

The background of the slide is a dark, slightly blurred photograph showing several hands holding an open book. The book is the central focus, with its pages fanned out. The lighting is soft, highlighting the texture of the paper and the hands. The overall tone is professional and educational.

Creating a Lesson Plan

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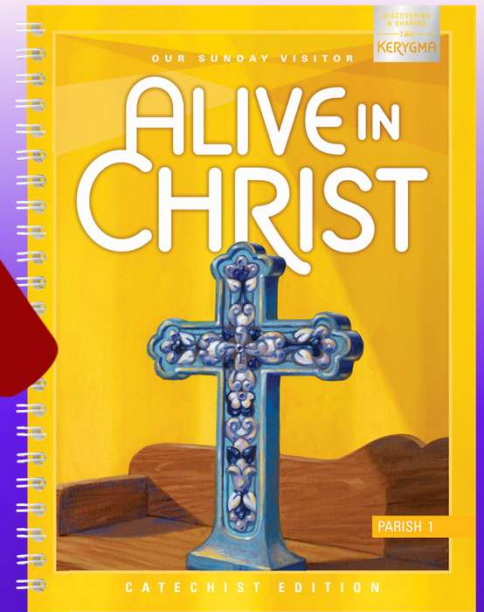
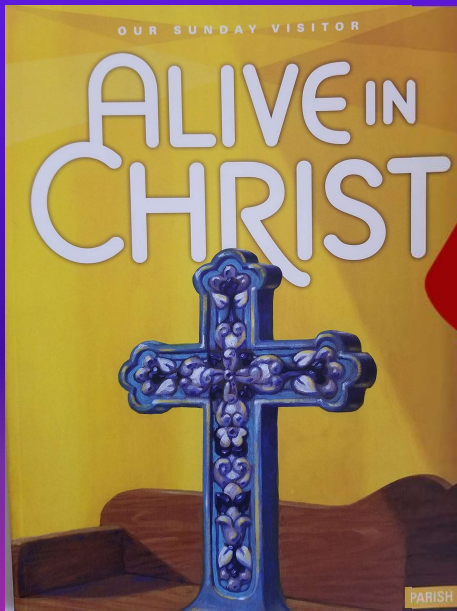
Jesus, sometimes you told stories, other times you performed miracles. Sometimes you spoke for long stretches, other times you said very little. Sometimes you used images and metaphors, other times you spoke quite directly. You seemed to know what was right for the appropriate people at the appropriate time. Help me to choose the best way to bring your word to life for those I teach so that glory may be given to your name. Amen.

Prayer from *The Catechist's Toolbox* by Joe Paprocki.

FIRST THINGS

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Get to know your manual...



...and your student textbook

WRAP AROUND MANUALS

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Optional Activity

Chapter Story: "Here's the Church" *Visual/Instructive*
Use this story after the opening prayer before you tell the children that Jesus called people to follow him.

- Read aloud "Here's the Church." Help the children recall this rhyme and its actions, or teach the actions to the group.
- After discussing why your parish is blessed to have many types of people as members, transition back to the lesson instruction.


Go to aliveinchrist.org for Chapter Story

Let Us Pray
Invite the children to gather in the prayer space and make the Sign of the Cross. Read aloud the leader's prayer; have a volunteer proclaim the Psalm verse. Prompt the children's response.
Have the children move from the prayer space back to their seats.
Say: Jesus called people to follow him. The disciples were people who said "Yes" to Jesus. They became a community of believers. Let's listen to some words that Jesus shared with his disciples.

God's Word
Guide the children through the process of Scripture reflection.

- Invite them to close their eyes, be still, and open their minds and hearts to what God is saying to them in this passage.
- Proclaim the Scripture.
- Maintain several moments of silence.
- Ask: What did you hear God say to you today?
- Invite volunteers to share.

What Do You Wonder?
Say: Jesus wants us to be one community, one Church. If we say "Yes" to Jesus like his first disciples, we can work together to spread the Good News.
Invite the children to respond to the questions. Ask what else they might wonder about the Church.



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Walk through
the lesson
materials

Pick out the KEY
learning objectives
for this lesson and
remember KISS ~

KEEP

IT SIMPLY SIMPLE



- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]

Outline the ⁷ lesson

Allot windows of time for each activity

BUT...

BE FLEXIBLE

Why Flexibility???

