

Unit 2: Jesus Calls Us to Give Ourselves in Love

Before You Begin

1. Read **A Letter Home**, found on page 36 of the Student Book. Decide how or whether you will experience the media for this unit and chapter using a web-enabled smartphone or tablet.
2. Prepare or collect any materials that you will need, such as a Bible, the *Christ Our Life* Student Book, writing supplies, and art supplies.
3. Familiarize yourself with the **Words to Know** for this chapter: *Ten Commandments*, *Lord's Day*, and *commandment*.

Page 35 Unit Opener

Say: ***In Unit 2, we will learn more about the Ten Commandments, God's rules that help us live as his children.*** Invite your child to turn to page 35. Read aloud the unit title. Remind your child that the Scripture passage at the bottom of the page is from our holy book, the Bible. Then read aloud the Scripture passage.

Discuss the pictures on the page. Point out the pictures of a child giving a woman flowers, Jesus blessing someone, and children making music and singing. Say: ***All these pictures show people giving themselves in love and receiving love. Jesus calls all of us to give ourselves to others in loving ways.***

If you choose, scan the QR code on the page and watch the video together.

Page 37 Chapter 5: Jesus Shows Us How to Love God Our Father

God Gave Us the Ten Commandments

Discuss how you celebrate special occasions in your family. Point out the picture at the top of the page. Ask: ***What are the children in the picture doing?*** (celebrating a birthday) ***What other special occasions and holidays do we celebrate?*** (New Year's Day, Fourth of July, Thanksgiving, Christmas, Easter, graduations, Baptisms)

Say: ***When we celebrate, we show all the joy that is inside us.*** Ask: ***How do you show your joy?*** (by smiling, laughing, singing, dancing, clapping) Say: ***God made us to love and to be joyful and to celebrate his love.***

Take turns reading aloud page 37. Call your child's attention to the **Word to Know** feature. Read aloud the definition for *Ten Commandments*. Ask: **What does Jesus say will bring us joy?** (keeping his commandments; remaining in his love) Say: **Jesus knows that loving is the most important thing we can do. He wants us to love and celebrate God our Father. He wants us to keep the Ten Commandments. The commandments teach us how to love God.**

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Page 38 Jesus Loved God the Father

Say: **Jesus' friends knew how much he loved God his Father. They noticed how Jesus talked to his Father when he prayed. They asked Jesus to teach them how to pray.** Ask: **What prayer did Jesus teach his friends?** (the Lord's Prayer) Invite your child to turn to the front inside cover of his or her book. Together, pray the Lord's Prayer.

Invite your child to read aloud the first two paragraphs on page 38. Then read aloud the Scripture passage from the **God's Word** feature. Say: **Jesus said that the way to true happiness is to love God with our whole selves.**

Read aloud the rest of page 38. Say: **Some ways we can celebrate God's love are using God's name with love, praying, telling others about Jesus, and singing songs that honor him.**

Page 39 We Celebrate God's Love

Have your child read aloud the first paragraph on page 39. Say: **We keep Sunday as the Lord's Day because Jesus rose from the dead on Easter Sunday.** Invite your child to complete the activity **We Show Our Love for God**. Then read aloud the rest of the page. Call your child's attention to the **Words to Know** feature. Read aloud the definitions for *Lord's Day* and *commandments*. Say: **Commandments are given to us by God to help us live good lives and be happy.**

Page 40 We Can Pray to God Every Day

Talk about when you pray and how prayer helps you. Then ask your child to read aloud **We Can Pray to God Every Day**. Say: **A psalm is one of the prayer-songs written long ago by King David and others. The psalms are in the Bible.** Pray together the prayer based on Psalm 139. Conclude by praying the Sign of the Cross.

Ask your child to complete and share with you the activity **God Is Always Near**. Say: **God our Father is so good to us. No matter where we go or what we do, God is there, watching over us.** Lead your child in prayer using the **A Moment with Jesus** feature on page 40. Read aloud the reflection slowly and reverently. Then allow time for your child to reflect. Pray the Sign of the Cross to conclude the prayer.

Page 41 We Keep God's Commandments

Invite your child to read aloud page 41 and complete the activity **Commandments Puzzles**. When your child has finished, go over his or her answers.

