



# Unit Planner: Unit 2: Baptism - We (The Church) are God's Family *and Growing with God* Religion 2

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## Unit 2: Baptism - We (The Church) are God's Family

Stage 1: Desired Results	
<p><b>General Information</b></p> <p>Benzinger Family Life Curriculum has been replaced by <b><i>Growing with God: Safe and Sacred</i></b>. The Department of Catholic Schools has decided that 5 of the 6 lessons in the Growing with God: Safe and Sacred Family Life Curriculum will better serve our students at the beginning of the year. Therefore, we are asking that the following lessons be taught from the <b><i>Growing with God: Safe and Sacred</i></b> Family Life Curriculum at the <b><i>start of this unit</i></b>. Then, you may continue teaching the remaining standards in this unit. Each lesson takes about 1 hour.</p> <p>Please refer to the Teacher Guide for Lessons 1, 2, 3, and 5. Lesson 7 is in the Booster Pack. As a reminder, <b><i>Lesson 4 is not taught</i></b>. Use the Growing with God Teacher Information Guide to support you with implementation of Growing with God lessons. The lessons are:</p> <p>Lesson 1: God Creates Us Lesson 2: Boundaries Lesson 3: Friendships and Bullying Lesson 5: Digital Discipleship Lesson 7: Trust and Secrets</p> <p><i>For the remaining parts of this unit, please refer to the information below:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In this unit students will develop an appreciation for everything and everyone as a gift from God.</li> <li>Students will also learn about the Sign of the Cross.</li> <li>Students will learn about the Sacrament of Baptism and what it calls us to do.</li> <li>The feast days and liturgical celebrations during this time frame in which these lessons take place (per Unit 1) are: Ordinary Time, the Rosary, St. Francis of Assisi...</li> <li>Scripture stories that can be incorporated into this unit are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Psalm 139:14; Mark 16:15</li> <li>John 12:23–24; John 15:5–7; John 3:16</li> <li>Ephesians 2:19–22; 1 John 3:1; 1 Peter 2:10</li> <li>Mark 7:31–37; 1 Peter 2:9</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p><b>Essential Question(s)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>What does Baptism call us to do in our everyday life?</li> <li>What gifts has God given us?</li> <li>How can we share God's gifts with others?</li> </ul>

<p><b>Enduring Understandings and Knowledge</b></p> <p><b>Students will understand:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We were made in God's image and given many gifts.</li> <li>• God sent Jesus to give us new life.</li> <li>• Through Baptism, we become members of the Church and share in God's life.</li> <li>• Baptism is the beginning of a new way of life in service to others.</li> <li>• Express joy and gratitude for being members of the Catholic Church.</li> </ul> <p><b>Recommended Prayers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Act of Faith, Hope, Love (adapted)</li> </ul>	<p><b>Skills</b></p> <p><b>Students will be able to:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recognize signs of Baptism.</li> <li>• Describe the gifts of God's love that are experienced each day.</li> <li>• Explain that God's gifts are for sharing and how we can give ourselves as gifts.</li> <li>• Explain that we are made in the image of God and name three things we can do because we are created in God's likeness (think, choose, and love).</li> <li>• Describe God's care for creation.</li> <li>• Explain why people are especially important to God.</li> <li>• Talk about trust in our heavenly Father's care.</li> <li>• Explain that Jesus showed the Father's love by dying and rising to give us new life.</li> <li>• Describe ways to express their love of the Father and his Son, Jesus.</li> <li>• Identify the disciples and themselves as members of the Church.</li> <li>• Name ways to follow Jesus more closely.</li> <li>• Describe how Baptism helps us to hear God's Word and spread it to others.</li> <li>• Describe the significance of and how to make the Sign of the Cross.</li> <li>• Explain how the Sign of the Cross is a sign of Jesus' love.</li> <li>• Identify themselves as God's children through Baptism.</li> <li>• Discuss the baptismal promises.</li> <li>• Explain that Church membership is expressed in a life of love according to Jesus' teachings.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Connections to Catholic Identity / Other Subjects</b></p> <p><b>Social Studies</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Unit 1 Skills &amp; Processes - The Bible is a secondary source.</li> <li>• Unit 2 Geography - continents and oceans</li> <li>• Unit 3: People of the Nations and World - different cultural/religious beliefs &amp; traditions</li> </ul> <p><b>Science</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Unit 3: Care for plants and animals, interdependence</li> </ul>	<p><b>Vocabulary</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• angels</li> <li>• Apostle</li> <li>• baptism</li> <li>• Christian</li> <li>• church</li> <li>• creation</li> <li>• creature</li> <li>• crucifix</li> <li>• Eucharist</li> <li>• gift</li> <li>• Godparents</li> <li>• Grace</li> <li>• Great Commandment</li> <li>• Holy Father</li> <li>• hope</li> <li>• image</li> <li>• love</li> <li>• Mass</li> <li>• Paschal Candle</li> <li>• Patron Saint</li> <li>• promise</li> <li>• Savior</li> <li>• sin</li> <li>• Son of God</li> <li>• union</li> </ul>