Younger students:

“My cat died...”

“My great grandma died”

“My grandma had a cat that died”

“Is it time to go yet?”

Why Flexibility???

Middle School students:

“This is so boring...”

“Why do we have to learn this?”

“I don’t want to be here!”

“Is it time to go yet?”

Why Flexibility???

High School students:

“.....”

“.....?”

“.....!”

“Is it time to go yet?”

Paragraph Reading – Deciding when it works...



... and when it doesn't

me, He is sending you in the name of Jesus to the world.

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When you have sinned, God calls you to experience conversion. With his help, you can change your heart and place your sin before him. In the Sacrament of Reconciliation, you receive God's grace and forgiveness through the ministry of the Church. You are renewed and strengthened to live a moral life that draws you closer to God and into service for his Kingdom.

READING THE STORY VS. SHARING IT

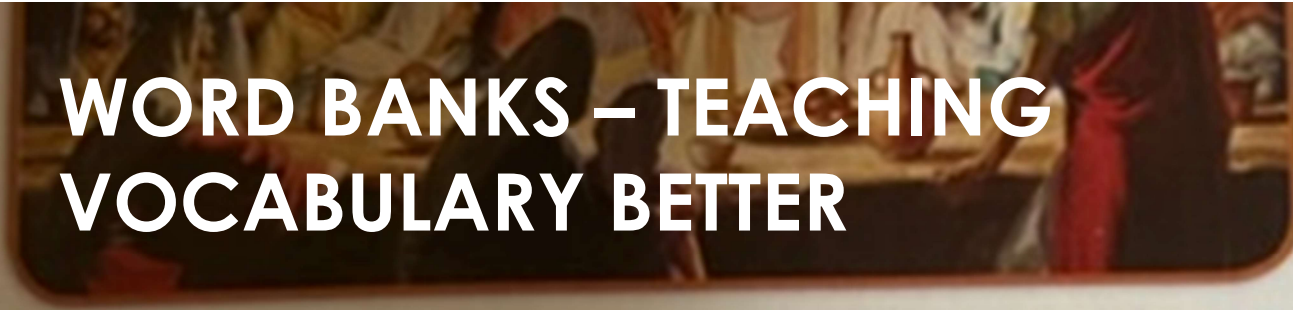
Feast day: August 27

Born in North Africa, Monica married Patricius, a pagan, and they had three children. The eldest child was St. Augustine. Patricius and Monica became Christians in 371, and he died a year later.

Monica prayed earnestly for Augustine's conversion, but he scorned Christianity and had a son with his mistress. Monica followed him to Rome in 383, where she became a follower of St. Ambrose. In Milan, three years later, she saw her eldest son be baptized, which brought her great joy. While preparing for her return to Africa in 387, Monica fell ill and died. Her relics are enshrined at the church of St. Augustine in Rome.



WORD BANKS – TEACHING VOCABULARY BETTER



The early Christians gathered in house churches, catacombs, and other hidden spots.

God Teaches You

The **Bible** is the Word of God written in human words. The Bible story below tells us how the first followers of Jesus prayed, lived, and worked.



God's Word

Helping One Another

After the Holy Spirit came, Jesus' followers met often to learn from the Apostles, to break bread together, and to pray. Some members of the group

Catholic Faith Words

Bible the Word of God written in human words. The Bible is the holy book of the Church.

Discover

God's People

Why is being part of the Church community so important?



Underline the way that being part of a community can help you.

The early Christians learned about God from Jesus and from his Apostles. God wants all people to love one another and work together like the early Christians did.

When people come together for a shared purpose, the group they form is called a community. God created you to be part of a community. A community can help you learn things about God that you might never know if you were learning on your own.

You feel God's love and share his life in the Church. The **Church** is the community of all baptized people who believe in God and follow Jesus. The word *Church* is often used for the Catholic Church because we trace our origins back to the Apostles. Jesus showed all people his Father's love, and he sent the Holy Spirit to guide the Church.

The Church community helps us learn more about God and grow in our faith.



INTRODUCING CONCEPTS

What are some things YOU do??



Additional Websites to help...

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- <https://www.catholicicing.com/>
- <https://www.catholic.org/>
- <https://EWTN.com>
- <https://Bustedhalo.com>
- <https://www.catholicmom.com/>
- <https://Teachingcatholickids.com>
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