

Jesus the Savior

Preparation for the Session

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the Family + Faith page.
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In this chapter you will cover the following objectives:

- Recognize Adam and Eve's choice to bring sin into the world
- Reflect on God's love for people, even when they sin
- Describe Jesus as our Savior, whom God sent to bring us back to him
- Explain that Jesus died for all people to save them, giving his life so that people could have new life with God

Read the **Consider This** feature. What thoughts or reactions do you have to the opening question?

Parents, Consider This: *Do not be afraid. Don't let your hearts be troubled. Do not fear. God the Father continually assures his People that there is no reason to fear, because he is with them. Yet it is human nature to be afraid—of the unknown situation, of being alone, of what is to come. Think about this the next time someone in your family is fearful. At these times, we can ask for help. Remind your child to turn to God in prayer in times of fear. Those who believe in him have no reason to fear. Jesus is the Savior whose loving gift of himself saved people.*

Read these other sections on the Family + Faith Page.

- *Your Child Learned.* This highlights some of the content of Sacred Scripture and Tradition in the chapter.
- *Children At This Age.* This will help you to understand how your child processes and learns at this developmental level.



Let's Sing: These songs connect the session topics and can be downloaded from aliveinchrist.osv.com.

- Savior of the World
- Gospel Acclamation

INVITE: Encountering God in His Word

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After gathering the supplies that you will need, find a quiet place to be with your child. This is a sacred time—a time when you will be present to each other and to the Lord. You may want to light a candle as you begin.



Let Us Pray Invite your child to make the Sign of the Cross. Read aloud the Psalm verse from the book. Help your child to respond.

Say: Jesus came to teach and save us. He shows us the way. Let's listen now to a reading from the Gospel of Matthew.



Guide your child through the Preparing for God’s Word Ritual you learned in the Introduction Session or play Track 1 of the *Songs of Scripture* CD.

- Proclaim God’s Word in the Parchment Paper box on the page.
- Maintain several moments of silence.
- Ask: What did you hear God say to you today?

Invite your child to respond and also share what you heard.

Now, look at the *What Do You Wonder?* box.

Say: Because Jesus’ friends saw him after he was raised from the dead, we know he lives. Jesus is with us, too, even though we cannot see him like they did.

Invite your child to respond to the questions. Prompt what else they might wonder about talking with Jesus.

DISCOVER: Learning God’s Truth

Turn to Page 218,
Adam and Eve
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Read aloud the opening question and paragraph. Point out the highlighted word, **Original Sin**, and its definition in the Catholic Faith Words box.

Read aloud the paragraph under “God Loves.”

Ask: How did God react to Adam and Eve’s sin? (He continued to love them.)



Do the gold-star activity.

Ask: How do you show love for God?

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God’s Promise
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Write on a separate piece of paper: “First Adam and Eve sinned.”

Explain that God was unhappy that the first people had broken their friendship with him. Tell your child that God wanted the children and grandchildren of Adam and Eve to be his friends again.

Read aloud the paragraph. Then, on the same piece of paper, under the previous sentence, write: “Then God sent people a Savior.” Explain that this is what he did to rescue people. Direct your child to look at the picture and talk about what Jesus is doing.

Activity

Have your child complete the Share Your Faith activity.

Parents, Consider This: Use the word “Savior” in your family discussions about Jesus. In your family prayer, thank God for saving us. Jesus is the Savior because he saved people from sin which broke their friendship with God the Father. Jesus brought people back to him.

Turn to Page 220,
New Life with God
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Ask: What did Jesus do to save everyone?

Read the introductory paragraph. Have your child circle the word Savior.



Proclaim the first paragraph of the Scripture story in the Parchment Paper box. Point to a crucifix in your home and remind your child that this is how Jesus died. Ask your child to listen to what happened after Jesus died. Point to the artwork on the page and proclaim the second paragraph of the Scripture story.

Ask: What would you have thought about the empty cave if you had been there with the women?



Do the gold-star activity.

Parents, Consider This: The word Resurrection means “the act of rising from the dead.” In the Gospel, an angel said to the women looking for Jesus after his death, “Do not be afraid! I know that you are seeking Jesus who is crucified. He is not there, for he has been raised as he said” (Matthew 28:5-6). Jesus’ Resurrection shows that all who love God will have new life in Heaven with him. This should be a source of hope for even the darkest times we may face. Remind your family of this in times of loss. We are invited into this relationship of love—not fear—with God.

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Jesus Saves
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Read aloud the first and second paragraph. Have your child point to the word **Resurrection** and review its definition in the Catholic Faith Words box.

Activity

Have your child complete the Connect Your Faith activity.

Parents, Consider This: Talk about how your family celebrates Easter. Connect your family traditions with the liturgical traditions of celebrating this most holy feast of the Resurrection.

LIVE: Living Our Faith

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Our Catholic Life
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Read aloud the text.



Do the gold-star activity.

Turn to Page 223,
People of Faith
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Read the paragraph about Saint Josephine Bakhita.

- Share your reactions to the information.
- Talk about how you can let someone know more about Jesus.

Turn to Page 225,
Family + Faith Page and
conclude with the Let's Pray
prayer on this page.
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Parents, Consider This: *It's important to form our children in the common language of prayer. We encourage you to pray Holy, Holy, Holy Lord during your night prayer this week.*

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.



To access and send an eAssessment to your child, go to the Student and Family section of aliveinchrist.osv.com.