Faith and Life Series
22 Week Curriculum Outline

Grade 2
Jesus Our Life

Third Edition
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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.
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
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
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
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
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