

## **Preschool Curriculum**

### **God Loves Me**

- This curriculum focuses on the love of Our Father and of His Son to each one of us. This love is so rich and powerful that is seen in every aspect of our life. Each unit examines one aspect of this love in a simple and beautiful way and present it to the young believers in age appropriate way.
- We talk about heaven- it's a beautiful place, no sadness, no sickness, it is a paradise of delight. Please don't talk about punishment, killing, hating, or anger.
- We want the children to love Church and Sunday school, and look forward to coming every week

**Ideas for preschool servants:**

- Need to prepare the week before and not night before  
Need commitment and organization  
If you can't be there on Sunday to teach or help out, please let the leaders know the night before.
- Welcome children to the class by name and with a smile
- Children get attached to their teachers, so we need to be consistent and have the same teachers there every week
- Only one person can teach at a time with no interruptions so that the children are focused. If more than one teacher is doing the lesson, they need to plan ahead.
- If some children need translation, the lesson should be done in English first. Then, an activity will be started while the lesson is translated to Arabic.
- If you need to discipline, do it right away but please be gentle with the children when disciplining them-no yelling, rebuking harshly or scaring them
- Don't talk in great details about martyrdom especially the torture

## **Preschool` Curriculum**

### **Unit I: God Loves Me**

## Unit 1: **God Loves Me**

**Purpose:** God is the source of all goodness in our life.

### LESSON: GOD MADE ME

#### SERVANT PREPARATION:

#### VERSE & REFERENCES:

“But now, this is what the Lord says— he who created you, Jacob, he who formed you, Israel: “Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have summoned you by name; you are mine. Since you are precious and honored in my sight, and because I love you,” Isaiah 43:1, 4.

#### REFLECTION:

God created us in love to be in the image and likeness of Him. We are precious and wonderfully made. We were made to serve, to praise and to love God. Psalm 139:13-14

#### PRAYER:

Make sure the children know how to make the Sign of the Cross. Practice with the children who do not know how to make the Sign of the Cross.  
Teach the children **The Glory**.

#### LESSON PREPARATION:

#### SONG:

Jesus Loves the Little Children

#### OBJECTIVES

<b>Faith:</b>	God created me
<b>Liturgical:</b>	I thank and praise God for making me
<b>Moral:</b>	I am precious because God made me
<b>Spiritual:</b>	God loves me because He made me

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## INTRODUCTION:

Welcome the children with a song and gather them to do the motions with the song.

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## LESSON BODY:

Tell the children the story of when Jesus calls the children to Him.

One day mommies and daddies were bringing their little babies and their young children to our Lord Jesus Christ so He can bless them just like Abouna blesses us by putting his cross on our heads. Jesus put his hands on all the little children because he loved them. The disciples did not like this and they started yelling at all the parents with their children telling them to go away because Jesus was tired. But Jesus said, “No bring the children to me. I love them. They are precious to me and they are my children.” So the disciples were very surprised and told the parents and the little children to come back. All the children ran to Jesus and sat on His lap and he laughed and played with them. All the children were so happy and our Lord was the happiest of all because His precious children were all around Him.

**PLAN AND MATERIALS:** Have the children decorate their star with their name on it. Put a whole through the star and string yarn through it so the children can wear their star. Bring in the picture of Our Lord with the children so the children can see how much Our Lord loved all the little children.

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## CONCLUSION:

### VERSE TO REMEMBER:

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“I praise you, so wonderfully you made me” Psalm 139:14

## HOME ACTIVITY

Parents should share with their child (if they have it) their sonogram pictures and show them how God’s hand made them inside their mother’s womb.

Parents should share with them pictures of their birth and tell them that this was God’s work. Parents need to share with them how excited they were about their birth.

## Unit 1: **God Loves Me**

**Purpose:** God is the source of all goodness in our life.

### LESSON: FEAST OF THE CROSS

#### SERVANT PREPARATION:

#### VERSE & REFERENCES:

“In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit” Matthew 28:19

#### REFLECTION:

God gave us the cross to protect us and to strengthen us.

#### PRAYER:

Make sure the children know how to make the Sign of the Cross. Practice with the children who do not know how to make the Sign of the Cross.

Teach the children **The Glory**.

#### LESSON PREPARATION:

#### SONG:

Jesus Loves the Little Children

#### OBJECTIVES

<b>Faith:</b>	The cross protects me
<b>Liturgical:</b>	We thank Jesus Christ for dying on the cross
<b>Moral:</b>	We make the sign of the cross before doing anything
<b>Spiritual:</b>	We see God’s love in the cross

#### INTRODUCTION:

Welcome the children with a song and gather them to do the motions with the song.

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## LESSON BODY:

Make sure that the children know how to make the sign of the cross. Teach those who don't know how to make the sign of the cross, to make the sign of the cross correctly.

Tell the children the story of Queen Helen:

There was once a queen named Helen. She loved our Lord Jesus Christ very much. She had a son named Constantine. Queen Helen loved the cross so much and wanted to find that our Lord Jesus was crucified on. She went to Jerusalem with lots of helpers and looked everywhere for our Lord's cross. An old man told Queen Helen where she can find the cross. He told her that it was buried under a big pile of dirt that people made a long time ago to hide the cross. Queen Helen asked the helpers to start digging in the big pile of dirt in order to find our Lord's cross. They worked very hard until they finally reached the cross of Jesus at the very bottom of the pile. When they found it, they were very happy and miracles happened by the Holy Cross. Then Queen Helen built there in the place where our Lord's cross was found. They put the cross of Jesus in that church.

**PLAN AND MATERIALS:** Have the children decorate foam crosses with jewels and stickers.

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## CONCLUSION:

### VERSE TO REMEMBER:

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"In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit" Matthew 28:19

## HOME ACTIVITY

Parents should share with their child stories of how the cross protected them and gave them strength.

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**Purpose:** God is the source of all goodness in our life.

### LESSON 3: GOD MADE MY FAMILY

#### SERVANT PREPARATION:

#### VERSE & REFERENCES:

<sup>51</sup>Then He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was subject to them, but His mother kept all these things in her heart. <sup>52</sup>And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men (Luke 2:51-52).

<sup>27</sup>So God created man in His *own* image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. <sup>28</sup>Then God blessed them, and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth.” (Genesis 1:27-28).

Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. <sup>2</sup>“Honor your father and mother,” which is the first commandment with promise: <sup>3</sup>“that it may be well with you and you may live long on the earth.” (Ephesians 6:1-3).

#### REFLECTION:

God gave us our families to love and honor them.

#### PRAYER:

Make sure the children know how to make the Sign of the Cross. Practice with the children who do not know how to make the Sign of the Cross.

Teach the children **The Glory**.

#### LESSON PREPARATION:

#### SONG:

Jesus Loves the Little Children

#### OBJECTIVES

<b>Faith:</b>	God gave us our families to love and honor
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<b>Liturgical:</b>	We thank God for each member of our family
<b>Spiritual:</b>	We belong to a church family

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#### INTRODUCTION:

Welcome the children with a song and gather them to do the motions with the song.

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#### LESSON BODY:

Our Lord had an earthly father and mother, St. Joseph was Jesus' earthly father and St. Mary was Jesus' earthly mother. God gave Jesus earthly parents so He can show us how we should behave with our parents. Jesus grew with St. Mary and St. Joseph and they loved each other very much. Our Lord was a very good son to His parents. He followed all the rules and helped St. Mary and St. Joseph with all the chores around the house. Jesus thanked His heavenly Father for his parents on Earth. God the Father was very happy with our Lord Jesus Christ. God is happy with us when we obey and help our parents.

#### PLAN AND MATERIALS:

- Show the children a picture of the Holy Family.
- Have the children draw a picture of their family.

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#### CONCLUSION:

We are thankful to God for our families and we show how much we love them by obeying them and helping them.

#### VERSE TO REMEMBER:

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“In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit” Matthew 28:19

#### HOME ACTIVITY

Parents should share with their child pictures of their extended families. Make reference to God as OUR FATHER who lives in heaven and gave us our family on earth. make a point in their nightly prayer to thank God for each member of our family as a special gift from God to us.

Parents should also share with their children how they loved their parents and how they obeyed their parents when they were their age.

## Unit 1: God Loves Me

**Purpose:** God is the source of all goodness in our life.

### LESSON 4: GOD MADE MY FRIENDS

#### SERVANT PREPARATION:

#### VERSE & REFERENCES:

“Now a certain *man* was sick, Lazarus of Bethany, the town of Mary and her sister Martha. <sup>2</sup> It was *that* Mary who anointed the Lord with fragrant oil and wiped His feet with her hair, whose brother Lazarus was sick. <sup>3</sup> Therefore the sisters sent to Him, saying, “Lord, behold, he whom You love is sick.” <sup>4</sup> When Jesus heard *that*, He said, “This sickness is not unto death, but for the glory of God, that the Son of God may be glorified through it.” <sup>5</sup> Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus.” (John 11:1-5).

“<sup>13</sup> Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one’s life for his friends. <sup>14</sup> You are My friends if you do whatever I command you. <sup>15</sup> No longer do I call you servants, for a servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all things that I heard from My Father I have made known to you. <sup>16</sup> You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit, and *that* your fruit should remain, that whatever you ask the Father in My name He may give you.” John 15:13-16

“Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I have become sounding brass or a clanging cymbal. <sup>2</sup> And though I have *the gift of prophecy*, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. <sup>3</sup> And though I bestow all my goods to feed *the poor*, and though I give my body to be burned,<sup>[a]</sup> but have not love, it profits me nothing. <sup>4</sup> Love suffers long *and* is kind; love does not envy; love does not parade itself, is not puffed up; <sup>5</sup> does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, is not provoked, thinks no evil; <sup>6</sup> does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth; <sup>7</sup> bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.” (1Corinthians 13:1-7).

“Faithful friends are a sturdy shelter: whoever finds one has found a treasure.” (Sirach 6:14)

#### REFLECTION:

God gave us our friends to love them.

#### PRAYER:

Make sure the children know how to make the Sign of the Cross. Practice with the children who do not know how to make the Sign of the Cross.  
Teach the children **The Glory**.

## LESSON PREPARATION:

### SONG:

Jesus Loves the Little Children

### OBJECTIVES

<b>Faith:</b>	God gave us a very special friend His son Jesus Christ to love .
<b>Liturgical:</b>	We thank God for giving us Jesus Christ our very special friend and our other friends.
<b>Spiritual:</b>	We meet Jesus when we take Communion.

### INTRODUCTION:

Welcome the children with a song and gather them to do the motions with the song.

### LESSON BODY:

When our Lord Jesus Christ was on earth, He had 12 special friends who He shared His life with. He also had very special friends who were Lazarus and his sisters. They shared good times and bad times with each other and loved each other very much. God our Father also gave us a very special friend and that is His son our Lord Jesus Christ. Jesus is our special friend. Our Lord Jesus Christ wants to spend good times with us and bad times. He even forgives us when we hurt Him. We meet our very special friend, Jesus Christ every time when we come to church and take Communion. God our Father also gave us other friends too. Our friends are special people in our lives. We share our lives with our friends. We need to make sure that we thank God for giving us His son Jesus Christ to be our very special friend and all our other friends who we enjoy sharing our life with.

#### PLAN AND MATERIALS:

- Show the children a picture of Jesus and the 12 disciples.
- Have the children draw a picture of their friends.

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#### CONCLUSION:

We are thankful to God for our very special friend Jesus Christ and our other friends. We show our friends how much we love them by being nice to them and thanking God for them.

#### VERSE TO REMEMBER:

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“Faithful friends are a sturdy shelter” (Sirach 6:14)

#### HOME ACTIVITY

Parents should share with their child pictures of their friends. Make reference to God as OUR FATHER who lives in heaven and gave us His son our Lord Jesus Christ as a very special friend to us on earth. Make a point in their nightly prayer to thank God for all of our friends as a special gift from God to us.

Parents should share with their children how they would look forward to meeting Jesus at church by taking communion when they were their age and enjoying time reading about Him in the gospel.

They should also share with their children how they loved their friends and how they were nice to their friends when they were their age.

## Unit 1: **God Loves Me**

**Purpose:** God is the source of all goodness in our life.

### LESSON 5: GOD MADE MY HELPERS

#### SERVANT PREPARATION:

#### VERSE & REFERENCES:

“There are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit. There are differences of ministries, but the same Lord. And there are diversities of activities, but it is the same God who works all in all. But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit of all: Now you are the body of Christ, and members individually. And God has appointed these in the church: first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, administrations, varieties of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Are all workers of miracles? Do all have gifts of healings? Do all speak with tongues? Do all interpret?” (1 Corinthians 12:4-7, 27-30) “Now the Passover, a feast of the Jews, was near. Then Jesus lifted up His eyes, and seeing a great multitude coming toward Him, He said to Philip, “Where shall we buy bread, that these may eat?” But this He said to test him, for He Himself knew what He would do. 7Philip answered Him, “Two hundred denarii worth of bread is not sufficient for them, that every one of them may have a little.” One of His disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to Him, “There is a lad here who has five barley loaves and two small fish, but what are they among so many?” Then Jesus said, “Make the people sit down.” Now there was much grass in the place. So the men sat down, in number about five thousand. And Jesus took the loaves, and when He had given thanks He distributed them to the disciples, and the disciples to those sitting down; and likewise of the fish, as much as they wanted. So when they were filled, He said to His disciples, “Gather up the fragments that remain, so that nothing is lost.” Therefore, they gathered them up, and filled twelve baskets with the fragments of the five barley loaves which were left over by those who had eaten. (John 6:4-13) REFLECTION: God gave us our helpers to help us and we should help others.

#### PRAYER:

Make sure the children know how to make the Sign of the Cross. Practice with the children who do not know how to make the Sign of the Cross.

Teach the children **The Glory**.

## LESSON PREPARATION:

### SONG:

Jesus Loves the Little Children

### OBJECTIVES

<b>Faith:</b>	<b>God gave us helpers to learn from them to become helpers.</b>
<b>Liturgical:</b>	<b>We thank God for giving us our helpers.</b>
<b>Spiritual:</b>	<b>When we help others we are helping the Lord Himself.</b>

### INTRODUCTION:

Welcome the children with a song and gather them to do the motions with the song.

### LESSON BODY:

When our Lord Jesus Christ was on Earth many people used to follow Him wherever He went. People used to like to hear our Lord speak and to receive blessings from our Lord. Just like how we like to listen to Abouna when he speaks and receive special blessings from Abouna. One day while our Lord was teaching, He saw five thousand people standing there listening to Him. It was getting late and our Lord knew that these people had been following Him and they were very hungry because they have not eaten for days. Our Lord told the disciples to give them food to eat. His disciples said that did not have any money to buy food for all these people. In the crowd there was a little boy who had 5 loaves and 2 fish. The little boy told our Lord and His disciples that he would share his 5 loaves and 2 fish with them to help feed the five thousand. Our Lord used the 5 loaves and the 2 fish and prayed to His Father in heaven and the five loaves and the two fish grew into a big pile of fish and bread enough to feed the five thousand. Our Lord was so grateful to the little boy who helped Him feed the five thousand. God sent the little boy to be a helper to our Lord just like He sends us helpers to help us. Our helpers are our

parents, our Abounas, our Sunday school teachers, our teachers at school, our doctors, our policemen, our firefighters, and our postal workers. Our helpers help us stay close to God, stay safe, be smart and be healthy. We need to make sure that we say please and thank you to our helpers because they work very hard for us. We learn from our helpers so we can be helpers too just like the little boy in our story and help our Lord. When we help our parents we are helping our Lord Jesus Christ. When we help our Abounas and our Sunday school teachers we help our Lord Jesus Christ. We need to try to be good helpers so we can help our Lord Jesus Christ and everyone around us will be proud of us.

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#### PLAN AND MATERIALS:

- Show the children a picture of Jesus feeding the five thousand.
- Show the children pictures of church helpers and community helpers and discuss how they help them.
- Discuss with their children how they can be helpers in church, at home and in school.

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#### CONCLUSION:

We are thankful to God for our helpers and we pray to God for us to become good helpers.

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#### VERSE TO REMEMBER:

“Surely God is my help” (Psalm 54:4)

### HOME ACTIVITY

Parents should share with their child who the helpers are in their life and how they help. Parents should share with their child how they help others. Parents should give their child chores in order to be a good helper. For example: making their bed, setting the dinner table, cleaning up the dinner table after dinner.