## Standards & Frameworks Addressed

### Religion

#### Grade 2

##### **Creed**

**Standard 1: CREED: Understand, believe and proclaim the Triune and redeeming God as revealed in creation and human experience, in Apostolic Tradition and Sacred Scripture, as entrusted to the teaching office of the Church.**

2.01.01 Recognize the Creed as the proclamation of our Catholic faith.

2.01.03 Recognize that we call on the Holy Trinity each time we make the Sign of the Cross.

2.01.04 Recognize that God is holy, all wise and all loving.

2.01.08 Define “creed” as a short summary of our key beliefs.

2.01.09 Name Mary as Jesus’ mother; because Jesus is God, the church honors Mary as the Mother of God.

2.01.10 Describe Mary as the Mother of the Church.

##### **Sacred Scripture**

**Standard 2: SACRED SCRIPTURE: Read, comprehend and articulate salvation history as conveyed in God’s revelation through Sacred Scripture.**

2.02.01 Recognize the Bible as God’s Word. (Sirach 24:31; Ex 17:6; 2 Peter 1:19-21; 2 Tim 3:16-17)

##### **Sacraments**

**Standard 3: SACRAMENTS: Understand and participate in the sacraments of the Church as efficacious signs of God’s grace, instituted by Christ and entrusted to the Church.**

2.03.01 Identify and define the seven sacraments as signs of God’s love and the means to strengthen our relationship with God.

2.03.02 Define sacrament as a perceptible sign instituted by Christ to give us grace.

2.03.03 Identify and describe the sacraments of initiation: Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist.

##### **Liturgy**

**Standard 4: LITURGY: Understand and celebrate the liturgical rites of the Church as expressed in the Church Year and celebrated in the Eucharist as the source and summit of Christian life.**

2.04.02 Explain that at Mass we gather as God’s family and pray the responses.

2.04.04 Show awareness of the activity of the Holy Trinity in the sacraments.

##### **Conscience**

**Standard 5: CONSCIENCE: Develop a moral conscience informed by Church teachings.**

2.05.01 Explain that our life is a gift from God and that we must care for our life and the lives of others.

2.05.05 Discuss the meaning of grace and how grace helps us do what is right and live in union with God.

2.01.10 Understand that God gives us the gift of grace; a participation in the life of God.

##### **Christian Living**

**Standard 6: CHRISTIAN LIVING: Understand and live the moral teachings of the Church through a life of discipleship in Jesus Christ .**

2.06.01 Recognize ourselves as good and deserving of love, created in God’s image and likeness.

2.06.02 Explain that God created us to know, love and serve Him.

##### **Catholic Church**

**Standard 8: CATHOLIC CHURCH: Understand and appreciate the mystery of the Church, the Body of Christ, the community of believers, as expressed in the Church’s origin, mission of evangelization, hierarchical structure, marks, charisms, members and the communion of saints.**

2.08.01 State that the Church was started by Jesus to help him spread the Good News, to build God's Kingdom, and to baptize people as his disciples.

2.08.02 Show an understanding of what it means to be a member of the Catholic Church.

2.08.03 Articulate how the Church continues the mission of Jesus Christ.

2.08.04 Explain how the Catholic Church is a sign of God's love for the world.

#### **Vocation**

**Standard 9: VOCATION: Understand and live discipleship in Christ by responding in faith to our baptismal call to participation in the life and mission of the church and by being open to a specific call to life in the church.**

2.09.02 Explain that Catholics follow Jesus as the Way, the Truth and the Life.

#### **Catholic Social Teaching**

**Standard 10: CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING: Know and apply social justice and stewardship principles to societal situations in a way that acknowledges and affirms the dignity of the human person and community.**

2.10.01 Define "created in God's image".

2.10.02 State how, as Christians, we promise to care for all of God's creation.

2.10.03 State that we are called to share what we have with others.

2.10.04 Understand that Jesus commands us to love God and our neighbor. (Lk 10:25-28; Mk 12:28-34; Matt 22:34- 40)

#### **Ecumenism & Inter-religious Dialogue**

**Standard 11: ECUMENISM AND INTER-RELIGIOUS DIALOUGE: Understand and participate in the call of the Church to be a sign of unity in the world through knowledge of and collaboration with Christian churches and all faith traditions.**

2.11.01 Recognize that Jesus founded the Catholic Church so that we would all be one.

2.11.02 Know that Catholic means "universal."

2.11.04 Understand that other Christians share a common baptism and belief in Jesus even though they do not share the fullness of all that Jesus taught us.

2.11.08 Know that we respect people of all faiths because all people are made in the image of God.

#### **Teaching Ideas/Resources**

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