

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

*Grade 3*  
*Our Life with Jesus*

*Third Edition*

# **Grade 3: Our Life with Jesus**

## **22 Week Parish Curriculum**

**THEME:** God's plan of salvation, from Creation to the Incarnation and Redemption, to the birth of the Church at Pentecost and our life in the Church. Special emphasis is placed on the importance of the Sacraments of Penance and the Eucharist, and the Mass.

### **Weeks 1-6**

- ❖ **Part I: Old Testament**
- ❖ Chapters 1-7: The Old Testament Covenant with God.

### **Weeks 7-11**

- ❖ **Part II: Obedience in Love**
- ❖ Chapters 8-14: Love of God through obedience to Him and his laws. In the Sacrament of Penance, we meet Jesus in His mercy.

### **Weeks 12-18**

- ❖ **Part III: Life of Jesus**
- ❖ Chapters 15-25: The life of Jesus and the Sacrifice of the Mass.

### **Weeks 19-22**

- ❖ **Part IV: Our Life in the Church**
- ❖ Chapters 26-30: Our part in the Church born of the Holy Spirit; our relationship with Mary and the Communion of Saints.

**AIM:** To teach third-grade students that they belong to God's Chosen People and that grace enables each child to be united with God and have an important role in God's family, the Church. Also, to encourage prayer, love for God's law, and frequent reception of the Sacraments.

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## Part I: Old Testament

### Week 1: The Blessed Trinity / Our Father

- Ch. 1: God Loves Us
- God is perfect in every way
  - God made us in his image and likeness
  - God desires that we know him and pray to him

### Week 2: Creation / Heaven

- Ch. 2: God Created the World
- God is the Creator
  - God made everything good
  - God gives us free will to know, love, and serve him; and to choose good and avoid evil
  - God desires that all of us go to heaven

### Week 3: Reason / Revelation / Magisterium

- Ch. 3: Learning about God
- Through creation and our reason we can know that God exists
  - God wants to reveal himself to us
  - Jesus is God's direct revelation to us

### Week 4: Angels / The Fall / Original Sin / Grace

- Ch. 4: The Promise of a Savior
- God created the angels
  - God gives each of us a guardian angel
  - Adam and Eve fell from grace
  - God promised to send a Savior
  - Through Baptism we receive sanctifying grace

### Week 5: Abraham

- Ch. 5: Abraham: The Father of God's People
- God called Abraham
  - God tested Abraham
  - Abraham responded in faith
  - God blessed Abraham and his descendants

### Week 6: Moses / God's Law

- Ch. 6: The Prophet Moses
- The Israelites were tested
  - God sent Moses to free his people
  - Passover
  - God made a Covenant with Moses
- Ch. 7: God's Laws of Love
- God gave Moses the Ten Commandments
  - Jesus gave the Great Commandment

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## **Part II: Obedience in Love**

### Week 7: David & Goliath

#### Ch. 8: King David

- a. Israel wanted an earthly king
- b. David slew Goliath
- c. David was anointed king
- d. David is a model to us as a man of prayer
- e. God promised that the Savior would be a descendant of David

### Week 8: 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> Commandments

#### Ch. 9: Loving God Most of All

- a. We must only worship the one true God
- b. We must use God's name with reverence

#### Ch. 10: The Lord's Day

- a. We must keep holy the Lord's Day

### Week 9: 4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Commandments

#### Ch. 11: Obedience and Love

- a. We must honor our parents
- b. We must respect and obey those in authority
- c. The Holy Family is a perfect model of love and obedience
- d. We must not kill

### Week 10: 6<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> Commandments

#### Ch. 12: Purity and Truth

- a. Our bodies are created by God and are temples of the Holy Spirit, so we must respect them
- b. God calls us to be faithful
- c. We should be satisfied with the gifts God has given us
- d. We should always be truthful

### Week 11: Mercy & Forgiveness / Sacrament of Penance

#### Ch. 13: God's Tender Mercy

- a. God's merciful love is endless
- b. God wants to forgive our sins
- c. Jesus gives us the Sacrament of Penance for the forgiveness of sins