## Unit 1: God Loves Me

**Purpose:** God is the source of all goodness in our life.

### LESSON 6: GOD MADE MY CHURCH FAMILY

#### SERVANT PREPARATION:

#### VERSE & REFERENCES:

“I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful. You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me” (John 15:1-5).

“Near the cross of Jesus stood his mother, his mother’s sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother there, and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to her, “Woman, here is your son,” and to the disciple, “Here is your mother.” From that time on, this disciple took her into his home” (John 19:25-27).

“For this reason I kneel before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name. I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord’s holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God. Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen” (Ephesians 3:14-21).

#### REFLECTION:

God gave us our church family to love.

#### PRAYER:

Make sure the children know how to make the Sign of the Cross. Practice with the children who do not know how to make the Sign of the Cross.

Teach the children **The Glory**.

## LESSON PREPARATION:

### SONG:

Jesus Loves the Little Children

### OBJECTIVES

<b>Faith:</b>	God gave us our church family and St. Mary to love.
<b>Liturgical:</b>	We thank God during the liturgy for giving us our church family and St. Mary.
<b>Spiritual:</b>	We meet with our church family and St. Mary during the liturgy.

### INTRODUCTION:

Welcome the children with a song and gather them to do the motions with the song.

### LESSON BODY:

God gave us special people, our family to take care of us. He gave us a mother and a father who live with us at home. God also gave us special people at church, our church family to take care of us. He gave us His mother St. Mary to be our mother also and to take care of us. St. Mary loves us so much and she prays for us in front of her son, our Lord Jesus Christ to have mercy on us and to forgive our sins. God, our Father also gave us a very special people in church, He gave us our Abounas to take care of us. Our Abounas also pray for us in front of God to have mercy on us and to forgive our sins. Our Abounas accept our confessions and take all our sins and all our prayers to God. He also give us communion and helps us when we feel sad. We also share with Abouna when we feel happy and he is happy with us. Our Lord Jesus Christ is happy when we love St. Mary and when we love our Abounas. He gave us a special church family to take care of us.

### PLAN AND MATERIALS:

- Have the children decorate a strip of paper. Join the paper strips together to make a chain. This will help show the children how they are part of the church family.

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**CONCLUSION:**

We are thankful to God for our church family.

**VERSE TO REMEMBER:**

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“Everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.” (John 13:35)

**HOME ACTIVITY**

Parents should share with their child pictures of their church family.

Parents should share with their child how they love St. Mary and Abouna.

Parents should encourage their child to prepare questions to ask Abouna to build a relationship with Abouna.

## Preschool Curriculum

**Unit II:** God is the source of all goodness in our life.

Unit: 2

**Purpose:** God is the source of all goodness in our life.

## LESSON 7: GOD MADE THE CHURCH

### SERVANT PREPARATION:

#### VERSE & REFERENCES:

“When the Lord saw that he had gone over to look, God called to him from within the bush, “Moses! Moses!” And Moses said, “Here I am.” “Do not come any closer,” God said. “Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy ground.” (Exodus 3:4-5).

“Jesus entered the temple courts and drove out all who were buying and selling there. He overturned the tables of the money changers and the benches of those selling doves. “It is written,” he said to them, “‘My house will be called a house of prayer,’ but you are making it ‘a den of robbers’” (Matthew 21:12-13).

#### REFLECTION:

God gave us our church, a place where we can meet with Him.

#### PRAYER:

Make sure the children know how to make the Sign of the Cross. Practice with the children who do not know how to make the Sign of the Cross.

Teach the children **The Glory**.

#### LESSON PREPARATION:

#### SONG:

My God is so big, so strong and so mighty, there is nothing my God cannot do for you!

#### OBJECTIVES

<b>Faith:</b>	Our church is holy because God is there.
<b>Liturgical:</b>	We thank God in the Holy Liturgy for giving us our church to meet Him there.

**Spiritual:**

We meet with God in the church.

**INTRODUCTION:**

Welcome the children with a song and gather them to do the motions with the song.

**LESSON BODY:**

God gave us a special and holy place to meet with Him. He gave us our church. He is present in our church and that is why our church is holy. When we walk into church we should take off our shoes. Then walk up to the altar, worship and say our father. Then we should kiss the icon of Our Lord Jesus Christ and the icon of St. Mary. We need to then kiss the Holy Gospel. Then we should kiss the relics of the saints that we might have in the church. It is important for us to have a holy and special place for us to meet with God our Father and His son our Lord, Jesus Christ.

**PLAN AND MATERIALS:**

- Have the children make a paper church.
- Have the children practice entering the church, taking off their shoes, worshipping, praying "Our Father" and kissing the icons, gospel and the relics of the saints.

**CONCLUSION:**

We are thankful to God for giving us our church, a place to meet with Him.

**VERSE TO REMEMBER:**

"My house shall be a house of prayer" (Matthew 21: 12-13)

**HOME ACTIVITY**

Parents should share with their child pictures of their church.

Parents should share with their child how they love their church and how special their church is to them.

Parents should practice with their child how to enter the church

. Unit: 2

**Purpose:** God is the source of all goodness in our life.

## LESSON 8: GOD MADE THE BIBLE

### SERVANT PREPARATION:

#### VERSE & REFERENCES:

“Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path” (Psalm 119:105).

“All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work” (2 Timothy 3:16-17).

“And so we have the prophetic word confirmed, which you do well to heed as a light that shines in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts; knowing this first, that no prophecy of Scripture is of any private interpretation, for prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit” (2 Peter 1:19-21).

#### REFLECTION:

The Bible is God’s love letter to us.

#### PRAYER:

Make sure the children know how to make the Sign of the Cross. Practice with the children who do not know how to make the Sign of the Cross.

Teach the children **The Glory**.

### LESSON PREPARATION:

#### SONG:

“Jesus loves me this I know for the Bible tells me so”.

#### OBJECTIVES

<b>Faith:</b>	God made the Bible for us because He loves us.
<b>Liturgical:</b>	We thank God in the Holy Liturgy for giving us the Holy Bible.

**Spiritual:**

We learn how to live through the Bible.

**INTRODUCTION:**

Welcome the children with a song and gather them to do the motions with the song.

**LESSON BODY:**

The servant should hold up the Holy Bible and ask the children what this book is called? The servant should tell the children that the Bible is a very special book. God gave us the Holy Bible to send us a very special message. Do you know what that message is? God tells us "I love you" through the Holy Bible. The Bible is like a very long love letter to us from God. Because the Bible is God's book we have to handle it very carefully. How does Abouna handle the Bible? What does he do? He kisses the Bible because it is a very special and holy book.

The Bible has many stories about God's love for us. One of these stories is David and Goliath. A long time ago there was a boy named David. He has seven older brothers. David took care of his family's sheep. Once he killed a lion that was trying to carry away a sheep. Another time he killed a bear.

One day David went to visit his brothers, who were soldiers in the king's army. In the enemy army there was a giant named Goliath. Goliath had said that he would fight one person from the king's army. Whoever won would win the war for his country. David went to the king and offered to fight the giant Goliath.

On the day of the fight, Goliath wore armor to protect himself. The king gave David his armor to wear, but David didn't use it. He took it off.

Then David found five stones. Carrying these stones and a sling to throw them, David went to face Goliath. David was sure that God would help him with the fight.

When Goliath saw young David, he made fun of him. David put one stone in his slingshot. He threw the stone and it hit Goliath on the forehead. The giant fell to the ground. God loved David and saved him from Goliath.

**PLAN AND MATERIALS:**

- Have the children write their name on a card from God that says Dear \_\_\_\_\_, I love you. Love, God.
- Have the children color a picture of David and Goliath.



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**CONCLUSION:**

We are thankful to God for giving us our Holy Bible, where we learn how to live through it.

**VERSE TO REMEMBER:**

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“Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path” (Psalm 119:105).

**HOME ACTIVITY**

Parents should share their Bible with their child.

Parents should give their child a Bible.

Parents should practice with their child how to handle the Holy Bible.

Unit: 2

**Purpose:** God is the source of all goodness in our life.

## LESSON 9: GOD MADE MUSIC

### SERVANT PREPARATION:

#### VERSE & REFERENCES:

“But the Spirit of the LORD departed from Saul, and a distressing spirit from the LORD troubled him. And Saul's servants said to him, "Surely, a distressing spirit from God is troubling you. Let our master now command your servants, who are before you, to seek out a man who is a skillful player on the harp. And it shall be that he will play it with his hand when the distressing spirit from God is upon you, and you shall be well." So Saul said to his servants, "Provide me now a man who can play well, and bring him to me." Then one of the servants answered and said, "Look, I have seen a son of Jesse the Bethlehemite, who is skillful in playing, a mighty man of valor, a man of war, prudent in speech, and a handsome person; and the LORD is with him." Therefore Saul sent messengers to Jesse, and said, "Send me your son David, who is with the sheep." And Jesse took a donkey loaded with bread, a skin of wine, and a young goat, and sent them by his son David to Saul. So David came to Saul and stood before him. And he loved him greatly, and he became his armorbearer. Then Saul sent to Jesse, saying, "Please let David stand before me, for he has found favor in my sight." And so it was, whenever the spirit from God was upon Saul, that David would take a harp and play it with his hand. Then Saul would become refreshed and well, and the distressing spirit would depart from him” (1 Samuel 16:14-23).

Let All Things Praise the LORD Praise the LORD! Praise God in His sanctuary; Praise Him in His mighty firmament! Praise Him for His mighty acts; Praise Him according to His excellent greatness! Praise Him with the sound of the trumpet; Praise Him with the lute and harp! Praise Him with the timbrel and dance; Praise Him with stringed instruments and flutes! Praise Him with loud cymbals; Praise Him with clashing cymbals! Let everything that has breath praise the LORD. Praise the LORD! (Psalm 150).

#### REFLECTION:

Music is God’s gift to us to praise Him.

#### PRAYER:

Make sure the children know how to make the Sign of the Cross. Practice with the children who do not know how to make the Sign of the Cross.

Teach the children **The Glory**.

## LESSON PREPARATION:

### SONG:

“His Banner over Me is Love”.

### OBJECTIVES

<b>Faith:</b>	God made music for us because He loves us.
<b>Liturgical:</b>	We thank God in the Holy Liturgy for giving us music.
<b>Spiritual:</b>	We praise God with His gift of music.

### INTRODUCTION:

Welcome the children with a song and gather them to do the motions with the song.

### LESSON BODY:

The servant should help the children make music with their hands by clapping. Then the children could make music with their feet. The servant should try to bring in an instrument and make music with the instrument and let the children try.

Music is a wonderful gift from God. The servant should ask the children “when do they hear music?” Some music is so beautiful that it makes us think of God. Like the music we hear in church. In church we use music to pray to God. Abouna sings prayers to God and we answer abouna with songs to pray to God as well.

God gave us a very special gift of music to praise Him. Do u know who in the Bible God gave the gift of music to? He gave the gift of music to David. David had seven brothers. As a young boy David used to watch the sheep for his family. David used to play the harp (make sure to show the children a picture of the harp) to the sheep to help them fall asleep. He used to also play his harp so the sheep can follow him back home after they would go out grazing for food. But the most important thing that David did with his harp is praise God. Let’s sing together one of David’s songs to God. The children should repeat after the servant:

Sing to the Lord a new song.

Sing joyfully to the Lord, all the earth.

David used to sing this song to God when he was in the fields with his sheep. He also sang many other songs. David wrote 150 songs to God to praise Him. We use David's songs called the Psalms when we pray to praise God. Music is a very special gift from God. We need to thank God for giving us this very special gift that we use to praise Him with. He loves to hear our voices when we sing praises to Him. He is very happy when we hear our voices remembering Him and praising Him. Next time you sing a song in Sunday school or the choir remember that when you sing it is like you are praying twice.

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#### PLAN AND MATERIALS:

- Have the children color a picture of David with his harp.

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#### CONCLUSION:

We are thankful to God for giving us the gift of music that we use to praise Him.

#### VERSE TO REMEMBER:

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"Sing to the Lord a new song" (Psalm 96:1).

#### HOME ACTIVITY

Parents can sing Psalm 150 with their child. (the communion tune)

Parents can let their child hear psalms being sung.

Unit: 2

**Purpose:** God is the source of all goodness in our life.

## LESSON 10: GOD MADE WATER

### SERVANT PREPARATION:

#### VERSE & REFERENCES:

“Then all the congregation of the children of Israel set out on their journey from the Wilderness of Sin, according to the commandment of the LORD, and camped in Rephidim; but *there was* no water for the people to drink. Therefore the people contended with Moses, and said, “Give us water, that we may drink.” So Moses said to them, “Why do you contend with me? Why do you tempt the LORD?” And the people thirsted there for water, and the people complained against Moses, and said, “Why *is* it you have brought us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and our livestock with thirst?” So Moses cried out to the LORD, saying, “What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me!” And the LORD said to Moses, “Go on before the people, and take with you some of the elders of Israel. Also take in your hand your rod with which you struck the river, and go. Behold, I will stand before you there on the rock in Horeb; and you shall strike the rock, and water will come out of it that the people may drink.” And Moses did so in the sight of the elders of Israel” (Exodus 17:1-6).

“But He needed to go through Samaria. So He came to a city of Samaria which is called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Now Jacob’s well was there. Jesus therefore, being wearied from *His* journey, sat thus by the well. It was about the sixth hour. A woman of Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, “Give Me a drink.”<sup>8</sup> For His disciples had gone away into the city to buy food. Then the woman of Samaria said to Him, “How is it that You, being a Jew, ask a drink from me, a Samaritan woman?” For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans. Jesus answered and said to her, “If you knew the gift of God, and who it is who says to you, ‘Give Me a drink,’ you would have asked Him, and He would have given you living water.” The woman said to Him, “Sir, You have nothing to draw with, and the well is deep. Where then do You get that living water? Are You greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well, and drank from it himself, as well as his sons and his livestock?” Jesus answered and said to her, “Whoever drinks of this water will thirst again, but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst. But the water that I shall give him will become in him a fountain of water springing up into everlasting life” (John 4:4-14).

“On the last day, that great *day* of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, “If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink. He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.” But this He spoke concerning the Spirit, whom those believing in Him would receive; for the Holy Spirit was not yet *given*, because Jesus was not yet glorified” (John 7:37-39).

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**REFLECTION:**

Water is a gift from God that gives us life.

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**PRAYER:**

Make sure the children know how to make the Sign of the Cross. Practice with the children who do not know how to make the Sign of the Cross.

Teach the children **The Glory**.

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**LESSON PREPARATION:**

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**SONG:**

“His Banner over Me is Love”.

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**OBJECTIVES**

<b>Faith:</b>	God gave us water so that we may never thirst.
<b>Liturgical:</b>	We thank God in the Holy Liturgy for giving us water.
<b>Spiritual:</b>	Abouna blesses us with water so that the Holy Spirit may work in us.

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**INTRODUCTION:**

Welcome the children with a song and gather them to do the motions with the song.

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**LESSON BODY:**

The servant should ask the children what uses water. The children and the servant need to discuss how important water is to people, plants and animals. The servant and the children should discuss what happens to plants, animals and people when they don't have water. When plants, animals and people don't have water they die. They need water to live. Water is a special gift from God that gives us life. The servant then should ask the children if they have ever seen a baptism (the servant should prepare a video of a baptism). The servant and the children should discuss what happens during baptism. During baptism the baby is dunked into Holy Water three times. The baptism means that the baby is now part of our church. The water is used in the Baptism to give us a new life in the church with God and our church family. Water in our church is very important. Abouna uses it to bless us and bless our houses. Water gives us life. We need

to thank God for giving us the gift of water and we need to make sure that we don't waste water. Discuss with the children ways we can save water. We need to also make sure to keep our water clean. Discuss with the children ways to keep our water clean.

#### PLAN AND MATERIALS:

- Give each child a bean in cotton. The children will have to water their seed everyday so it grows.

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#### CONCLUSION:

We are thankful to God for giving us the gift of water that gives us life.

#### VERSE TO REMEMBER:

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"If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink" John 7:37.

#### HOME ACTIVITY

Parents should help their child grow their bean plant.

Parents should watch with their child their baptism video if available or see pictures of their baptism. Parents should share with their child how happy they were when their child was baptized and became a Christian and an important part of the church family.

