you

### Week 12: Making Up for Our Offenses

#### Ch. 20: Making up for Our Offenses

- a. Zacchaeus
- b. Penance and temporal punishments
- c. Virtues and vices

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## Part III: Preparation for First Communion and Life in the Church

### Week 13: Good Shepherd / Last Supper

#### Ch. 21: The Good Shepherd

- a. Jesus is our King and Shepherd

#### Ch. 22: The Last Supper

- a. Jesus celebrated the Passover at the Last Supper
- b. True Presence - Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity

### Week 14: Crucifixion

#### Ch. 23: Jesus Dies for Us

- a. Agony in the Garden
- b. Jesus was condemned, scourged, crucified, and died

### Week 15: Resurrection

#### Ch. 24: He Is Risen, Alleluia!

- a. Resurrection appearances
- b. The apostles received the Holy Spirit
- c. Easter

### Week 16: The Holy Mass

#### Ch. 25: The Holy Mass

- a. "Do this in memory of me."
- b. At Mass we celebrate the Resurrection
- c. The Mass is the perfect prayer

### Week 17: Parts of the Mass

#### Ch. 26: What We Do at Mass

- a. Parts of the Mass
  - i. Introductory Rites
  - ii. Liturgy of the Word
  - iii. Liturgy of the Eucharist
  - iv. Concluding Rite

### Week 18: Holy Communion

#### Ch. 27: Jesus Comes to Us

- a. Consecration
- b. Jesus comes to us in Holy Communion

#### Ch. 28: Jesus, My Lord and My God

- a. Four steps to receiving Holy Communion
  - i. Be free of mortal sin
  - ii. Observe the Eucharistic fast
  - iii. Receive Jesus reverently
  - iv. Thank Jesus

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## **Part III: Preparation for First Communion and Life in the Church**

### **(continued)**

Week 19: Forty days after the Resurrection, the Ascension, and the Coming of the Holy Spirit

Ch. 29: Jesus Returns to the Father

- a. After the Resurrection
- b. Ascension

Ch. 30: The Coming of the Holy Spirit

- a. Pentecost
- b. Seven Sacraments
  - i. Baptism
  - ii. Penance
  - iii. Eucharist
  - iv. Confirmation
  - v. Marriage
  - vi. Holy Orders
  - vii. Anointing of the Sick

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## **Part III: Preparation for First Communion and Life in the Church**

### **(Continued)**

#### Week 20: The Church

##### Ch. 31: God's Family: The Church

- a. Members of the Church
  - i. Pope
  - ii. Bishops
  - iii. Priests
  - iv. Deacons
  - v. Religious
  - vi. Laity
- b. The Church is the Body of Christ

#### Week 21: The Blessed Virgin Mary

##### Ch. 32: Mary, Our Mother

- a. Assumption
- b. Jesus gave Mary to us as our mother
- c. Rosary

#### Week 22: True Presence / Heaven

##### Ch. 33: Jesus Is Always Present

- a. Jesus promised always to be with his Church

##### Ch. 34: Heaven, Our Home

- a. Purgatory, heaven, and hell
- b. Resurrection of the body
- c. True happiness is fulfilled in heaven