#### Ch. 14: Meeting Jesus in Confession

- a. Preparing to receive the Sacrament of Penance
- b. Receiving the Sacrament of Penance

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## Part III: Life of Jesus

### Week 12: Annunciation / Incarnation / Nativity

#### Ch. 15: The Christ Child is Born

- a. The Angel Gabriel visited Mary
- b. Mary said, “Yes” to God
- c. God became man.
- d. Jesus was born of the Virgin Mary to redeem man

### Week 13: Hidden Life / Baptism of Jesus / Miracles

#### Ch. 16: Jesus Grows in Age and Wisdom

- a. Hidden life
- e. Jesus was baptized

#### Ch. 17: Signs and Wonders

- a. Jesus’ miracles show that he is God
- b. Jesus gave us parables to teach us
- f. Jesus calls us all to continual conversion

### Week 14: The Last Supper

#### Ch. 18: The Last Supper, Our First Mass

- a. The Last Supper was a Passover meal
- b. Jesus gives us himself in the Eucharist

### Week 15: The Passion / Sacrifice

#### Ch. 19: Jesus Gives His Life for Us

- a. Jesus was arrested, suffers, and dies
- b. Death is conquered
- c. Grace and friendship are restored between God and man

#### Ch. 20: Offering Gifts of Love

- a. Jesus is the perfect sacrifice
- b. The Sacrifice of the Cross and the Sacrifice of the Mass are one and the same sacrifice

### Week 16: The Holy Mass

#### Ch. 21: The Holy Mass

- a. Introductory Rites
- b. Liturgy of the Word

#### Ch. 22: Offering Jesus to the Father

- a. Liturgy of the Eucharist
- b. Jesus is truly present in the Eucharist

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## **Part III: Life of Jesus (Continued)**

### Week 17: Eucharist / Holy Communion

#### Ch. 23: The Bread of Life

- a. Holy Communion is a sacred meal
- b. We receive Jesus in Holy Communion
- c. The Holy Mass is the perfect prayer

#### Ch. 24: Jesus Comes to Us in the Holy Eucharist

- a. Jesus prepares us to receive himself in the Holy Eucharist
- b. Receiving the Eucharist worthily
  - i. Believe that we are receiving Jesus
  - ii. Be free of mortal sin
  - iii. Eucharistic fast
- c. Thank and adore Jesus

### Week 18: The Resurrection

#### Ch. 25: Jesus Rises in Splendor

- a. Jesus rose from the dead on the third day
- b. Jesus appeared to his disciples over the next forty days
- c. Jesus ascended into heaven
- g. We will be judged
- h. Our bodies will also be raised from the dead

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## **Part IV: Our Life in the Church**

### Week 19: The Holy Spirit

#### Ch. 26: The Coming of the Holy Spirit

- a. The Holy Spirit descended on Pentecost
- b. We receive the Holy Spirit in Baptism
- c. We receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit

### Week 20: The Church / The Seven Sacraments

#### Ch. 27: God's Family on Earth

- a. Jesus founded the Church
- b. Jesus gave the Church leaders to carry on his work
- c. The Church is the Mystical Body of Christ

#### Ch. 28: Our Life in the Church

- a. Jesus instituted the seven sacraments
  - i. Baptism
  - ii. Penance
  - iii. Eucharist
  - iv. Confirmation
  - v. Holy Orders
  - vi. Matrimony
  - vii. Anointing of the Sick

### Week 21: The Blessed Virgin Mary

#### Ch. 29: Mary, Our Mother and Queen

- a. Jesus gave Mary to us to be our Mother
- b. Mary is the Immaculate Conception
- c. The assumption
- d. Queen of Heaven
- e. Mary intercedes for us with her Son

### Week 22: The Communion of Saints

#### Ch. 30: The Communion of Saints

- a. Death is the beginning of eternal life
- b. The Communion of Saints encompasses the whole Church
  - i. Church Triumphant
  - ii. Church Suffering
  - iii. Church Militant
- c. Our goal in life is to get to heaven