Unit: 2

**Purpose:** God is the source of all goodness in our life.

## LESSON 11: GOD MADE FOOD

### SERVANT PREPARATION:

#### VERSE & REFERENCES:

“Then Jesus said to them, “Most assuredly, I say to you, Moses did not give you the bread from heaven, but My Father gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is He who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.” Then they said to Him, “Lord, give us this bread always.” And Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life. He who comes to Me shall never hunger, and he who believes in Me shall never thirst. But I said to you that you have seen Me and yet do not believe. All that the Father gives Me will come to Me, and the one who comes to Me I will by no means cast out. For I have come down from heaven, not to do My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me. This is the will of the Father who sent Me, that of all He has given Me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up at the last day. And this is the will of Him who sent Me, that everyone who sees the Son and believes in Him may have everlasting life; and I will raise him up at the last day” ( John 6:32-40).

“For I received from the Lord that which I also delivered to you: that the Lord Jesus on the *same* night in which He was betrayed took bread; and when He had given thanks, He broke *it* and said, “Take, eat; this is My body which is broken for you; do this in remembrance of Me.” In the same manner *He* also *took* the cup after supper, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in My blood. This do, as often as you drink *it*, in remembrance of Me.” For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death till He comes” (1 Corinthians 23-26).

#### REFLECTION:

Food is a gift from God that gives us life.

#### PRAYER:

Make sure the children know how to make the Sign of the Cross. Practice with the children who do not know how to make the Sign of the Cross.

Teach the children **The Glory**.

### LESSON PREPARATION:



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**SONG:**

“His Banner over Me is Love”.

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**OBJECTIVES**

<b>Faith:</b>	God gave us food so that we may never hunger.
<b>Liturgical:</b>	We thank God in the Holy Liturgy for giving us food.
<b>Spiritual:</b>	God our Father gave us the true Bread which is the Body of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

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**INTRODUCTION:**

Welcome the children with a song and gather them to do the motions with the song.

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**LESSON BODY:**

The servant should ask the children, “What is their favorite food?”, “Why do we need food?” The servant should tell the children that God is so good for giving us different kinds of food. The servant should tell the children that it is important to eat good food such as fruits and vegetables and not just candy, chips and soda. We show God that we are thankful for our food by eating what we have on our plates and not wasting food or throwing out food. The servant should bring the children’s attention to those who don’t have food. Those who don’t have food are hungry. The servant should ask the children “What can those who have food do to help those who are hungry?”

The servant should tell the children about having special meals. Sometimes we have special meals like on Thanksgiving, Christmas, Easter or on someone’s birthday. We also have a special meal at church. This meal is Holy Communion. During Holy Communion we eat our Lord’s Holy Bread with our church family. We share this special meal every week at church with our church family. We share in this special meal because our Lord Jesus Christ promised whoever eats the bread of life which is His Holy body and drinks His pure blood they will never hunger or thirst.

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**PLAN AND MATERIALS:**

- Prepare apple slices (or other fruits), juice boxes and goldfish to share with the children as a special meal with them. Make sure to use a table cloth and paper plates.
- Make sure to pray this prayer before eating the special meal with the children: Bless us O' Lord, and these your gifts which we are about to receive from your bounty through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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#### CONCLUSION:

We are thankful to God for giving us the gift of food that gives us life.

#### VERSE TO REMEMBER:

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"The earth is full of the goodness of the Lord" (Psalm 33:5).

#### HOME ACTIVITY

Parents should eat a meal with their entire family and thank God for the food.

Parents can collect canned foods with their child and deliver them to a local food bank.

Parents should pray this prayer with their family before eating: *Bless us O' Lord, and these your gifts which we are about to receive from your bounty through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

# Preschool Curriculum

## Unit III

Unit: 3

**Purpose:** God is the source of all goodness in our life.

## LESSON 12: GOD MADE LAND

### SERVANT PREPARATION:

#### VERSE & REFERENCES:

“Where were you when I laid the foundations of the earth? Tell me, if you have understanding. Who determined its measurements? Surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it? To what were its foundations fastened? Or who laid its cornerstone, when the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy?” (Job 38:4-7).

“Oh come, let us sing to the Lord! Let us shout joyfully to the Rock of our salvation. Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving; let us shout joyfully to Him with psalms. For the Lord is the great God, and the great King above all gods. In His hand are the deep places of the earth; the heights of the hills are His also. The sea is His, for He made it; and His hands formed the dry land” (Psalm 95: 1-5).

#### REFLECTION:

The land is a gift from God for us to enjoy and to take care of.

#### PRAYER:

Our Father

### LESSON PREPARATION:

#### SONG:

“He’s got the Whole World in His hands”.

#### OBJECTIVES

<b>Faith:</b>	God gave us the earth so that we may take care of it and enjoy it.
<b>Liturgical:</b>	We thank God in the Holy Liturgy for giving us the earth.
<b>Spiritual:</b>	God our Father gave us the earth to live on.

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#### INTRODUCTION:

Welcome the children with a song and gather them to do the motions with the song.

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#### LESSON BODY:

The servant should prepare pictures of mountains, lakes, rivers, oceans and deserts and show them to the children. Have the children identify the pictures. The servant should tell the children how God made all of these things. The servant should also tell the children how wise and wonderful God is for making all of these beautiful things for us to enjoy. The servant should also tell the children how when Jesus was on the earth, He loved the earth. Jesus spent time in a desert. He also spent time on a mountain when He prayed. Jesus spent a lot of time on the water with His friends. Jesus also spent a lot of time outside walking from town to town.

The servant should ask the children, “What does the land look like where they live?” The servant should discuss how the children play on the land around their house or the church and what activities do they like to do outside.

The servant should ask the children, “What would happen to the land if we did not take care of it?” The servant should discuss with the children that if we did not take care of the land we would not have beautiful places outside to enjoy. The servant should ask the children, “What can you and your family do to take care of the land?”

We need to thank God for the earth that He gave us for us to enjoy. We show God that we are thankful for the land by taking care of it.

#### PLAN AND MATERIALS:

- Prepare pictures of mountains, lakes, rivers, oceans and deserts.

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#### CONCLUSION:

We are thankful to God for giving us the gift of the earth that gives us beautiful places to enjoy.

VERSE TO REMEMBER:

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“The Lord is the great God, the great king over all gods” (Psalm 95:3).

HOME ACTIVITY

Parents can recycle with their child.

Parents can allow their child to take care of their yard.

Parents can allow their child to care for their home by straightening things or dusting.

Parents can also allow their child to put away their toys and help clean their rooms.

Unit: 3

**Purpose:** God hears and answers our prayers.

## LESSON 13: JOHN THE BAPTIST'S BIRTH ANNOUNCED TO ZACHARIAS

### SERVANT PREPARATION:

#### VERSE & REFERENCES:

“There was in the days of Herod, the king of Judea, a certain priest named Zacharias, of the division of Abijah. His wife was of the daughters of Aaron, and her name was Elizabeth. 6 And they were both righteous before God, walking in all the commandments and ordinances of the Lord blameless. But they had no child, because Elizabeth was barren, and they were both well advanced in years. So it was, that while he was serving as priest before God in the order of his division, according to the custom of the priesthood, his lot fell to burn incense when he went into the temple of the Lord. And the whole multitude of the people was praying outside at the hour of incense. Then an angel of the Lord appeared to him, standing on the right side of the altar of incense. And when Zacharias saw him, he was troubled, and fear fell upon him.

But the angel said to him, “Do not be afraid, Zacharias, for your prayer is heard; and your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you shall call his name John. And you will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth. For he will be great in the sight of the Lord, and shall drink neither wine nor strong drink. He will also be filled with the Holy Spirit, even from his mother’s womb. And he will turn many of the children of Israel to the Lord their God. He will also go before Him in the spirit and power of Elijah, ‘to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children,’ and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, to make ready a people prepared for the Lord.”

And Zacharias said to the angel, “How shall I know this? For I am an old man, and my wife is well advanced in years.”

And the angel answered and said to him, “I am Gabriel, who stands in the presence of God, and was sent to speak to you and bring you these glad tidings. But behold, you will be mute and not able to speak until the day these things take place, because you did not believe my words which will be fulfilled in their own time.”

And the people waited for Zacharias, and marveled that he lingered so long in the temple. But when he came out, he could not speak to them; and they perceived that he had seen a vision in the temple, for he beckoned to them and remained speechless.

So it was, as soon as the days of his service were completed, that he departed to his own house. Now after those days his wife Elizabeth conceived; and she hid herself five months,

saying, “Thus the Lord has dealt with me, in the days when He looked on me, to take away my reproach among people” (Luke 1: 5-25).

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**REFLECTION:**

God hears our prayers.

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**PRAYER:**

Our Father

**LESSON PREPARATION:**

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**SONG:**

“We give you greetings with Gabriel the Archangel saying, “Hail to you O’ full of grace the Lord is with you”.

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**OBJECTIVES**

<b>Faith:</b>	God hears and answers our prayers.
<b>Liturgical:</b>	We thank God in the Holy Liturgy for hearing our prayers and answering them.
<b>Spiritual:</b>	God our Father hears our prayers and answers them.

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**INTRODUCTION:**

Welcome the children with a song and gather them to do the motions with the song.

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**LESSON BODY:**

There was a priest named Zacharias, and his wife’s name was Elizabeth. They both loved God very much and followed all of God’s commandments. They prayed and asked God for a baby because they did not have children of their own. One day after a very long time when Zacharias and Elizabeth were very old, God remembered their prayers. Zacharias was at the altar in the sanctuary one day, raising incense. Who do we see in the church raising incense? Archangel Gabriel appeared to him and told him “Your prayer is heard” and that Elizabeth will have a baby boy and they will call him John. He told him that John will be great, because he will prepare the way for Jesus. Zacharias asked the angel: “how can I know that what you’re saying



is really going to happen since we are too old to have a baby now?” The angel told him: “I am the angel Gabriel from heaven and God sent me to tell you this good news. To help you believe that this is true, when you go out of the Altar, you will not be able to speak, until the baby is born.”

Everything that the angel said did happen. Elizabeth had a baby boy. When he was born, his father Zacharias wrote “His name is John” like the angel told him. Zacharias was able to speak again. He prayed a long prayer thanking God for the baby John and for everything that God does. God is so good and loves everyone very much.

#### PLAN AND MATERIALS:

- Prepare a coloring picture of St. Zacharias, St. Elizabeth and St. John the Baptist as a baby.

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#### CONCLUSION:

We are thankful to God for hearing and answering our prayers.

#### VERSE TO REMEMBER:

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“Your prayer is heard” Luke 1:13

#### HOME ACTIVITY

Parents can pray with their child thanking God for their child.

Parents can share with their child how happy they were when they found out they were going to be parents.

Unit: 3

**Purpose:** To live the church's seasons.

## LESSON 14: KIAHK CHRIST'S BIRTH ANNOUNCED TO ST. MARY

### SERVANT PREPARATION:

#### VERSE & REFERENCES:

"Now in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And having come in, the angel said to her, "Rejoice, highly favored one, the Lord is with you; blessed are you among women!" But when she saw him, she was troubled at his saying, and considered what manner of greeting this was. Then the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bring forth a Son, and shall call His name Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Highest; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David. And He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom there will be no end." Then Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I do not know a man?" And the angel answered and said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Highest will overshadow you; therefore, also, that Holy One who is to be born will be called the Son of God. Now indeed, Elizabeth your relative has also conceived a son in her old age; and this is now the sixth month for her who was called barren. For with God nothing will be impossible." Then Mary said, "Behold the maidservant of the Lord! Let it be to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her (Luke 1:26-38).

#### REFLECTION:

God sent us St. Mary to be the mother of our Lord Jesus Christ and to be our mother.

#### PRAYER:

Our Father

#### LESSON PREPARATION:

#### SONG:

" We give you greetings with Gabriel the archangel saying "Hail to you O' full of grace the Lord

be with you”.

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## OBJECTIVES

<b>Faith:</b>	God gave us St. Mary to be the mother of our Lord Jesus Christ and to be our mother.
<b>Liturgical:</b>	We thank God in the Holy Liturgy for giving us St. Mary.
<b>Spiritual:</b>	God our Father gave us St. Mary to be the mother of our Lord Jesus Christ and our mother.

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## INTRODUCTION:

Welcome the children with a song and gather them to do the motions with the song.

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## LESSON BODY:

The servant should prepare pictures of the Archangel Gabriel appearing to St. Mary.

Once upon a time there was a girl named Mary. St. Mary was a very good girl. She obeyed all of God’s commandments. St. Mary loved to help others. One day God sent the Archangel Gabriel to St. Mary. The angel appeared to St. Mary and said to her, “Hail to you O’ full of grace, the Lord is with you, blessed are you among women”. The angel gave St. Mary very good news. The angel told St. Mary that she was going to have a baby boy and that baby boy was going to be very special. He was going to be the Son of God and His name was going to be Jesus. St. Mary was very happy about the good news that she received. She told the angel that she will do whatever God wanted her to do. She prayed to God thanking Him for the good news that she received.

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## PLAN AND MATERIALS:

- Prepare pictures of the Archangel Gabriel appearing to St. Mary.

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**CONCLUSION:**

We are thankful to God for giving us St. Mary to be the mother of God and to be our mother.

**VERSE TO REMEMBER:**

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“Blessed are you among women” Luke 1:28

**HOME ACTIVITY**

Parents can read with their child the story of the Archangel Gabriel appearing to St. Mary.

Parents can also share with their child how much they love St. Mary and how special she is to them.

Parents can also share stories of miracles done by St. Mary.

Unit: 3

**Purpose:** To live the church's seasons.

## LESSON 15: KIAHK ST. MARY VISITS ST. ELIZABETH

### SERVANT PREPARATION:

#### VERSE & REFERENCES:

“Now Mary arose in those days and went into the hill country with haste, to a city of Judah, 40 and entered the house of Zacharias and greeted Elizabeth. And it happened, when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, that the babe leaped in her womb; and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. Then she spoke out with a loud voice and said, “Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! But why is this granted to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For indeed, as soon as the voice of your greeting sounded in my ears, the babe leaped in my womb for joy. Blessed is she who believed, for there will be a fulfillment of those things which were told her from the Lord.”

#### The Song of Mary

And Mary said: “My soul magnifies the Lord, And my spirit has rejoiced in God my Savior. For He has regarded the lowly state of His maidservant; For behold, henceforth all generations will call me blessed. For He who is mighty has done great things for me, And holy is His name. And His mercy is on those who fear Him From generation to generation. He has shown strength with His arm; He has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts. He has put down the mighty from their thrones, And exalted the lowly. He has filled the hungry with good things, And the rich He has sent away empty. He has helped His servant Israel, In remembrance of His mercy, As He spoke to our fathers, To Abraham and to his seed forever.” And Mary remained with her about three months, and returned to her house. (Luke 1 :39-56).

#### REFLECTION:

God sent us St. Mary to be our mother and to show us how to treat others.

#### PRAYER:

Our Father

## LESSON PREPARATION:

### SONG:

“ We give you greetings with Gabriel the archangel saying “Hail to you O’ full of grace the Lord be with you”.

### OBJECTIVES

<b>Faith:</b>	God gave us St. Mary to show us how to treat others
<b>Liturgical:</b>	We thank God in the Holy Liturgy for giving us St. Mary.
<b>Spiritual:</b>	God our Father gave us St. mary to be our mother and to teach us how to treat others.

### INTRODUCTION:

Welcome the children with a song and gather them to do the motions with the song.

### LESSON BODY:

The servant should prepare pictures St. mary visiting St. Elizabeth.

Last week we heard about the Archangel Gabriel visiting St. Mary to give her the good news that she will have a baby boy and His name will be Jesus. St. Mary was so happy that God chose her to be the mother of God. Archangel Gabriel also told St. Mary that her cousin St. Elizabeth was going to have a baby boy as well. When St. Mary heard that her cousin was going to have a baby boy she immediately went to visit St. Elizabeth to help her. When St. Mary greeted St. Elizabeth, the baby inside St. Elizabeth’s jumped for joy and St. Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. Then St. Elizabeth spoke out with a loud voice and said, “Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! St. Mary stayed with St. Elizabeth for three months. She helped St. Mary with all the cooking and cleaning. St. Mary took care of St. Elizabeth even though she was going to be the mother of God.