Page 42 Chapter Review

Help your child complete the Chapter 5 Review on page 42. If you choose, scan the QR code on the page and have your child take the **Interactive Chapter Review**. Discuss the questions under **We Remember**. Call your child's attention to the **We Respond** section and pray the prayer together. Review the **Words to Know** in this chapter by locating the words and their definitions in the **Glossary**. Allow time for your child to complete the decoder activity and the **Your Turn** activity. Ask your child to share what he or she wrote.

Page 43 Families in Mission

Complete the **Families in Mission** pages with your child.

SCRIPTURE

Read aloud the text and the Scripture in the sidebar on page 43. Say: ***Following God's commandments helps us know him better.***

KNOW AND PROCLAIM

Read aloud the **Know and Proclaim** text and the chart. Say: ***God asked us to keep the Lord's Day holy. We set aside time on Sundays to honor and worship God.***

TEST YOUR CATHOLIC KNOWLEDGE

Read aloud the question and possible answers in **Test Your Catholic Knowledge**. Have your child answer the question. Say: ***When we share God's commandments, we share our joy in following Jesus.*** [ANSWER: the laws of God's love.]

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A CATHOLIC TO KNOW

Read aloud **A Catholic to Know** on page 44. Say: ***In his Gospel, Saint Luke included many details about Jesus' birth and childhood. These details help us know Jesus better.***

WITNESS AND SHARE

Read aloud the **Witness and Share** introductory text. Then read aloud each faith statement in **My Way to Faith**, pausing to allow time for your child to reflect on each one.

SHARE YOUR FAITH

Read aloud the directions in **Share Your Faith** and have your child complete the activity. Invite your child to tell you about what he or she wrote. Say: ***God wants us to spend the Lord's Day doing activities that nourish our souls.***

Chapter 14: Jesus Calls Us His Friends

Before You Begin

1. Decide how or whether you will experience the media for this unit and chapter using a web-enabled smartphone or tablet.
2. Prepare or collect any materials that you will need, such as the *Christ Our Life* Student Book, writing supplies, and art supplies.
3. Familiarize yourself with the **Word to Know** for this chapter: *Christian*.

Page 103 We Are Friends of Jesus

Invite your child to read aloud page 103. *Mary and Martha each showed love for Jesus in their own way.* Call your child's attention to the **Word to Know** feature. Read aloud the definition for *Christian*. Say: *Every day, friends of Jesus care for others as Martha did. But they also do their work Mary's way—by listening and speaking to God.*

Page 104 Jesus Cares for His Friends

Read aloud page 104. Say: *Remember, Jesus wants us to show his love.* Then read aloud the directions for **Jesus Teaches Us to Love** and have your child complete the activity. When he or she is finished, go over the answers.

Review with your child important concepts from Unit 3. Ask: *Whom do we ask to help us look into our hearts to see how we have loved?* (the Holy Spirit) *What is the most important part of preparing for the Sacrament of Reconciliation?* (being sorry) *What does Jesus do for us in the Sacrament of Reconciliation?* (forgives our sins; gives us his peace) *How can we show that we have new hearts after Jesus forgives us in the Sacrament of Reconciliation?* (by loving God and others more; by trying not to sin again)

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Page 105 I Know About the Sacrament of Reconciliation

Invite your child to read aloud page 105. Then guide him or her to complete the activities **Match It Up** and **Stop, Think, and Choose**. When your child is finished, go over the answers.

If you choose, scan the QR code on the page and have your child take the **Interactive Chapter Review**.

Page 106 Unit Review

Help your child complete the Unit 3 Review. If you choose, scan the QR code on the page and have your child take the **Interactive Unit Review**. Invite your child to read aloud the directions for the fill-in-the-blank activity and have him or her complete it. Then go over the answers. Discuss the question under **We Remember**. Call your child's attention to the **We Respond** section and pray the prayer together. Review the **Word to Know** in this chapter by locating the word and its definition in the **Glossary**. Allow time for your child to complete the **Your Turn** activity. Ask your child to share what he or she wrote.

Pages 107–108 WE CELEBRATE

Before beginning the prayer celebration, decide who will read aloud the leader's parts. Then guide your child through the prayer celebration on pages 107–108.

Page 109 Families in Mission

Complete the **Families in Mission** pages with your child.