### PLAN AND MATERIALS:

- Prepare pictures or a video clip of St. Mary visiting St. Elizabeth.
- Prepare a coloring picture of St. Mary visiting St. Elizabeth.

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**CONCLUSION:**

We are thankful to God for giving us St. Mary to show us how to treat others.

**VERSE TO REMEMBER:**

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“Blessed are you among women” Luke 1:28

**HOME ACTIVITY**

Parents can read with their child the story of St. Mary visiting St. Elizabeth.

Parents can also share with their child how they help their family members and friends.

Parents can plan for their child and themselves to help a family member or friend together.

Unit: 3

**Purpose:** To know and to live the church's seasons.

## LESSON 16: KIAHK THE BIRTH OF JESUS CHRIST

### SERVANT PREPARATION:

#### VERSE & REFERENCES:

“And it came to pass in those days that a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. This census first took place while Quirinius was governing Syria. So all went to be registered, everyone to his own city. Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, to be registered with Mary, his betrothed wife, who was with child. So it was, that while they were there, the days were completed for her to be delivered. And she brought forth her firstborn Son, and wrapped Him in swaddling cloths, and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

#### **Glory in the Highest**

Now there were in the same country shepherds living out in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. And behold, an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were greatly afraid. Then the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people. For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be the sign to you: You will find a Babe wrapped in swaddling cloths, lying in a manger.” And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying: “Glory to God in the highest. And on earth peace, goodwill toward men!” So it was, when the angels had gone away from them into heaven, that the shepherds said to one another, “Let us now go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has come to pass, which the Lord has made known to us.” And they came with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the Babe lying in a manger. Now when they had seen Him, they made widely known the saying which was told them concerning this Child. And all those who heard it marveled at those things which were told them by the shepherds. But Mary kept all these things and pondered them in her heart. Then the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told them.

#### REFLECTION:

God shows his love to us by sending His only Begotten Son, Jesus Christ, to be our King and our Savior.

#### PRAYER:



## Our Father

### LESSON PREPARATION:

#### SONG:

“ We give you greetings with Gabriel the archangel saying “Hail to you O’ full of grace the Lord be with you”.

#### OBJECTIVES

<b>Faith:</b>	God showed us love by sending us his only begotten Son, Jesus Christ to be our King and our Savior.
<b>Liturgical:</b>	We thank God in the Holy Liturgy for loving us and sending us Jesus Christ to be our savior.
<b>Spiritual:</b>	God our Father loves us and sent to us Jesus Christ to be our Savior.

#### INTRODUCTION:

Welcome the children with a song and gather them to do the motions with the song.

#### LESSON BODY:

The servant should prepare pictures of Jesus Christ in the manger.

The ruler of the Roman Empire made a law that everyone had to go back to their hometowns for a census (to be counted for the government). St. Mary and St. Joseph obeyed this law and left Nazareth and traveled to Bethlehem even though St. Mary’s stomach was very big because she was about to have the baby Jesus. When they got to Bethlehem, they could not find a place to stay in. They finally found a man who allowed them to stay in a stable. A stable is a place that is full of animals. That night our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ was born. St. Mary wrapped Him in swaddling clothes and laid Him in the manger. Jesus Christ was born in a place that was dirty, smelly, cold and full of animals. We celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ every year on Christmas or the Nativity Feast which is on Jan. 7.

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#### PLAN AND MATERIALS:

- Prepare a picture or a model of Jesus Christ in the manger.
- Prepare a coloring picture of Jesus Christ in the manger.

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#### CONCLUSION:

God showed us love by sending us His only begotten Son our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

#### VERSE TO REMEMBER:

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“Jesus was born in Bethlehem” Matthew 2:1

#### HOME ACTIVITY

Parents can read with their child the story of the birth of Jesus Christ.

Parents can also make a model of a stable with Jesus Christ in the manger.

Parents can make an ornament with their child to decorate their Christmas tree.

Unit: 4

**Purpose:** God is the source of all goodness in our life.

## LESSON 17: GOD MADE AIR

### SERVANT PREPARATION:

### VERSE & REFERENCES:

“And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being” (Genesis 2:7).

### REFLECTION:

God gave us the breath of life because He loves us.

### PRAYER:

Our Father

### LESSON PREPARATION:

### SONG:

Psalm 150

“Praise God in all His saints, Praise Him in the firmament of His power, Praise Him for His mighty acts”

### OBJECTIVES

<b>Faith:</b>	God showed us love by giving us the breath of life.
<b>Liturgical:</b>	We thank God in the Holy Liturgy for loving us and for giving us the breath of life.
<b>Spiritual:</b>	God our Father loves us and gave us the breath of life.

### INTRODUCTION:

Welcome the children with a song and gather them to do the motions with the song.

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#### LESSON BODY:

The servant should take the children outside with bubbles and ask the children what do the bubbles need to float up into the sky? The servant should guide the children to understand that the bubbles need air in order to be formed and in order for the bubbles to float. Then after bringing the children back inside, the servant should ask the children what else does air do? Guide the children to understand that the air gives us life.

The servant should show the children a video of God creating Adam from dust. A long time ago God created man out of clay just like we saw in the video. Then God breathed into Adam the breath of life and Adam became alive. God also gives us life during Baptism. Have the servant show a video of Abouna breathing the Holy Spirit into a baby's mouth during Baptism. During Baptism Abouna breathes into our mouth the Holy Spirit which is the Breath of Life. The Holy Spirit makes us alive and works in us. The servant should also have the children see a video of the Pope or a Bishop breathing the Holy Spirit into the mouth of a newly ordained priest. The Pope and Bishops also breathe the Holy Spirit into the mouths of newly ordained priests (or new priests), so they can have the Holy Spirit live and work within them. The servant should have the children take a deep breath and ask them what would happen if we did not have air. Lead the children to understand that we need air just like we need the Holy Spirit to live. We need to thank God for giving us the breath of life.

#### PLAN AND MATERIALS:

- Prepare a picture and a video clip of God creating Adam.
- Prepare a video clip of Abouna breathing the Holy Spirit into the mouth of a baby being Baptized or when the Pope breathes the Holy Spirit into the mouth of a newly ordained priest.
- Have the children make a kite.

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#### CONCLUSION:

God showed us love by giving us the breath of life.

#### VERSE TO REMEMBER:

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“Breathed into his nostrils the breath of life” Genesis 2:7.

## HOME ACTIVITY

Parents can read with their child the creation story.

Parents can also show pictures or a video of Abouna breathing into their mouth the Holy Spirit during baptism.

Parents can fly their kite with their child or build a new one together.

Unit: 4

**Purpose:** God is the source of all goodness in our life.

## LESSON 18: GOD MADE LIGHT

### SERVANT PREPARATION:

#### VERSE & REFERENCES:

“Then God said, “Let there be light”; and there was light. And God saw the light, that it was good; and God divided the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness He called Night. So the evening and the morning were the first day.” (Genesis 1:3-5).

“Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, “I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life.” (John 8:12).

#### REFLECTION:

God gave us the Light of the world which is His only Begotten Son, because He loves us.

#### PRAYER:

Our Father

### LESSON PREPARATION:

#### SONG:

Psalm 150

“Praise Him according to the multitudes of His greatness, Praise Him with the sound of the trumpet, Praise Him with psaltery and harp, Praise Him with timbrel and chorus”

#### OBJECTIVES

**Faith:**

God showed us love by giving us the Light of the World.

<b>Liturgical:</b>	We thank God in the Holy Liturgy for loving us and for giving us the Light of the World.
<b>Spiritual:</b>	God our Father loves us and gave us the Light of the World.

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#### INTRODUCTION:

Welcome the children with a song and gather them to do the motions with the song.

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#### LESSON BODY:

The servant should have the children close their eyes. Ask the children what do they see? Guide the children to discuss the importance of light. Discuss with the children the activities that they can do with light and the activities that they can't do without light. Tell the children the story of Jesus healing the blind man.

One day our Lord Jesus was walking and He saw a man who was blind from birth. Jesus spit on the dirt and made mud. He put the mud on the blind man's eyes. He told the man to go wash in the Pool of Siloam. Once the man washed the mud from his eyes he was able to see. How do you think the man felt after he was able to see? He was happy and joyful because he was able to see. Jesus became the Light for that man and He is the Light for us. Our Savior Jesus Christ is the Light of the World, he helps us see. When we see we are happy and joyful just like the blind man in the story. Jesus gives us happiness and joy. Jesus said, "As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world."

When we are close to God we become bright like the sun. We get close to God when we come to church, pray and read His word in our Bibles every day. We thank God our father for giving us Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ who is the Light of the World. We learn from our Lord how to be bright like the sun and to be light in the world.

#### PLAN AND MATERIALS:

- Prepare a picture and a video clip of Jesus healing the blind man.
- Prepare a coloring picture of Jesus healing the blind man.

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#### CONCLUSION:

God showed us love by giving us the Light of the World.

**VERSE TO REMEMBER:**

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“I am the Light of the World” (John 9:5).

**HOME ACTIVITY**

Parents can read with their child the story of Jesus healing the blind man ( John 9:1-7).

Parents can also use the flashlight to make shadows in the dark with their child.

Parents can discuss with their child the importance of light and how beautiful and important the sun is.



Unit: 4

**Purpose:** God is the source of all goodness in our life.

## LESSON 19: JONAH AND THE BIG FISH

### SERVANT PREPARATION:

#### VERSE & REFERENCES:

The Book of Jonah

#### REFLECTION:

God knows what is best for us and we need to always obey Him.

#### PRAYER:

Our Father

### LESSON PREPARATION:

#### SONG:

Psalm 150

“Praise Him according to the multitudes of His greatness, Praise Him with the sound of the trumpet, Praise Him with psaltery and harp, Praise Him with timbrel and chorus”

#### OBJECTIVES

<b>Faith:</b>	God showed us love and we show our love to God by obeying Him.
<b>Liturgical:</b>	We thank God in the Holy Liturgy for loving us and for giving us rules to follow.
<b>Spiritual:</b>	God our Father loves us and knows what is best for us.

#### INTRODUCTION:

Welcome the children with a song and gather them to do the motions with the song.

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#### LESSON BODY:

Once upon a time, there was a man named Jonah. God told Jonah to go to a place called Nineveh to tell the people there to stop doing bad things. Jonah did not want to obey God, so he tried to hide by going on a boat that was going somewhere else. The servant should ask the children if they think they can hide from God? No! The servant should guide the children into understanding that God always sees where we are. When Jonah was on the boat he fell asleep and there was a big storm. The sailors woke him up and told him to pray to his God for help. Jonah said: "God made this storm happen because I did not do what He told me to do. The storm will not stop until I am thrown into the sea." The sailors threw Jonah into the sea. Immediately, the wind stopped, the waves calmed down, and the storm was over. Jonah was in the deep ocean and then all of a sudden, God sent a big fish to keep Jonah safe. The big fish swallowed Jonah. Jonah stayed inside the belly of the fish for three days and three nights. He prayed to God to let him out. He promised God that he will obey Him. God heard Jonah's prayers and made the fish throw Jonah up onto the sand. Jonah got up and obeyed God and went straight to Nineveh to tell the people to stop doing bad things, just like God wanted him to.

God is everywhere and He always sees us. We should always do what God wants, because He knows what is best for us. Even when Jonah did not obey, God kept him safe in the fish's belly and his prayers were answered.

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#### PLAN AND MATERIALS:

- Prepare a picture of Jonah and the whale.
- Prepare a coloring picture of Jonah and the whale.

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#### CONCLUSION:

We should always obey God, He knows what is best for us.

#### VERSE TO REMEMBER:

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"Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights" Jonah 1:17

#### HOME ACTIVITY

Parents can read with their child the story of Jonah and the whale.

Parents can also make a fish with their child.

Parents can discuss with their child the importance of obeying God.

Unit: 4

**Purpose:** God is the source of all goodness in our life.

## LESSON 20: GOD MADE COLOR

### SERVANT PREPARATION:

#### VERSE & REFERENCES:

And God said: "This is the sign of the covenant which I make between Me and you, and every living creature that is with you, for perpetual generations: I set My rainbow in the cloud, and it shall be for the sign of the covenant between Me and the earth. It shall be, when I bring a cloud over the earth, that the rainbow shall be seen in the cloud; and I will remember My covenant which is between Me and you and every living creature of all flesh; the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. The rainbow shall be in the cloud, and I will look on it to remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth." And God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant which I have established between Me and all flesh that is on the earth"(Genesis 9:12-17).

#### REFLECTION:

God made this world so colorful and so beautiful for us to enjoy because He loves us. Servants to avoid any hints of God being angry or hateful. Children at this stage would have hard time connecting with God as the loving Father if this image is perceived.

#### PRAYER:

Our Father

### LESSON PREPARATION:

#### SONG:

Psalm 150

“Praise Him with strings and organs, Praise Him with pleasant sounding cymbals, Praise Him upon the cymbals of joy. ”

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## OBJECTIVES

<b>Faith:</b>	God showed us love by creating a colorful world for us.
<b>Liturgical:</b>	We thank God in the Holy Liturgy for creating such a colorful and beautiful world.
<b>Spiritual:</b>	God our Father loves us and created a colorful world for us to enjoy.

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## INTRODUCTION:

Welcome the children with a song and gather them to do the motions with the song.

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## LESSON BODY:

The servant will ask the children if they have ever seen a rainbow. The servant should prepare a picture of a rainbow. The servant will say, “ I will tell you a story about a very beautiful and colorful rainbow that God put in the sky for us to enjoy”.

Once upon a time the people in the world forgot about God, and they were doing bad things. The servant should ask the children how do they think God felt about what the people were doing. The servant should guide the students that God was upset sad that His people forgot about Him and were doing bad things.

God had special friend named Noah. Noah was a good man and did everything that God told him to do. God told Noah that He was going to send rain on the earth for 40 days and nights. God told Noah to build a big boat (The Ark) so it would swim on top of the water. He also told him to take two of every kind of animal and lots of food in the ark. Noah listened to God as he always did and built the big ark. Two of every kind of animal and bird came into the ark (the servant here may ask the children to name some of the animals and make the sounds that the animals make).

Noah also brought his entire family into the ark (his wife, his three sons and their three wives - a total of eight people). After they all entered the ark, God closed its door (Gen.7:16). The sky started to rain heavily. When the waters started to cover the whole earth, Noah’s ark started to

float and swim on top of the waters. Noah, his family, and two of every kind of animal and bird were saved. Noah sent a dove 3 times to find out if the water had dried up. When Noah and his family and the animals came out, God showed them a colorful and beautiful rainbow in the sky as a promise that this kind of flood will never happen again. God said to Noah: "I set My rainbow in the cloud" as a promise.

The servant should guide the children to understand that we should always listen to God and do what makes Him happy so we too could be His special friend like Noah was. We should also obey our parents, Abouna and other adults in our life so we can be God's special friend.

The servant should also guide the children to understand that God created a colorful rainbow and a colorful world for us to enjoy and as a promise that the world will never be destroyed again.

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#### PLAN AND MATERIALS:

- Prepare a picture of a rainbow.
- Prepare a coloring picture of Noah's ark and the rainbow.

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#### CONCLUSION:

God created a colorful world for us to enjoy and we need to always listen to God so we can be His special friend.

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#### VERSE TO REMEMBER:

"This is the sign of the covenant which I make between Me and you," (Genesis 9:12).

#### HOME ACTIVITY

Parents can read with their child the story of Noah.

Parents can also make a rainbow out of clay with their child.

Parents can discuss with their child the importance of obeying parents, abouna and other adults in their life.

Unit: 4

**Purpose:** God is the source of all goodness in our life.

## LESSON 21: GOD MADE WEATHER

### SERVANT PREPARATION:

#### VERSE & REFERENCES:

Now when He got into a boat, His disciples followed Him. And suddenly a great tempest arose on the sea, so that the boat was covered with the waves. But He was asleep. Then His disciples came to Him and awoke Him, saying, "Lord, save us! We are perishing!" But He said to them, "Why are you fearful, O you of little faith?" Then He arose and rebuked the winds and the sea, and there was a great calm. So the men marveled, saying, "Who can this be, that even the winds and the sea obey Him?" (Matthew 8:23-27).

#### REFLECTION:

God made the seasons for us to enjoy because He loves us.

#### PRAYER:

Our Father

### LESSON PREPARATION:

#### SONG:

Psalm 150

"Praise Him with strings and organs, Praise Him with pleasant sounding cymbals, Praise Him upon the cymbals of joy. "

#### OBJECTIVES

<b>Faith:</b>	God showed us love by creating the seasons.
<b>Liturgical:</b>	We ask God in the Holy Liturgy for the moderation of the wind.
<b>Spiritual:</b>	God our Father loves us and created the seasons for us to enjoy.

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## INTRODUCTION:

Welcome the children with a song and gather them to do the motions with the song.

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## LESSON BODY:

The servant should ask the children to name the types of weather they have experienced and how does each type of weather make them feel. Then the servant should show them pictures of the four seasons and have the children name the four seasons. The servant will then tell the children the story of Jesus calming the sea.

One day, Jesus was with His friends the disciples. They started sailing across the sea. The sun was out and the sea was calm and peaceful. Everyone was enjoying the beautiful weather. Jesus decided to rest in the back of the boat. Then big storm clouds came and filled the sky. The clouds covered up the sun and it became dark. The wind started to blow and the waves started getting higher and higher. Thunder and lightning filled the sky. The waves were so high that they started banging against the boat and soon water started to fill the boat. Jesus' friends were very scared and did not know what to do. Right away they went to Jesus who was sleeping during the storm. The disciples woke Jesus up and said, 'Master, wake up, don't You see we are drowning....?' Jesus woke up; He looked at the storm and said: "Peace. Be still." All of a sudden the wind stopped and the sea was calm again. There weren't even any waves. The sun came out and everything was peaceful and calm again. The disciples were amazed and said, "even the wind and the sea obey Him!"

The servant then should guide the children to understand that God created the 4 seasons and the different types of weather so we can enjoy them as well as discuss the importance of the different types of weather.

## PLAN AND MATERIALS:

- Prepare pictures of the 4 seasons.
- Prepare a coloring picture of the 4 seasons.

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## CONCLUSION:

God created the weather for us to enjoy.

## VERSE TO REMEMBER:

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"...the winds and the sea obey Him" ( Matthew 8: 27).

HOME ACTIVITY



Parents can read with their child the story of Jesus calming the storm.

Parents can also help children pray that God would give good weather to the world

# Preschool Curriculum

## Unit V

Unit: 5

**Purpose:** God is the source of all goodness in our life.

## LESSON 22: THE PRODIGAL SON

### SERVANT PREPARATION:

#### VERSE & REFERENCES:

##### The Parable of the Lost Son

Jesus continued: “There was a man who had two sons. The younger one said to his father, ‘Father, give me my share of the estate.’ So he divided his property between them. “Not long after that, the younger son got together all he had, set off for a distant country and there squandered his wealth in wild living. After he had spent everything, there was a severe famine in that whole country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to a citizen of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed pigs. He longed to fill his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, but no one gave him anything.”When he came to his senses, he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired servants have food to spare, and here I am starving to death! I will set out and go back to my father and say to him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me like one of your hired servants.’ So he got up and went to his father. “But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him. “The son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ “But the father said to his servants, ‘Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let’s have a feast and celebrate. For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.’ So they began to celebrate. “Meanwhile, the older son was in the field. When he came near the house, he heard music and dancing. So he called one of the servants and asked him what was going on. ‘Your brother has come,’ he replied, ‘and your father has killed the fattened calf because he has him back safe and sound.’ “The older brother became angry and refused to go in. So his father went out and pleaded with him. But he answered his father, ‘Look! All these years I’ve been slaving for you and never disobeyed your orders. Yet you never gave me even a young goat so I could celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours who has squandered your property with prostitutes comes home, you kill the fattened calf for him!’ ““My

son,' the father said, 'you are always with me, and everything I have is yours. But we had to celebrate and be glad, because this brother of yours was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.'" (Luke 15:11-32).

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**REFLECTION:**

God loves us and is always looking for us. He is waiting for us with His arms open wide to come back to His bosom.

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**PRAYER:**

Our Father

**LESSON PREPARATION:**

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**SONG:**

Sons of God

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**OBJECTIVES**

<b>Faith:</b>	God shows us love by looking for us when we are far away from Him
<b>Liturgical:</b>	We thank God in the Holy Liturgy for looking for us and always wanting us to be close to Him
<b>Spiritual:</b>	God our Father loves us and is always looking for us to be with Him.

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**INTRODUCTION:**

Welcome the children with a song and gather them to do the motions with the song.

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**LESSON BODY:**

Once upon a time there was a man who had two sons. One day the younger son went to his dad and said, "Dad, I want all of my money now because I want to go out and have some fun. I don't want to live with you anymore I want to live alone. I am tired of you and my brother always telling me what to do". I want to be my own boss. The servant should ask the children how do they think the father felt and if what the son did was right or wrong and why?

The father was very sad. He loved his son very much and did not want to upset his son. That night he gave his son all of his money. The next morning the son got his things ready and set out on his own. The son was so excited that he was going to be away from his father and his brother. No one was going to tell him what to do now.

He traveled all day until he reached town. He was very hungry so he decided to buy an apple. As soon as he took out his money bag to pay for his apple a young man standing by noticed the son's money bag. The young man wanted to be friends with the son so he can have some of his money too. The young man introduced himself to the son and soon the two became friends. They went around town together buying whatever they wanted to buy. They ate whatever they wanted to eat. They went to parties and had a lot of fun. The servant should ask the children how do they think the son felt.

But before long the son's money started running out and soon he lost all of his money. The young man disappointed in the son, stopped being the son's friend and left the son all alone. The servant should ask the children how do they think the son felt.

Soon the son became tired and hungry traveling all over town alone searching for food. The son decided that he would get a job so he can make some money to buy food. But, the only job that he could get was to take care of pigs. While the son was taking care of the pigs he noticed that he was so hungry that the pigs' food started looking good to him. The son got down on his hands and knees just like a pig and was about to eat the pigs' food. The servant should ask the children how do they think the son felt. Guide the children to understand that this is how we feel when we are doing things to disappoint God, when we are far away from God.

All of a sudden he realized that he missed his father's house. He thought to himself, in my father's house I would not have to eat the pigs' food. I would have the best and most delicious food what am I doing here? I am wrong for leaving my father's house. Look at me I am so lonely, dirty, tired and hungry. I would not be like this if I stayed home in my father's house.

Right away, the son got up and decided to go back to his father's house. As he was walking on the road he noticed an old man waiting by the side of the road. When he got closer he could see that the old man was his father. His father was waiting for him to return.

The son was so happy that he starting running to his father and his father started running towards his son. When they met they hugged each other. The son told his father, "Father, I am sorry I have sinned". But the father said to his servants, 'Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. We are going to have a party and celebrate. For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.' and they were so happy. They began to celebrate. The servant should ask the children how do they think the father and

the son felt. Guide the children to understanding this is how we feel when we are close to God and in His house.

The servant needs to guide the children to understand that God loves us and He always wants us with Him. When we are far away from God, God is upset and waits for us to come back. The servant should ask the children, "how should we act in order to be close to God"? We need to listen to our moms and dads, we need to listen to abouna, our Sunday school teachers, we need to treat everyone nicely especially our brothers and sisters. We also need to make sure we are reading our Bible everyday and go to church early every Sunday.

#### PLAN AND MATERIALS:

- Prepare a picture of the prodigal son.
- Prepare a coloring picture of the prodigal son.

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#### CONCLUSION:

God loves us and wants us to be close to Him all the time. He is always waiting for us with arms open wide.

#### VERSE TO REMEMBER:

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"he was lost and is found" (Luke 15:24).

#### HOME ACTIVITY

Parents can read with their child the story of the prodigal son.

Parents can discuss with their child how do we show God we love Him and that we want to be close to Him.

Unit: 5

**Purpose:** God is the source of all goodness in our life.

## LESSON 23: THE SAMARITAN WOMAN

### SERVANT PREPARATION:

#### VERSE & REFERENCES:

##### Jesus Talks With a Samaritan Woman

Now Jesus learned that the Pharisees had heard that he was gaining and baptizing more disciples than John— although in fact it was not Jesus who baptized, but his disciples. So he left Judea and went back once more to Galilee. Now he had to go through Samaria. So he came to a town in Samaria called Sychar, near the plot of ground Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob’s well was there, and Jesus, tired as he was from the journey, sat down by the well. It was about noon. When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, “Will you give me a drink?” (His disciples had gone into the town to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, “You are a Jew and I am a Samaritan woman. How can you ask me for a drink?” (For Jews do not associate with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, “If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water.” “Sir,” the woman said, “you have nothing to draw with and the well is deep. Where can you get this living water? Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did also his sons and his livestock?” Jesus answered, “Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life.” The woman said to him, “Sir, give me this water so that I won’t get thirsty and have to keep coming here to draw water.” He told her, “Go, call your husband and come back.” “I have no husband,” she replied. Jesus said to her, “You are right when you say you have no husband. The fact is, you have had five husbands, and the man you now have is not your husband. What you have just said is quite true.” “Sir,” the woman said, “I can see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you Jews claim that the place where we must worship is in Jerusalem.” “Woman,” Jesus replied, “believe me, a time is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You Samaritans worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know, for salvation is from the Jews. Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in the Spirit and in truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in the Spirit and in truth.” The woman said, “I know

that Messiah” (called Christ) “is coming. When he comes, he will explain everything to us.” Then Jesus declared, “I, the one speaking to you—I am he.”

### The Disciples Rejoin Jesus

Just then his disciples returned and were surprised to find him talking with a woman. But no one asked, “What do you want?” or “Why are you talking with her?”

Then, leaving her water jar, the woman went back to the town and said to the people, “Come, see a man who told me everything I ever did. Could this be the Messiah?” They came out of the town and made their way toward him (John 4:1-30).

### REFLECTION:

Jesus is the Living Water, the Water of Life.

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#### PRAYER:

Our Father

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#### LESSON PREPARATION:

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#### SONG:

Prayer, fasting and alms giving,

We are meant to repent,

55 days of sacrifice

Being super, extra nice,

This is Lent, This is Lent (sung to the tune of Frere Jacques)

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#### OBJECTIVES

<b>Faith:</b>	God shows us love by sending us His son Jesus Christ to give us Living Water
<b>Liturgical:</b>	We thank God in the Holy Liturgy for giving us His son who is our Living Water
<b>Spiritual:</b>	God our Father loves us and gives us Living Water through His son Jesus Christ



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## INTRODUCTION:

Welcome the children with a song and gather them to do the motions with the song.

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## LESSON BODY:

Once upon a time Jesus was traveling and he became very tired and thirsty. He reached a town called Samaria and sat down by a well called Jacob's well to rest. Around noon time everyone in the town of Samaria would take a nap because it was too hot to do anything else. A woman came to the well to get some water. She only came out when everyone in the town was napping so no one would see her. The people in Samaria did not like this woman because she did bad things. Jesus saw that she was using her bucket to draw some water from the well so He asked her for a drink of water. The woman gave Him a drink of water and Jesus was so thankful and happy to the woman for giving Him a drink of water. Jesus was so nice to the woman and she was so surprised because no one was nice to her. Jesus told her that He will give her the Water of Life but she needs to stop doing bad things. She wanted to be Jesus' special friend so she decided to stop doing bad things. Now she will get Living Water from Jesus and live forever in heaven with Jesus.

The servant should ask the children "can we live without water?" The servant should guide the children to understand that since we can't live without water we can't live without our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ who is the Living Water.

## PLAN AND MATERIALS:

- Prepare a picture of Jesus and the Samaritan Woman.
- Prepare a coloring picture of the Samaritan Woman.
- Have the kids make a "bucket".

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## CONCLUSION:

God loves us and gives us Living Water through His Son Jesus Christ.

## VERSE TO REMEMBER:

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"whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst"(John 4:14).

## HOME ACTIVITY

Parents can read with their child the story of the Samaritan Woman.

Parents can discuss with their child how important water.

Parents can also discuss with their child since we can't live without water we can't live without Jesus Christ in our life.

Unit: 5

**Purpose:** God is the source of all goodness in our life.

## LESSON 24: THE MAN AT THE POOL OF BETHESDA

### SERVANT PREPARATION:

#### VERSE & REFERENCES:

##### A Man Healed at the Pool of Bethesda

After this there was a feast of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. Now there is in Jerusalem by the Sheep *Gate* a pool, which is called in Hebrew, Bethesda, having five porches. In these lay a great multitude of sick people, blind, lame, paralyzed, waiting for the moving of the water. For an angel went down at a certain time into the pool and stirred up the water; then whoever stepped in first, after the stirring of the water, was made well of whatever disease he had. Now a certain man was there who had an infirmity thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him lying there, and knew that he already had been *in that condition* a long time, He said to him, "Do you want to be made well?" The sick man answered Him, "Sir, I have no man to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up; but while I am coming, another steps down before me." Jesus said to him, "Rise, take up your bed and walk." And immediately the man was made well, took up his bed, and walked. And that day was the Sabbath. The Jews therefore said to him who was cured, "It is the Sabbath; it is not lawful for you to carry your bed." He answered them, "He who made me well said to me, 'Take up your bed and walk.'" Then they asked him, "Who is the Man who said to you, 'Take up your bed and walk'?" <sup>13</sup> But the one who was healed did not know who it was, for Jesus had withdrawn, a multitude being in *that* place. Afterward Jesus found him in the temple, and said to him, "See, you have been made well. Sin no more, lest a worse thing come upon you." The man departed and told the Jews that it was Jesus who had made him well.

#### REFLECTION:

Jesus Christ loves us and wants to heal us from all our sicknesses.

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**PRAYER:**

Our Father

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**LESSON PREPARATION:**

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**SONG:**

Prayer, fasting and alms giving,

We are meant to repent,

55 days of sacrifice

Being super, extra nice,

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**OBJECTIVES**

<b>Faith:</b>	God shows us love by sending us His son Jesus Christ to heal us from our sicknesses.
<b>Liturgical:</b>	We thank God in the Holy Liturgy for giving us His son who heals us.
<b>Spiritual:</b>	God our Father loves us and heals us through His son Jesus Christ.

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**INTRODUCTION:**

Welcome the children with a song and gather them to do the motions with the song.

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**LESSON BODY:**

The servant should start the lesson by asking the children how do they feel when they are sick? Is it fun to stay in bed when you are sick? How do you feel when you are in bed, sick, and all your friends are playing outside? Can you imagine if you were sick for 38 years and stuck in bed? Well I am going to tell you a story about a man who was sick for 38 years and could not get out of bed. Once upon a time there was a very special pool. Every year at a special time, an angel would come and stir (move) the water. All the sick people would gather around the pool and the first one who would jump into the pool after the pool was moved by the angel would be made well. Many sick people waited around the pool trying to be the first person to jump in after the angel stirred the water.

One day Jesus was walking near that pool and saw a sick man on his bed. Jesus knew he had been sick and stuck in his bed for 38 years. Jesus asked him: "Do you want to be made well?" The man said: "Yes, but there's no one to help me get into the pool when the water is moved." Jesus said to him, "Rise, take up your bed and walk." Right away, the man was made well. He got up, and was able to walk. The man was so happy that he could walk again and get out of his bed. Everyone around the pool was surprised to see him out of his bed and walking again.

The servant should guide the children to understand that God knows all about us. He knows what we need. All we have to do is ask Him to help us, to be with us, to protect us, to guide us and to heal us if we are not feeling well. It is also makes God very happy when we show love for one another by praying for anyone that we know who is not feeling well so that God may heal them.

#### PLAN AND MATERIALS:

- Prepare a picture of the man at the Pool of Bethesda.
- Prepare a coloring picture of the Man at the Pool of Bethesda.
- Have the children use a spoon to stir water in a bucket.

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#### CONCLUSION:

God loves us and wants us to heal us from any sicknesses that we may have.

#### VERSE TO REMEMBER:

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"Rise, take up your bed and walk" ( John 5: 8).

#### HOME ACTIVITY

Parents can read with their child the story of the Man at the Pool of Bethesda.

Parents can discuss with their child how we need to pray for one another especially for those who are sick.