SCRIPTURE

Read aloud the text and the Scripture in the sidebar on page 109. Say: *No matter how hard things might be sometimes, Jesus will reach out and save us.*

KNOW AND PROCLAIM

Read aloud the **Know and Proclaim** text and the chart. Say: *Being good friends with Jesus means getting to know him better. We listen for his words in the Bible, at Mass, and during prayer.*

TEST YOUR CATHOLIC KNOWLEDGE

Read aloud the question and possible answers in **Test Your Catholic Knowledge**. Have your child answer the question. Ask: *How can we make up for a sin?* (show that we are sorry, ask for forgiveness, celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation) Say: *After we are forgiven, we thank Jesus for giving us peace.* [ANSWER: further from Jesus.]

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Page 110 Families in Mission

A CATHOLIC TO KNOW

Read aloud **A Catholic to Know** on page 110. Say: *Martha cared for Jesus. She listened to him.* Ask: *How can we be good friends of Jesus?*

WITNESS AND SHARE

Read aloud the **Witness and Share** introductory text. Then read aloud each faith statement in **My Way to Faith**, pausing to allow time for your child to reflect on each one.

SHARE YOUR FAITH

Read aloud the directions in **Share Your Faith** and have your child complete the activity. Invite your child to tell you about what he or she wrote. Say: *Some ways we can be friends with Jesus are by helping others, praying, and following God's laws.*

Chapter 22: We Share God's Love with Others

Before You Begin

1. Decide how or whether you will experience the media for this unit and chapter using a web-enabled smartphone or tablet.
2. Prepare or collect any materials that you will need, such as a Bible, the *Christ Our Life* Student Book, writing supplies, and art supplies.
3. Familiarize yourself with the **Words to Know** for this chapter: *tabernacle* and *Blessed Sacrament*.

Page 163 We Love and Serve the Lord

Say: *At Mass, Jesus offers the best gift to his Father for us.* Ask: *What is this gift?* (himself in the Eucharist)

Together with your child read aloud page 163. Say: *Before Jesus went to heaven, he said to his Apostles, "Go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel to every creature." The Bible tells us that the Apostles went everywhere, teaching people what they had learned from Jesus and sharing God's love with everyone.*

Say: *At the end of the Mass, the priest blesses us so that God will stay with us to help us glorify the Lord by living and serving him and one another.*

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Page 164 Jesus Is Always with Us

Have your child read aloud page 164. Call your child's attention to the **Words to Know** feature. Read aloud the definitions for *tabernacle* and *Blessed Sacrament*.

Read aloud the directions for the activity **We Celebrate Mass**. When your child is finished, go over the answers.

Page 165 We Glorify the Lord

Read aloud page 165. Have your child complete the activity **We Are Jesus' Disciples**, and then go over the answers. Invite your child to complete **I Glorify the Lord** and share what he or she wrote.

If you choose, scan the QR code on the page and have your child take the **Interactive Chapter Review**.

Page 166 Unit 4 Review

Help your child complete the Unit 4 Review. Invite your child to read aloud the directions for the activity and have him or her complete it. Then go over the answers.

Discuss the question under **We Remember**. Say: *Look at the We Respond section. Let's pray it together now.*

Review the parts of the **Concluding Rites** discussed in this chapter. Review the **Words to Know** in this chapter by locating the words and their definitions in the **Glossary**. Allow time for your child to complete the **Your Turn** activity.

If you choose, scan the QR code on the page and have your child take the **Interactive Unit Review**.

Pages 167–168 We Celebrate

Decide who will read aloud the leader's parts of the prayer celebration. Then guide your child through the celebration on pages 167–168. Conclude with the Sign of the Cross.

Page 169 Families in Mission

Complete the **Families in Mission** pages with your child.

SCRIPTURE

Read aloud the text and the Scripture in the sidebar on page 169. Say: *Jesus sent the Holy Spirit to help us spread the Good News.*

KNOW AND PROCLAIM

Read aloud the **Know and Proclaim** text and the chart. Say: *Often, consecrated Hosts are taken by extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion to people who are sick or cannot leave their homes.*

TEST YOUR CATHOLIC KNOWLEDGE

Read aloud the question and possible answers in **Test Your Catholic Knowledge**. Have your child answer the question. Say: *The priest sends us to do Jesus' work at the end of Mass.* [ANSWER: "Thanks be to God."]