Unit: 5

**Purpose:** God is the source of all goodness in our life.

## LESSON 25: MAN BORN BLIND

### SERVANT PREPARATION:

#### VERSE & REFERENCES:

##### A Man Born Blind Receives Sight

Now as Jesus passed by, He saw a man who was blind from birth. And His disciples asked Him, saying, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned, but that the works of God should be revealed in him. I must work the works of Him who sent Me while it is day; the night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." When He had said these things, He spat on the ground and made clay with the saliva; and He anointed the eyes of the blind man with the clay. And He said to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which is translated, Sent). So he went and washed, and came back seeing. Therefore, the neighbors and those who previously had seen that he was blind said, "Is not this he who sat and begged?" Some said, "This is he." Others said, "He is like him." He said, "I am he." Therefore, they said to him, "How were your eyes opened?" He answered and said, "A Man called Jesus made clay and anointed my eyes and said to me, 'Go to the pool of Siloam and wash.' So I went and washed, and I received sight." Then they said to him, "Where is He?" He said, "I do not know."

##### The Pharisees Excommunicate the Healed Man

They brought him who formerly was blind to the Pharisees. Now it was a Sabbath when Jesus made the clay and opened his eyes. Then the Pharisees also asked him again how he had received his sight. He said to them, "He put clay on my eyes, and I washed, and I see." Therefore, some of the Pharisees said, "This Man is not from God, because He does not keep the Sabbath." Others said, "How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?" And there was a division among them. They said to the blind man again, "What do you say about Him because He opened your eyes?" He said, "He is a prophet." But the Jews did not believe concerning him, that he had been blind and received his sight, until they called the parents of him who had received his sight. And they asked them, saying, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" His parents answered them and said, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but by what means he now sees we do not know, or who opened his eyes we do not know. He is of age; ask him. He will speak for himself." His parents said these things because they feared the Jews, for the Jews had agreed already that if anyone confessed that He was Christ, he would be

put out of the synagogue. Therefore, his parents said, "He is of age; ask him." So they again called the man who was blind, and said to him, "Give God the glory! We know that this Man is a sinner." He answered and said, "Whether He is a sinner or not I do not know. One thing I know: that though I was blind, now I see." Then they said to him again, "What did He do to you? How did He open your eyes?" He answered them, "I told you already, and you did not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become His disciples?" Then they reviled him and said, "You are His disciple, but we are Moses' disciples. We know that God spoke to Moses; as for this fellow, we do not know where He is from." The man answered and said to them, "Why, this is a marvelous thing, that you do not know where He is from; yet He has opened my eyes! Now we know that God does not hear sinners; but if anyone is a worshiper of God and does His will, He hears him. Since the world began it has been unheard of that anyone opened the eyes of one who was born blind. If this Man were not from God, He could do nothing." They answered and said to him, "You were completely born in sins, and are you teaching us?" And they cast him out.

### True Vision and True Blindness

Jesus heard that they had cast him out; and when He had found him, He said to him, "Do you believe in the Son of God?" He answered and said, "Who is He, Lord, that I may believe in Him?" And Jesus said to him, "You have both seen Him and it is He who is talking with you." Then he said, "Lord, I believe!" And he worshiped Him. And Jesus said, "For judgment I have come into this world, that those who do not see may see, and that those who see may be made blind." Then some of the Pharisees who were with Him heard these words, and said to Him, "Are we blind also?" Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would have no sin; but now you say, 'We see.' Therefore, your sin remains (John 9:1-41).

### REFLECTION:

Through Jesus Christ we have true vision.

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#### PRAYER:

Our Father

#### LESSON PREPARATION:

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#### SONG:

Prayer, fasting and alms giving,

We are meant to repent,

55 days of sacrifice

Being super, extra nice,

This is Lent, This is Lent (sung to the tune of Frere Jacques)

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## OBJECTIVES

<b>Faith:</b>	God loves us and sent to us His Son the Light of the World.
<b>Liturgical:</b>	We thank God in the Holy Liturgy for giving us His Son Jesus Christ, the Light of the World.
<b>Spiritual:</b>	Through God's Son Jesus Christ, the Light of the World we are able to make good choices.

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## INTRODUCTION:

Welcome the children with a song and gather them to do the motions with the song.

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## LESSON BODY:

The servant should start the lesson by having the children put their hands over their eyes. Ask the children if they can see and how do they feel? Can you imagine if you lived like this your entire life? What are some of the things you would not be able to see? What are some of the things you would miss seeing?

Well I will tell you a story about a man who was born blind and lived his entire life in darkness until he met our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Once upon a time as Jesus was walking He noticed a man who was blind. Jesus felt sorry for the man who was living in darkness and wanted to help him see the Light. Jesus spit on the ground to make mud. Then, Jesus took the mud and spread it on the man's eyes. Jesus told the man to go to a pool and wash his eyes. Right away the man did just as Jesus told him. While the man was washing his eyes he noticed something strange starting to happen. The man started to see light instead of darkness. For the first time he saw his hands right before his eyes. He saw the sky, the birds, and the people around him. He was so excited and happy to be able to finally see. He was thankful to Jesus for giving him his sight.

The servant should guide the students to understand that the blind man was not going to be able to see unless Jesus Christ gave him his sight. The same for us. We are only able to "see" what is right and make good choices only when Jesus Christ is in our life. When is Jesus Christ in our Life? When we make good choices we become special friends with Jesus Christ and He lives in us and we live in Him. Jesus Christ is the Light of the World through Him we can make good choices. The servant can discuss some good choices. For example: listening to our parents, to Abouna, to our teachers and to our Sunday school teachers. Helping our parents and our brothers and sisters at home, not taking anything that does not belong to us, picking up around the church when we see trash on the ground, putting things back where they belong at home and in church, and treating others the way we want to be treated.



#### PLAN AND MATERIALS:

- Prepare a picture of the Man Born Blind.
- Prepare a coloring picture of the Man Born Blind.
- Have the children put mud on the eyes of the Man Born Blind.

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#### CONCLUSION:

God loves us and sent to us the Light of the World, His Son Jesus Christ so that through Him we can make good choices.

#### VERSE TO REMEMBER:

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“I am the light of the world ”(John 9:5)

#### HOME ACTIVITY

Parents can read with their child the story of the Man Born Blind.

Parents can discuss with their child about making good choices at home, at school and at church.

Parents can discuss with their child how Jesus Christ is so happy when we make good choices especially when no one is looking.

# Preschool Curriculum

## Unit VI

Unit: 6

**Purpose:** God is the source of all goodness in our life.

## LESSON 26: CHRIST IS RISEN

### SERVANT PREPARATION:

#### VERSE & REFERENCES:

##### He Is Risen

Now after the Sabbath, as the first day of the week began to dawn, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary came to see the tomb. And behold, there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat on it. His countenance was like lightning, and his clothing as white as snow. And the guards shook for fear of him, and became like dead men. But the angel answered and said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for He is risen, as He said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay. And go quickly and tell His disciples that He is risen from the dead, and indeed He is going before you into Galilee; there you will see Him. Behold, I have told you." So they went out quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to bring His disciples word (Matthew 28:1-8).

#### REFLECTION:

In Jesus' crucifixion we see His love for us and His strength.

#### PRAYER:

Our Father

### LESSON PREPARATION:

#### SONG:

Resurrection is My Song

#### OBJECTIVES

<b>Faith:</b>	God loves us and sent to us His Son to die for us so we can have eternal life.
<b>Liturgical:</b>	We thank God in the Holy Liturgy for giving us His Son Jesus Christ who gave us eternal life.

**Spiritual:**

Through God's Son Jesus Christ, we have eternal life.

**INTRODUCTION:**

Welcome the children with a song and gather them to do the motions with the song.

**LESSON BODY:**

The servant should prepare a picture of the crucifixion. Ask the children who is in the picture and what they think is happening in the picture. Ask the children why they think Jesus is on the cross. Jesus was on the cross because He loves us. Jesus' stretched out arms on the cross show us and tell us how much He loves us.

After they took Jesus down from the cross, they put Him in a tomb and closed it with a big, huge stone. There were soldiers guarding the tomb, to make sure that no one would come and open it. On the third day, which was very early Sunday morning, the Archangel came from heaven with a very bright light and rolled the stone away. The soldiers fell down to the ground from all the light.

Ask the children why do they think the Angel rolled way the stone? The angel rolled away the stone, because Jesus had risen!! He was not in the tomb anymore. Jesus was stronger than anything. Mary Magdalene was Jesus' friend. Her and other women went to see the tomb and to put spices on Jesus' body. But when they arrived at the tomb they saw the angel there who told them that Jesus is not there: "He is risen as He said." Then Mary Magdalene, saw Jesus Himself in the garden. She was so happy to see Him. She kissed His feet and went and told His disciples (His special friends) that she had seen the Lord Jesus and that He is risen and He is alive.

Next time you see the cross you need to remember that Jesus Christ rose from the dead on the third day. We need to always remember that Jesus Christ is strong, He is always with us and he loves us all very much.

**PLAN AND MATERIALS:**

- Prepare a craft of the tomb, use brad fasteners to have the stone roll away from the opening of the tomb.
- Prepare a cross and have the students use tissue paper, rolled up as balls, to cover the surface of the cross.

**CONCLUSION:**

God loves us and sent to us His only begotten Son Jesus Christ, so that through Him we may have eternal life.

**VERSE TO REMEMBER:**

““He is risen, as He said” Matthew 28:6

Also, teach the children this greeting and response, “Christ is risen! Truly, He is risen!”

#### HOME ACTIVITY

Parents can read with their child the story of Easter.

Parents can discuss with their child about how thankful we are for God giving us His only Begotten Son, Jesus Christ that through eating His Holy Body and drinking His Holy Blood we abide in Him and He abides in us.

Parents can discuss with their child how we need to always take Holy Communion so that we can feel God in our bodies and in our hearts.

Unit: 6

**Purpose:** God is the source of all goodness in our life.

## LESSON 27: JESUS GIVES HIS FRIENDS PEACE

### SERVANT PREPARATION:

#### VERSE & REFERENCES:

Then, the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in the midst, and said to them, "Peace be with you." When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. So Jesus said to them again, "Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you." And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." (John 20: 19-23).

#### REFLECTION:

Jesus gives us peace and joy.

#### PRAYER:

Our Father

#### LESSON PREPARATION:

#### SONG:

Resurrection is My Song

#### OBJECTIVES

<b>Faith:</b>	God loves us and sent us His son to give us peace.
<b>Liturgical:</b>	We thank God in the Holy Liturgy for giving us His Son Jesus Christ who gave us peace.
<b>Spiritual:</b>	Through God's Son Jesus Christ, we have peace.

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## INTRODUCTION:

Welcome the children with a song and gather them to do the motions with the song.

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## LESSON BODY:

After Jesus's crucifixion, Jesus' friends were very sad because they missed Jesus Christ so much. They were also hiding because they were worried and afraid. They were afraid that the soldiers were looking for them and that they would have to go through the same thing that Jesus went through.

One day while Jesus' friends were gathered together in a room, Jesus appeared to them. Jesus said to His friends "Peace be with you" and He showed them His hands and His feet. His friends were so happy that they saw Jesus Christ and He wasn't hurt anymore. They did not feel afraid and they were filled with peace and joy because Jesus was with them. Jesus also gave them a special gift because He loved His friends very much. Jesus breathed on his friends, and gave them the Holy Spirit. His friends were so happy and thankful that Jesus was with them. They couldn't wait to spend more time with Jesus and learn from Him.

## PLAN AND MATERIALS:

- Stain Glass Cross: prepare a cross using cardstock. Divide the cross into uneven spaces using a black marker (make it look like a stain glass cross. Have the students paint the cross using watercolors.

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## CONCLUSION:

God loves us and sent to us His only begotten Son Jesus Christ, so that through Him we may be filled with peace and joy.

## VERSE TO REMEMBER:

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"Peace be with you" John (20: 19).

Also, review with the children this greeting and response, "Christ is risen! Truly, He is risen!"

## HOME ACTIVITY

Parents can read with their child the story of Jesus visiting His friends.

Parents can discuss with their child about how Jesus fills us with peace and joy.

Parents can discuss with their child how we need to always take Holy Communion so that we can have Jesus Christ in our hearts.



Unit: 6

**Purpose:** God is the source of all goodness in our life.

## LESSON 28: JESUS FEEDS HIS FRIENDS

### SERVANT PREPARATION:

#### VERSE & REFERENCES:

After these things Jesus showed Himself again to the disciples at the Sea of Tiberias, and in this way He showed Himself: Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of His disciples were together. Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We are going with you also." They went out and immediately got into the boat, and that night they caught nothing. But when the morning had now come, Jesus stood on the shore; yet the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Then Jesus said to them, "Children, have you any food?" They answered Him, "No." And He said to them, "Cast the net on the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast, and now they were not able to draw it in because of the multitude of fish. Therefore that disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" Now when Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his outer garment (for he had removed it), and plunged into the sea. But the other disciples came in the little boat (for they were not far from land, but about two hundred cubits), dragging the net with fish. Then, as soon as they had come to land, they saw a fire of coals there, and fish laid on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish which you have just caught." Simon Peter went up and dragged the net to land, full of large fish, one hundred and fifty-three; and although there were so many, the net was not broken. Jesus said to them, "Come and eat breakfast." Yet none of the disciples dared ask Him, "Who are You?"—knowing that it was the Lord. Jesus then came and took the bread and gave it to them, and likewise the fish. This is now the third time Jesus showed Himself to His disciples after He was raised from the dead.

#### REFLECTION:

Jesus loves us, cares for us and gives us all that we need.

#### PRAYER:

Our Father

### LESSON PREPARATION:

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**SONG:**

Resurrection is My Song

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**OBJECTIVES**

<b>Faith:</b>	God loves us, cares for us, and gives us all we need.
<b>Liturgical:</b>	We thank God in the Holy Liturgy for giving us all that we need.
<b>Spiritual:</b>	Jesus Christ is our best friend.

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**INTRODUCTION:**

Welcome the children with a song and gather them to do the motions with the song.

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**LESSON BODY:**

One day after Jesus visited His friends, St. Peter who was a fisherman, decided to go fishing. St. Peter told his friends he was going fishing and some of them decided to go with him. St. Peter and his friends fished the whole night but did not catch any fish. They were so tired and very upset that they worked hard all night to catch fish, but they did not catch any fish, not one single fish. Before they knew it, it was morning time and time for them to go home. As they were sailing to shore they saw a man standing on the shore. The man asked them if they caught any fish and they said no. The man told them to throw their net on the right side of the boat. St. Peter and his friends did as the man said and immediately the net was full of fish. The net was so heavy that they could not pull the net back into the boat.

St. John who was with St. Peter told St. Peter that the man was Jesus Christ. St. Peter jumped into the water and swam to Jesus. When St. Peter and the others came to the shore they saw Jesus preparing a breakfast of fish and bread over a fire for His friends because He loved His friends so much. St. Peter and his friends sat down with Jesus and ate the fish and bread breakfast with Him. They were so happy that they saw Jesus Christ again. He showed how much He loved His friends by helping them catch fish and by giving them food to eat because they were so hungry and tired.

**PLAN AND MATERIALS:**

- Prepare a fish using cardstock or construction paper and decorate it with glitter.

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**CONCLUSION:**

God loves us and cares for us and gives all we need.

VERSE TO REMEMBER:

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“It is the Lord!” John 21:7.

Also, review with the children this greeting and response, “Christ is risen! Truly, He is risen!”

HOME ACTIVITY

Parents can read with their child the story of Breakfast by the Sea.

Parents can discuss with their child about how God loves us, cares for us and gives us all we need.

Unit: 6

**Purpose:** God is the source of all goodness in our life.

## LESSON 29: JESUS VISITS MARY AND MARTHA

### SERVANT PREPARATION:

#### VERSE & REFERENCES:

Now it happened as they went that He entered a certain village; and a certain woman named Martha welcomed Him into her house. And she had a sister called Mary, who also sat at Jesus' feet and heard His word. But Martha was distracted with much serving, and she approached Him and said, "Lord, do You not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Therefore tell her to help me." And Jesus answered and said to her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and troubled about many things. But one thing is needed, and Mary has chosen that good part, which will not be taken away from her." (Luke 10:38-42).

#### REFLECTION:

We need to listen and follow Jesus' word.

#### PRAYER:

Our Father

### LESSON PREPARATION:

#### SONG:

Resurrection is My Song

#### OBJECTIVES

<b>Faith:</b>	God loves to be with us and to teach us.
<b>Liturgical:</b>	We thank God in the Holy Liturgy for giving us the Bible, to learn from.

**Spiritual:**

Jesus Christ is our best friend and our teacher.

**INTRODUCTION:**

Welcome the children with a song and gather them to do the motions with the song.

**LESSON BODY:**

Jesus had three friends named Mary, Martha and Lazarus. Jesus used to like to visit them and spend time with them. One day, Jesus decided to visit them. Mary and Martha were so excited they were busily getting things ready for Him. When Jesus arrived at the house, Mary left everything and went to sit by His feet. Mary loved to listen to Jesus and his teachings. Martha was busy preparing all the food, and she kept on working. All of a sudden Martha looked and saw Mary sitting by Jesus and not helping her. She got very upset and said: "Jesus, can You please tell Mary to come and help me? Jesus answered and said: "Martha, Martha, you are worried about so many things. Mary has chosen the good part, which cannot be taken away from her." Jesus told Martha that listening to His teachings is more important than anything else.

**PLAN AND MATERIALS:**

- Prepare a coloring page.

**CONCLUSION:**

God loves when we spend time with Him listening to His word through the Holy Bible.

**VERSE TO REMEMBER:**

"Mary has chosen that good part" Luke 10:42.

Also, review with the children this greeting and response, "Christ is risen! Truly, He is risen!"

**HOME ACTIVITY**

Parents can read with their child the story of Jesus visiting Mary and Martha.

Parents can discuss with their child about how God loves when we spend time with Him and listen to His word through the Holy Bible.

Unit: 6

**Purpose:** God is the source of all goodness in our life.

## LESSON 30: JESUS GOES UP TO HEAVEN

### SERVANT PREPARATION:

#### VERSE & REFERENCES:

##### **Luke 24:36-53**

“Now as they said these things, Jesus Himself stood in the midst of them, and said to them, “Peace to you.” But they were terrified and frightened, and supposed they had seen a spirit. And He said to them, “Why are you troubled? And why do doubts arise in your hearts? Behold My hands and My feet, that it is I Myself. Handle Me and see, for a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see I have.” When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His feet. But while they still did not believe for joy, and marveled, He said to them, “Have you any food here?” So they gave Him a piece of a broiled fish and some honeycomb. And He took it and ate in their presence. Then He said to them, “These are the words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, that all things must be fulfilled which were written in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms concerning Me.” And He opened their understanding, that they might comprehend the Scriptures. Then He said to them, “Thus it is written, and thus it was necessary for the Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead the third day, and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. And you are witnesses of these things. Behold, I send the Promise of My Father upon you; but tarry in the city of Jerusalem until you are endued with power from on high.” And He led them out as far as Bethany, and He lifted up His hands and blessed them. Now it came to pass, while He blessed them, that He was parted from them and carried up into heaven. And they worshiped Him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, and were continually in the temple praising and blessing God. Amen.

##### **Acts 1:4-12**

“And being assembled together with them, He commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the Promise of the Father, “which,” He said, “you have heard from Me; for John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.” Therefore, when they had come together, they asked Him, saying, “Lord, will You at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?” And He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has put in His own authority. But you shall receive power when the

Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.” Now when He had spoken these things, while they watched, He was taken up, and a cloud received Him out of their sight. And while they looked steadfastly toward heaven as He went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel, who also said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand gazing up into heaven? This same Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will so come in like manner as you saw Him go into heaven.” Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day’s journey. And when they had entered, they went up into the upper room where they were staying: Peter, James, John, and Andrew; Philip and Thomas; Bartholomew and Matthew; James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot; and Judas the son of James. These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication, with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with His brothers.

**REFLECTION:**

Jesus loves us and cares for us that is why He went up to Heaven to prepare a special place for us.

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**PRAYER:**  
Our Father

**LESSON PREPARATION:**

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**SONG:**  
Resurrection is My Song

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**OBJECTIVES**

<b>Faith:</b>	God loves us, cares for us, and prepared a special place for us in heaven.
<b>Liturgical:</b>	We thank God in the Holy Liturgy for preparing a place for us in heaven.
<b>Spiritual:</b>	Jesus Christ resurrected and ascended to heaven to prepare a place for us.

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**INTRODUCTION:**  
Welcome the children with a song and gather them to do the motions with the song.

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**LESSON BODY:**

The servant should go over what happened during the Resurrection. The servant should tell the students that we are celebrating the Feast of the Ascension of Jesus Christ this week. To Ascend means to go up, so when we say we are celebrating the Feast of the Ascension of Jesus we are celebrating when Jesus went up into heaven to go back to His Father, our God.

The servant can now tell the story of the Ascension. 40 days after the resurrection of Jesus, Jesus and his friends were on the top of a mountain together. Jesus was getting ready to go back to His Father. He told the disciples not to be sad that he was leaving them, but that they should be happy because He was going back to His Father. Jesus told them that He had to go back to His Father so that He can prepare a special place for his friends and for us when we are ready to go to heaven. But before Jesus went up into heaven, He put his hands on His special friends. He blessed them and told them that he will always be with them forever. He also told them to tell all the people about Him.

All of a sudden Jesus started going up into heaven. His friends were watching Jesus go way up into Heaven until they could not see him anymore. Then two angels came and asked His friends why were they staring into heaven. The angels told His friends that Jesus will come back again and that everyone will see Him. His friends were happy that they got to see Jesus go up into heaven. They all went back to Jerusalem and prayed together.

We learn that even though Jesus ascended into heaven He is always with us and around us every day and everywhere. We also learn that Jesus loves us and cares for us and He ascended into heaven to go back to His Father in order to prepare a special place for us when we go to Heaven.

#### PLAN AND MATERIALS:

- Prepare a coloring page of the Ascension of Jesus Christ.

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#### CONCLUSION:

God loves us and cares for us that is why He Ascended into Heaven to prepare a special place for us.

#### VERSE TO REMEMBER:

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“I am with you always” Matt.28:20.

#### HOME ACTIVITY

Parents can read with their child the story of the Ascension of Jesus Christ.

Parents can discuss with their child about how they love them and how they prepare their homes and rooms for them so they can be comfortable and happy. This is the same with Jesus ascending into heaven to return to God the Father, to prepare a special place for us when we go to heaven.



Unit: 6

**Purpose:** God is the source of all goodness in our life.

## LESSON 31: PENTECOST

### SERVANT PREPARATION:

#### VERSE & REFERENCES:

##### **Acts 2:1-4**

When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

#### REFLECTION:

Jesus and the Holy Spirit are in our hearts. The Holy Spirit helps us do what is right.

#### PRAYER:

Our Father

### LESSON PREPARATION:

#### SONG:

“He ascended to the heavens and sent us the Paraclete. Spirit of truth, the Comforter. Amen.  
Alleluia.”

#### OBJECTIVES

**Faith:**

God loves us and gave us the Holy Spirit to help us do what is right.

<b>Liturgical:</b>	We thank God in the Holy Liturgy for giving us the Holy Spirit.
<b>Spiritual:</b>	The Holy Spirit helps us do what is right.

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## INTRODUCTION:

Welcome the children with a song and gather them to do the motions with the song.

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## LESSON BODY:

Jesus spent a lot of time with his special friends after He arose from the dead. Jesus spent time teaching his friends all about God and heaven. Jesus told His friends that He will go up to heaven to His Father. He also told them that He will send them a very special power, who is the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit will help them to teach other people about God.

One day, Jesus' friends were together in a room praying. All of a sudden they heard a loud sound from heaven like a very strong wind. The wind came and filled the entire room. When they looked at each other they noticed that each one of them had a flame on the top of their head. This flame was not an ordinary flame. It did not burn them. It was the Holy Spirit. Jesus promised that He will send His friends the Holy Spirit to help them. Now Jesus' friends were all filled with a very special power from God. Soon, they started speaking in different languages. Not only could they speak different languages but they could also do miracles. Each one of Jesus' special friends went to a different place and taught people about Jesus. Jesus' friends told the people how much Jesus loves them and how He wants them to be good. They also told the people that they should love each other.

The Holy Spirit teaches us how to do what is right, like following God's Commandments, obeying our parents, and Abouna. The Holy Spirit teaches us how to behave in church by not talking and by being extra quiet during the liturgy. The Holy Spirit also teaches us how to love one another, how to help others, and how to share. We all receive the Holy Spirit during baptism when we are babies.

## PLAN AND MATERIALS:

- Prepare a picture of the Pentecost.
- Prepare a coloring page of the Pentecost.
- Prepare headbands with the tongues of fire.

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## CONCLUSION:

God loves us and cares for us that is why He sent us the Holy Spirit to help us do what is right.

## VERSE TO REMEMBER:

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“And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit” Acts 2:4.

#### HOME ACTIVITY

Parents can read with their child the story of Pentecost.

Parents can also discuss with their child that the Holy Spirit helps us obey the Ten Commandments and behave in church by being extra quiet during liturgy and focusing on God. The Holy Spirit also helps us obey our parents and Abouna as well as love one another, share with one another and help one another.

# Preschool Curriculum

## Unit VII

Unit: 7

**Purpose:** God is the source of all goodness in our life.

## LESSON 32: GOD MADE FLOWERS

### SERVANT PREPARATION:

#### VERSE & REFERENCES:

##### **Song of Songs 2:11-13**

“For lo, the winter is past, The rain is over and gone. The flowers appear on the earth; The time of singing has come, And the voice of the turtledove Is heard in our land. The fig tree puts forth her green figs, And the vines with the tender grapes Give a good smell. Rise up, my love, my fair one, And come away!”

##### **Luke 12:27-28**

“Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; and yet I say to you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. If then God so clothes the grass, which today is in the field and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will He clothe you, O you of little faith?”

#### REFLECTION:

God loves us and takes care of us just like He takes care of the flowers. We need to trust in His care.

#### PRAYER:

Our Father

### LESSON PREPARATION:

#### SONG:

I want to be like Jesus (When searching on youtube for this song, type “I wanna be like Jesus”)

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## OBJECTIVES

<b>Faith:</b>	God loves us and takes care of us like the flowers He gave us.
<b>Liturgical:</b>	We thank God in the Holy Liturgy for the beautiful flowers He gave us to enjoy and for taking care of us like the flowers.
<b>Spiritual:</b>	We need to trust in God our Father's care for us, just like He takes care of the flowers.

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## INTRODUCTION:

Welcome the children with a song and gather them to do the motions with the song.

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## LESSON BODY:

The servant should show the children a picture of beautiful flowers. Ask the children if they have flowers in their home? How do flowers make your home look? And smell? Also ask the children do they see flowers in church? And when do we see flowers in church? Guide the children into concluding that we put flowers under our icons and on feast days to show how much we honor, respect and love Jesus Christ, St. Mary, all our beloved saints and our church's feast days. Guide the students into understanding that we give flowers to one another to show how much we, honor, respect and love one another. This is why God our Father gave us flowers, because he loves us so much.

Now let's talk about beautiful clothing. Who wears beautiful clothing? Guide the students to conclude that Kings and Queens, Princes and Princesses wear beautiful clothing. The servant should prepare a picture of a king to show the children what kings used to wear.

One day Jesus was telling a story about a King named King Solomon. King Solomon was always dressed in very beautiful clothing. Jesus said, "Look at the flowers. They don't have to work, but God clothes them in clothes more beautiful than a king's". The servant should guide the children to understand that the flowers we have in our world are more beautiful than a king's clothing. God cares for us just like He takes care of the flowers. The servant should ask the children who sends the rain and the sun to help the flowers grow? God does, so that means we don't have to worry about anything. To God we are more precious than the flowers. If God takes care of even the littlest flower, He will surely take care of us and all we need.

## PLAN AND MATERIALS:

- Prepare a picture of flowers.
- Prepare a picture of a king.
- Have the children take home a potted flower plant to give to someone they love and care about or to keep in the house to make their house look pretty.
- Make sure to explain to the children how to take care of their flower plant.

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**CONCLUSION:**

We need to trust that God will take care of us just like He takes care of the flowers.

**VERSE TO REMEMBER:**

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“Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin” (Luke 12:27).

**HOME ACTIVITY**

Parents can help their child take care of a potted flower plant.

Parents can purchase flowers with their child for the church and have the child put flowers in the church. Parents can discuss with their child that we put flowers in the church to show how much we honor, respect and love Jesus Christ, St. Mary, all our saints and our church feast days.

Parents can also discuss with their child that we give flowers to one another to show how much we love each other. This is why God gave us flowers because He loves us.

Parents can also discuss with their child what makes flowers grow and how God provides the rain, sun and good soil for the flowers to grow. God will provide all we need to grow.

Unit: 7

**Purpose:** God is the source of all goodness in our life.

## LESSON 33: GOD MADE TREES

### SERVANT PREPARATION:

#### VERSE & REFERENCES:

##### **Genesis 2:9**

“And out of the ground the Lord God made every tree grow that is pleasant to the sight and good for food. The tree of life was also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil”.

##### **Psalm 1:3**

He shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that brings forth its fruit in its season, Whose leaf also shall not wither; And whatever he does shall prosper.

##### **Luke 6:43-45**

“For a good tree does not bear bad fruit, nor does a bad tree bear good fruit. For every tree is known by its own fruit. For men do not gather figs from thorns, nor do they gather grapes from a bramble bush. A good man out of the good treasure of his heart brings forth good; and an evil man out of the evil treasure of his heart brings forth evil. For out of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaks”.

#### REFLECTION:

God loves us and takes care of us by giving us trees which give us food and shelter.

#### PRAYER:

Our Father

### LESSON PREPARATION:



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**SONG:**

I want to be like Jesus (When searching on youtube for this song, type “I wanna be like Jesus”)

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**OBJECTIVES**

<b>Faith:</b>	God loves us and shows us care by giving us trees that provide us with food and shelter.
<b>Liturgical:</b>	We thank God in the Holy Liturgy for the trees He gave us, which provide us with food and shelter.
<b>Spiritual:</b>	We need to trust in God our Father’s care for us, He provided us with trees which provide us with food and shelter.

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**INTRODUCTION:**

Welcome the children with a song and gather them to do the motions with the song.

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**LESSON BODY:**

The servant should show the children a picture of the trees. Ask the children if they have trees in their backyards, or in their neighborhoods. Ask the children what kind of foods come from trees? What else do we use trees for? The servant can bring in several wooden items and have the children name the items and understand that these items are made out of wood.

Jesus used wood too. When Jesus was born, St. Mary put Jesus in a wooden box called a manger. St. Joseph was a carpenter. He taught Jesus how to make things out of wood. When Jesus used to travel with his special friends in boats. The boats were made out of wood. Finally, Jesus’ cross was made out of wood. The cross is a sign of Jesus’ love for us.

One day Jesus was telling a story about a tree. Jesus said that a good tree will give or bear good fruit. This was His way of telling us that a good person does good things and says good things. Jesus wants us to be good and loving like him. The servant should ask the children how can we be good and loving like Jesus? The servant can guide the children in understanding that we can be good and loving like Jesus by listening to our parents, Abouna and our Sunday school teachers. We can also be good and loving like Jesus by helping our mothers and fathers at home and by being nice to our brothers, sisters and friends.

**PLAN AND MATERIALS:**

- Prepare a picture of trees, different fruit producing trees.
- Have the children glue sticks and leaves to construction paper to make a tree.

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**CONCLUSION:**

We thank God for giving us trees that produce food and shelter for us.

**VERSE TO REMEMBER:**

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“They are like a tree planted near streams of water” Psalm 1:3.

**HOME ACTIVITY**

Parents can take a walk with their child to observe and enjoy the trees.

Parents can discuss with their child the different types of fruit that come from trees.

Parents can discuss with their child the different uses of trees.

Unit: 7

**Purpose:** God is the source of all goodness in our life.

## LESSON 34: GOD MADE ANIMALS

### SERVANT PREPARATION:

#### VERSE & REFERENCES:

##### **Genesis 1:21-22**

“So God created great sea creatures and every living thing that moves, with which the waters abounded, according to their kind, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. And God blessed them, saying, “Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.

##### **Genesis 1:24-26**

“Then God said, “Let the earth bring forth the living creature according to its kind: cattle and creeping thing and beast of the earth, each according to its kind”; and it was so. And God made the beast of the earth according to its kind, cattle according to its kind, and everything that creeps on the earth according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, “Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth”.

##### **Genesis 2:19-20**

“Out of the ground the Lord God formed every beast of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to Adam to see what he would call them. And whatever Adam called each living creature, that was its name. So Adam gave names to all cattle, to the birds of the air, and to every beast of the field”.