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Page 170 **Families in Mission, continued****A CATHOLIC TO KNOW**

Read aloud **A Catholic to Know** on page 170. Say: *Martín cared for people who were ignored, unloved, and disrespected. When he saw someone who was hurting, Martín asked, “How can I help?”*

WITNESS AND SHARE

Read aloud the **Witness and Share** introductory text. Then read aloud each faith statement in **My Way to Faith**, pausing to allow time for your child to reflect on each one.

SHARE YOUR FAITH

Read aloud the directions in **Share Your Faith** and have your child complete the activity.

Invite your child to tell you about what he or she wrote.

Unit 5: The Church Celebrates God's Care

Before You Begin

1. Read **A Letter Home**, found on page 172 of the Student Book. Decide how or whether you will experience the media for this unit and chapter using a web-enabled smartphone or tablet.
2. Prepare or collect any materials that you will need, such as a Bible, the *Christ Our Life* Student Book, writing supplies, and art supplies.
3. Familiarize yourself with the Word to Know for this chapter: *deacon*.

Page 171 Unit Opener

Have your child read aloud the Scripture verse at the bottom of the page. Say: ***Saint Paul wrote these words about the importance of being members of the Church. At Baptism, we are welcomed into God's family. We receive the gift of God's life, the Holy Spirit. We become part of the Body of Christ.***

Point out the pictures on the page: a woman working happily, Jesus with children, and God's family at Mass. Invite your child to share his or her thoughts and feelings about these pictures.

Say: ***In Unit 5 we will learn more about the roles of our church leaders and how we can love and imitate Mary, the Mother of God, to spread Christ's love to all.***

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Chapter 23: We Are One in the Church

Page 173 The Church Is the Body of Christ

Take turns reading aloud with your child page 173. Pray together the Scripture passage from the **God's Word** feature. Then pray the Sign of the Cross. Say: ***We who are baptized are part of the Church's body. We build up the Church, the Body of Christ, when we live and love like Jesus.***

Page 174 The Church Brings Us to Jesus

Say: ***God the Father wants everyone to know about his love. He sent his Son, Jesus, to teach us. Jesus spent his whole life telling people about God's love.***

Read aloud the Scripture passage at the top of page 174. Say: ***Jesus is the Good Shepherd. We are his sheep. We belong to the flock that is the Catholic Church.***

Take turns reading aloud the rest of the page. Say: ***Jesus sent his Apostles to take his place and shepherd his people. He made Peter the chief shepherd, the first pope.***

Help your child complete the activity **Leaders of Our Church**.

Page 175 The Church Calls Us to Serve

Read aloud page 175. Call your child's attention to the **Word to Know** feature. Read aloud the definition for *deacon*. Say: ***The pope, bishops, and priests help people know about God. They show God's love, and they bring people into the Church through the sacraments. Deacons help the priests serve God's family. Religious brothers and sisters help and serve the family of God.***

Lead your child in prayer using **A Moment with Jesus** on page 175. Allow time for him or her to talk to Jesus.

If you choose, scan the QR code on the page and watch the video together.

Page 176 The Church Teaches Us to Help

Invite your child to read aloud page 176. Say: ***All of us as members of God's family, the Church, do our best to love and serve as Jesus did.***

Have your child read aloud the directions for **Live and Love Like Jesus** and complete the activity. Invite your child to share his or her work.

Page 177 We Are One with Jesus

Invite your child to read aloud page 177. Ask: ***How does the Holy Spirit guide you?*** Read aloud the directions for **Love Is Shown More in Deeds Than in Words**. Ask him or her to complete the activity and share what he or she wrote.

Page 178 Chapter Review

Help your child complete the Chapter 23 Review on page 178. If you choose, scan the QR code on the page and have your child take the **Interactive Chapter Review**.

Discuss the question under **We Remember**. Review the **Word to Know** in this chapter by locating the word and the definition in the **Glossary**. Call your child's attention to the **We Respond** section and pray the prayer together.

Allow time for your child to complete the **Your Turn** activity. Ask your child to share what he or she drew.

Page 179 Families in Mission

Complete the **Families in Mission** pages with your child.

SCRIPTURE

Read aloud the text and the Scripture in the sidebar on page 179. Ask: ***How can we make the Body of Christ strong and healthy?*** (love others; share; tell others about God's love)

KNOW AND PROCLAIM

Read aloud the **Know and Proclaim** text and the chart. Ask: *Who makes up the Body of Christ?* (all of us)

TEST YOUR CATHOLIC KNOWLEDGE

Read aloud the question and possible answers in **Test Your Catholic Knowledge**. Have your child answer the question. Say: *We love God, and we bring others to God's family, the Church, through our actions and words.* [ANSWER: Tell them about God's love.]

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Page 180 Families in Mission, continued**A CATHOLIC TO KNOW**

Read aloud **A Catholic to Know** on page 180. Ask: *How did Sister Theodore and the other sisters help grow the Body of Christ?* (They were filled with God's love. They taught and cared for others.)

WITNESS AND SHARE

Read aloud the **Witness and Share** introductory text. Then read aloud each faith statement in **My Way to Faith**, pausing to allow time for your child to reflect on each one.

SHARE YOUR FAITH

Read aloud the directions in **Share Your Faith** and have your child complete the activity. Invite your child to tell you about what he or she wrote.

Chapter 25: The Church Celebrates God's Love

Before You Begin

1. Decide how or whether you will experience the media for this unit and chapter using a web-enabled smartphone or tablet.
2. Prepare or collect any materials that you will need, such as a Bible, the *Christ Our Life* Student Book, writing supplies, and art supplies.
3. Familiarize yourself with the **Word to Know** for this chapter: *heaven*.

Page 187 We Show Our Love

Have your child read aloud page 187. Say: ***Since God is our Father, all the people in the world are our brothers and sisters.*** Call your child's attention to the **Word to Know** feature. Read aloud the definition for *heaven*.

Page 188 We Can Meet Jesus Today

Ask your child to read aloud page 188. Then have your child complete the activity **Grow Closer to Jesus**. When he or she is finished, go over the answers.

If you choose, scan the QR code on the page and watch the video together.

Page 189 I Know Jesus

Read aloud page 189. Allow time for your child to look through his or her book and then complete the activity **My Favorite Jesus Story**.

Ask your child to complete the activity **Jesus' Promise**. When he or she is finished, go over the answers.

If you choose, scan the QR code on page 189 and have your child take the **Interactive Chapter Review**.

Page 190 Unit 5 Review

Lead your child through the **Unit 5 Review**. Discuss the questions under **We Remember**. Pray together the Glory Be to the Father prayer in **We Respond**.

Review the **Word to Know** in this chapter by locating the word and the definition in the **Glossary**. Allow time for your child to complete the **Your Turn** activity.

If you choose, scan the QR code on page 190 and have your child take the **Interactive Unit Review**.

Pages 191–192 We Celebrate

Decide who will read aloud the leader's parts of the prayer celebration. Then guide your child through the celebration on pages 191–192. Conclude with the Sign of the Cross.

Page 193 Families in Mission

Complete the **Families in Mission** pages with your child.

SCRIPTURE

Read aloud the text and the Scripture in the sidebar on page 193. Say: ***We grow toward Jesus Christ when we use our gifts to be more like him and lead others to him.***

KNOW AND PROCLAIM

Read aloud the **Know and Proclaim** text and the chart. Say: ***Jesus Christ is always in our hearts. He is really and truly present in Holy Communion.*** Ask: ***In what sacrament do we receive Christ's Body?*** (the Eucharist) ***Who makes up the Body of Christ?*** (We do.)

TEST YOUR CATHOLIC KNOWLEDGE

Read aloud the question and possible answers in **Test Your Catholic Knowledge**. Have your child answer the question. Say: ***Jesus Christ is the head of the Church. We all are parts of the Body of Christ.*** [ANSWER: Body of Christ.]

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Page 194 Families in Mission**A CATHOLIC TO KNOW**

Read aloud **A Catholic to Know** on page 194. Say: ***When we do something that shows our love for Jesus, we inspire others. Charles and his friends made other Christians strong by their actions.***

WITNESS AND SHARE

Read aloud the **Witness and Share** introductory text. Then read aloud each faith statement in **My Way to Faith**, pausing to allow time for your child to reflect on each one.

SHARE YOUR FAITH

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