##### **Genesis 9:3**

“Every moving thing that lives shall be food for you”

#### REFLECTION:

God loves us and takes care of us by giving us animals for food, clothing and for companionship.

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**PRAYER:**

Our Father

**LESSON PREPARATION:**

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**SONG:**

I want to be like Jesus (When searching on youtube for this song, type “I wanna be like Jesus”)

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**OBJECTIVES**

<b>Faith:</b>	God loves us and shows us care by giving us animals for food, clothing and companionship.
<b>Liturgical:</b>	We thank God in the Holy Liturgy for the animals that He gave us for food, clothing and companionship.
<b>Spiritual:</b>	We need to trust in God our Father’s care for us, He provided us with animals for food, clothing and companionship.

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**INTRODUCTION:**

Welcome the children with a song and gather them to do the motions with the song.

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**LESSON BODY:**

The servant should show the children some plastic models of animals. Have the children pass the animals to each other while clapping or playing a hymn. Once the hymn or the clapping stops, the servant can choose 3 children to name their animal and identify what we use that animal for (if they can, if they can tell what we use this animal for then just have the children name the animal).

The servant should ask the children a thinking question. Why do you think God created animals and gave all of them to Adam? I want you to think about this question as we tell the story. It is not important for the children to get the right answer now. They should just be thinking about this question as the servant tells the story.

In the beginning God created all the animals in the Garden of Eden. *The servant can use visuals of animals to aid in telling the story.* Then God created Adam. He gave Adam power over all of the animals. God brought the animals to Adam to name them. Adam named all of the

animals in the Garden of Eden. The animals listened to and obeyed Adam. They all lived in peace and harmony together in the Garden of Eden.

God loved Adam and Eve so much that He gave them all of the animals in the Garden of Eden to live with. Some of the animals Adam and Eve used for food such as cows for milk, and meat, fish for food, and chickens for eggs. There were even some animals that Adam and Eve used to love spending their time with. The servant can ask the children can you think of any animals that Adam and Eve might have liked to spend time with? Guide the students to name animals such as dogs, cats and birds. God cares for some animals like dogs, cats and birds through us. When we take care of the animals around us, we are helping God take care of them. The servant can discuss with the children briefly how to take care of the animals around us.

The servant here should ask the children again why do you think God created animals and gave all of the animals to Adam and Eve?

#### PLAN AND MATERIALS:

- Prepare plastic models of animals.
- Prepare visuals of animals as well as the foods that come from animals.
- Have the children make animals out of clay and put them on construction paper.

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#### CONCLUSION:

We thank God for giving us animals that provide food, clothing and companionship for us.

#### VERSE TO REMEMBER:

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“Let the earth bring forth the living creature” (Genesis 1:24).

#### HOME ACTIVITY

Parents can take a walk outside with their child to observe the animals and the insects in their neighborhood.

Parents can discuss with their child the different types of animals and what we use that animal for.

Parents can make some animals out of clay with their child.

Unit: 7

**Purpose:** God is the source of all goodness in our life.

## LESSON 35: WE CAN TRUST GOD TO CARE FOR US AS GOD CARES FOR THE BIRDS

### SERVANT PREPARATION:

#### VERSE & REFERENCES:

##### **Luke 12:6-7**

“Are not five sparrows sold for two copper coins? And not one of them is forgotten before God. But the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Do not fear therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows.

##### **Luke 12:22-24**

“Then He said to His disciples, “Therefore I say to you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat; nor about the body, what you will put on. Life is more than food, and the body is more than clothing. Consider the ravens, for they neither sow nor reap, which have neither storehouse nor barn; and God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds?”

#### REFLECTION:

God cares for us more than the birds.

#### PRAYER:

Our Father

#### LESSON PREPARATION:

#### SONG:

Bluebird, Bluebird.

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## OBJECTIVES

<b>Faith:</b>	We have to have to believe and trust that God loves us and cares for us more than the birds.
<b>Liturgical:</b>	We thank God in the Holy Liturgy for His love and care.
<b>Spiritual:</b>	We need to trust in God our Father's care for us.

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## INTRODUCTION:

Welcome the children with a song and gather them to do the motions with the song.

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## LESSON BODY:

The servant should prepare a picture of different birds. The servant should ask the children who created the birds? The servant should then ask the children why they think God created the birds with wings? The servant should guide the children into understanding that God created the birds with wings so they can escape from their enemies and so they can fly all over searching for food. Birds always have enough food to eat because God takes care of them. The servant should ask the children what else does God allow the birds to do to protect themselves from the cold weather? The servant should guide the children into understanding that God allows the birds to know when cold weather is coming so they can fly south to warmer weather and they can stay warm.

The servant should tell the children about how God allows mommy and daddy birds to take care of their baby birds. God also allows mommy and daddy birds to build soft, safe nests for their baby birds. God also takes care of baby birds by allowing mommy and daddy birds to find food and feed their babies. This is the same way God takes care of us. He gave us mommies and daddies and special people in our life to take care of us.

One day Jesus was telling a story about birds. He said that God takes care of all the animals even the littlest and tiniest bird. He also told His friends not to worry about what they will eat or wear. Just as God takes care of the birds and they always have enough food to eat so He will take care of us. We will always have all that we need. All we need to do is to believe and trust in God the Father that He will take care of us just like a mommy and daddy bird takes care of their babies. That is why He put special people in our life like our mommies and daddies or grandmothers or grandfathers and Abouna to take care of us.

We need to thank God for creating the beautiful birds for us to enjoy. We also need to thank God for putting special people in our life to take care of us.

## PLAN AND MATERIALS:

- Prepare pictures of birds.
- Prepare a coloring picture of birds.

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**CONCLUSION:**

We thank God for creating the birds for us to enjoy and we trust that God cares for us just like He cares for the birds.

**VERSE TO REMEMBER:**

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“How much more important are you than birds!”(Luke 12:24).

**HOME ACTIVITY**

Parents can take a walk with their child to observe and enjoy the birds.

Parents can discuss with their child the connection of how mommy and daddy birds take care of their baby birds and how God takes care of us.



Unit: 7

**Purpose:** God is the source of all goodness in our life.

## LESSON 36: GOD MADE FISH

### SERVANT PREPARATION:

#### VERSE & REFERENCES:

##### **Genesis 1:20**

“Then God said, “Let the waters abound with an abundance of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the face of the firmament of the heavens.”

##### **Sirach 43:25-29**

“Those who go down to the sea tell part of its story, and when we hear them we are thunderstruck; In it are his creatures, stupendous, amazing, all kinds of life, and the masters of the deep”.

##### **Luke 5:1-10**

“So it was, as the multitude pressed about Him to hear the word of God, that He stood by the Lake of Gennesaret, and saw two boats standing by the lake; but the fishermen had gone from them and were washing their nets. Then He got into one of the boats, which was Simon’s, and asked him to put out a little from the land. And He sat down and taught the multitudes from the boat. When He had stopped speaking, He said to Simon, “Launch out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch.” But Simon answered and said to Him, “Master, we have toiled all night and caught nothing; nevertheless at Your word I will let down the net.” And when they had done this, they caught a great number of fish, and their net was breaking. So they signaled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink. When Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus’ knees, saying, “Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord!” For he and all who were with him were astonished at the catch of fish which they had taken; and so also were James and John, the sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, “Do not be afraid. From now on you will catch men.”

REFLECTION:

God calls us to catch people like catching fish for Him.

PRAYER:

Our Father

LESSON PREPARATION:

SONG:

“I wanna be like Jesus”

OBJECTIVES

<b>Faith:</b>	God wants us to catch people for Him.
<b>Liturgical:</b>	We thank God in the Holy Liturgy for allowing us to catch people for Him.
<b>Spiritual:</b>	We need to think about how we bring others to Christ.

INTRODUCTION:

Welcome the children with a song and gather them to do the motions with the song.

LESSON BODY:

The servant should prepare a picture of fish and a picture of the fish symbol for Christianity. The servant should ask the children if they like to eat fish? The servant should ask the children if anyone has a fish as a pet? The servant should let the children know that God made many things that live in the water. The servant should ask the children to name animals that live in the water. Let the children know that the early Christians used to use the symbol of the fish as a secret symbol to represent that they are Christians. The letters for the Greek word for fish, ICHTHYS are the first letters of the Greek word for Jesus Christ, Son of God, Savior.

One day Jesus was in the boat of His friend Peter. He said to Peter, “Go out into deep water and lower your net to catch fish”. Peter said, “ We have worked all night and haven’t caught one fish. But we will do as You say”.

Peter and the other fishermen went out on the lake and lowered their nets. So many fish swam into their nets that the nets were breaking. Peter and the other fishermen called to their

partners in the other boat to help. The men filled both boats with fish. The boats were so full of fish that they almost sank. Jesus said, " You will catch people for me". He meant that He wanted His friends to bring other people to Him and to help them follow His teachings. Jesus wants everyone to be in His church. We are in the church because Jesus caught us like His friends caught the fish.

The servant should ask the children how do we catch people for Jesus? The servant should guide the children into understanding that we catch people for Jesus by praying for people who are far away from church. We also catch people for Jesus by being like Jesus. The servant should guide the children into understanding how we can be like Jesus. We can be like Jesus by being listening to our parents, Abouna, our Sunday school teacher, our teachers at school and all adults around us. We can also be like Jesus when we are nice to our friends by sharing, waiting patiently for our turn and for not always wanting to be first. We need to also remember to always pray and read the Bible everyday.

#### PLAN AND MATERIALS:

- Prepare pictures of fish and the Christian symbol of the fish.
- Prepare a coloring picture of fish.

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#### CONCLUSION:

We thank God for creating fish and for allowing us to catch people for Him.

#### VERSE TO REMEMBER:

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"Do not be afraid. From now on you will catch men" (Luke 5:11).

#### HOME ACTIVITY

Parents can enjoy a fish dinner with their child.

Parents can tell the story of when their child was baptized and became part of the church.

Parents can visit a fish store with their child.

Unit: 7

**Purpose:** God is the source of all goodness in our life.

## LESSON 37: ONE SAID THANK YOU

SERVANT PREPARATION:

VERSE & REFERENCES:

**Luke 17:11-19**

### Ten Lepers Cleansed

“Now it happened as He went to Jerusalem that He passed through the midst of Samaria and Galilee. Then as He entered a certain village, there met Him ten men who were lepers, who stood afar off. And they lifted up their voices and said, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!” So when He saw them, He said to them, “Go, show yourselves to the priests.” And so it was that as they went, they were cleansed. And one of them, when he saw that he was healed, returned, and with a loud voice glorified God, and fell down on his face at His feet, giving Him thanks. And he was a Samaritan. So Jesus answered and said, “Were there not ten cleansed? But where are the nine? Were there not any found who returned to give glory to God except this foreigner?” And He said to him, “Arise, go your way. Your faith has made you well.”

REFLECTION:

We worship Jesus when we thank Him.

PRAYER:

Our Father

LESSON PREPARATION:

SONG:

“I wanna be like Jesus”

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## OBJECTIVES

<b>Faith:</b>	God wants to make us happy.
<b>Liturgical:</b>	We worship God when we thank Him.
<b>Spiritual:</b>	We need to thank God for all that He has given us.

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## INTRODUCTION:

Welcome the children with a song and gather them to do the motions with the song.

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## LESSON BODY:

The servant should ask the children if they have ever done something for someone or given something to someone who did not say thank you. The servant should ask the children how does that make them feel?

One day Jesus and his special friends the disciples were walking towards Jerusalem. Along the way they came to a small village. There were ten men in that small village who called out to Jesus, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" Jesus knew they had leprosy. The servant should explain to the children that leprosy is a sickness that people used to get a long time ago. When someone had leprosy they had sores on their face, hands or feet. Sometimes people with leprosy would cut their hands or feet and not even feel it. People who had leprosy could not live with their families. People in the villages would leave food out for the people with leprosy because they were not allowed to be close to anyone. If someone got close to someone who had leprosy, the person with leprosy had to scream out, "unclean, unclean" in order to warn the people that they had leprosy.

So when Jesus saw the ten men, He said to them, "Go, show yourselves to the priests." During Jesus' time it was the priest who would see who had leprosy and who didn't. It was also the priest who can decide if someone was healed and could go back to live with their family. Even though the men had leprosy they did as Jesus told them. They started walking towards the priest. As they were walking towards the priest the men were healed. They could feel their feet again. Their skin was nice and smooth. They could jump and run. They were so happy, they could not wait until to go show themselves to the priest. Soon they would be able to go home again. Jesus and disciples watched the men. All of a sudden one of the men stopped and turned around and started running back towards Jesus. He was shouting, "Praise God! Praise God!" He ran and fell down at Jesus' feet. Jesus was happy that the man was healed and He was happier that the man returned to say thank you. Jesus turned to His disciples and told them, "I know that there were ten men who were sick and who are well now, where are the other nine?" Jesus loves to make us happy and He loves it even more when we say thank you.

The servant should guide the children into understanding how important it is to say thank you not only to Jesus, but our parents, Abouna, our Sunday school teachers, our brothers and sisters and to our friends.

**PLAN AND MATERIALS:**

- Prepare a video of Jesus healing the ten lepers.

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**CONCLUSION:**

We worship God when we thank Him.

**VERSE TO REMEMBER:**

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“God, I will give you thanks forever” (Psalm 30:12).

**HOME ACTIVITY**

Parents can practice with their child saying thank you to each other at home.

Parents can pray with their child thanking God for all the blessings they have.

Parents can draw a picture with their child or make a list of all the things they are thankful for.

**Preschool Curriculum**

**Unit VIII**

Unit: 8

**Purpose:** God is the source of all goodness in our life.

## LESSON 38: GOD GAVE US SAINT MARY

### SERVANT PREPARATION:

#### VERSE & REFERENCES:

##### **Luke 1:26-38**

Now in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And having come in, the angel said to her, "Rejoice, highly favored one, the Lord is with you; blessed are you among women!" But when she saw him, she was troubled at his saying, and considered what manner of greeting this was. Then the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bring forth a Son, and shall call His name Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Highest; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David. And He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom there will be no end." Then Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I do not know a man?" And the angel answered and said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Highest will overshadow you; therefore, also, that Holy One who is to be born will be called the Son of God. Now indeed, Elizabeth your relative has also conceived a son in her old age; and this is now the sixth month for her who was called barren. For with God nothing will be impossible." Then Mary said, "Behold the maidservant of the Lord! Let it be to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her.

#### REFLECTION:

God gave us saints like St. Mary so we can be like them

#### PRAYER:

Our Father

### LESSON PREPARATION:

#### SONG:



## “Hail to Mary”

### OBJECTIVES

<b>Faith:</b>	God gave us St. Mary so we can be like Her.
<b>Liturgical:</b>	We thank God, the father for giving us St. Mary to be our mother.
<b>Spiritual:</b>	We pray and ask for St. Mary’s intercessions.

### INTRODUCTION:

Welcome the children with a song and gather them to do the motions with the song.

### LESSON BODY:

The servant should prepare a picture of Saint Mary and ask the children if they know who this is a picture of.

St. Mary was a very special girl. Her mother’s name was Anna and her father’s name was Joachim. She always obeyed her parents as she was growing up. Her parents taught her about God. St. Mary always loved God and prayed to God. Her parents took her to the temple when she was three years old.

Saint Mary lived in the temple until she was twelve years old. While she was in the temple the angels would bring her food everyday. Saint Mary cleaned and took care of the temple. She obeyed the priests at the temple.

At the age of twelve the priests prayed to God to find someone to take care of Saint Mary since she was not allowed to stay in the temple after the age of twelve. God chose St. Joseph the carpenter to take care of St. Mary. St. Mary went to live with St. Joseph the carpenter. St. Joseph took care of St. Mary.

We need to learn how we can be like St. Mary. She loved God and always prayed to God. She also obeyed her parents and her elders. God gave us St. Mary so we can be like her. We need to ask for her intercessions when we pray.

#### PLAN AND MATERIALS:

- Prepare a picture of St. Mary.
- Prepare a coloring picture of St. Mary.

### CONCLUSION:

We need to love God and pray to God everyday. We need to also obey our parents and our elders.

VERSE TO REMEMBER:

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“Blessed are you among women” (Luke 1:28)

HOME ACTIVITY

Parents can share with their child about the appearances of St. Mary.

Parents can share with their child about the miracles performed by St. Mary.

Parents can pray with their child and ask for St. Mary’s intercessions.