

# Lesson Plan

## Objectives

## Process

## Materials

### Invite, 10 minutes

**Welcome in the Kingdom** Page 189

-  **Psalm 86:13** Pray the opening prayer.
-  **Luke 18:15–17** Reflect prayerfully on the Word.
  - Discuss What Do You Wonder questions.

 **Optional Activity**  
Chapter Story:  
“Come In”

### Discover, 35 minutes

**Welcomed by Jesus** Pages 190–191

- Identify how Jesus included those often left out and showed that God welcomes everyone
- Discuss the faith of Zacchaeus and his willingness to repent

**All Are Invited** Pages 192–193

- Recognize Jesus’ great love for children and how he welcomes them and all others into his Kingdom
- Understand that the Kingdom of God is the world of love, peace, and justice that God has in Heaven and wants for us on Earth

- **Catholic Faith Words** faith, peace
-  **Luke 19:1–10** Proclaim “Zacchaeus the Tax Collector.”
  - ★ Underline what the mumblers and grumblers said; circle what Jesus said.
- Brainstorm with the children things they could do and say to make Jesus feel welcome in their homes.
- **Share Your Faith Activity** Write the name of someone who makes people feel welcome.
- **Catholic Faith Words** Kingdom of God
- Stress that Jesus welcomes everyone.
-  **Matthew 19:13–15** Proclaim “Blessing of the Children.”
  - ★ Underline what greeters do.
- **Connect Your Faith Activity** Complete the sentence about whom God welcomes.

- pencils or pens
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- board or chart paper
- **Optional Activity**  
Have Faith!
- Activity Master 13 (Page 189E)

### Live, 15 minutes

**Our Catholic Life** Pages 194–195

**Prayer of Welcome** Page 196

- Talk about who is welcome in God’s Kingdom.
- ★ Write how the people in the pictures help to be a sign of God’s Kingdom.
- **People of Faith** Learn about Saint Brigid of Kildare.
- **Live Your Faith Activity** Write an invitation.
- Choose volunteers for the three reader parts.
- Follow the order of prayer.
-  Sing “Loving Others.”

- pencils or pens
- crayons, markers, and art supplies
-  Download “Loving Others.”

**Family + Faith** Page 197

Point out that the Catholic Families page provides chapter highlights, information on how second graders understand faith concepts, and family prayer.

**Chapter Review** Page 198

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- Email Links to eAssessments
- Interactive Student Reviews

# Welcome in the Kingdom

## Preparation for the Session

**Turn to Page 197,**  
the Family + Faith page.

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

**Parents, Consider This:** *Jesus' love has no boundaries. Responding with love, compassion, and hospitality to a family member going through a crisis, or a student who is fighting with a friend, or a person in the midst of a difficult time, is fulfilling Jesus' command to love. Busy schedules and stressful situations may sometimes make it difficult for you to step out of your own daily life. Yet, you are called by your Baptism to do just that.*

**Read** these other sections on the Family + Faith Page.

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



**Let's Sing:** These songs connect the session topics and can be downloaded from [aliveinchrist.osv.com](http://aliveinchrist.osv.com).

- Loving Others
- Act Justly

## INVITE: Encountering God in His Word

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



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

**Explain** that God's love and care show us how to love and care for everyone.

**Say:** Let's listen to what Jesus said about his love for children.

In this chapter you will cover the following objectives:

- Identify how Jesus included those often left out and showed that God welcomes everyone
- Discuss the faith of Zacchaeus' and his willingness to repent
- Recognize Jesus' great love for children and how he welcomes them and all others into his Kingdom
- Understand that the Kingdom of God is the world of love, peace, and justice that God has in Heaven and wants for us on Earth

**Turn to Page 189,**  
Welcome in the Kingdom



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

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

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

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

**Say:** Jesus loves children and speaks to their hearts. He calls each of us to welcome others, to trust in his Father as children do, and to open our hearts to love.

**Invite** your child to respond to the questions. Ask what else they might wonder about welcoming others.

## DISCOVER: Learning God’s Truth

**Turn to Page 190,**  
Welcomed By Jesus

**Tell** your child to read the first paragraph aloud.



**Proclaim** the Scripture story. Note that the story rhymes, so it will require careful cadence to accentuate the rhyming.

**Ask:** How did Zacchaeus show Jesus he was serious about changing his life? (He said, “To the poor I will give half that I own.”)

**Have** your child repeat the story in his/her own words.

**Turn to Page 191,**  
Zacchaeus the Tax Collector



**Complete** the gold-star activity.

**Ask** your child to read the next paragraph. When he/she gets to the highlighted words **faith** and **peace**, move to the Catholic Faith Words Box and read their definitions.

**Ask:** So, when do you need faith? When do you feel at peace?

## Activity

**Have** your child complete the Share Your Faith activity and make sure you tell them about someone who makes you feel welcome. Give specific details of what that person does to make you feel so welcome.

**Turn to Page 192,**  
All Are Invited

**Read** aloud the introductory paragraph. Stress that Jesus welcomes everyone.



**Proclaim** the Scripture.

*Ask:* How did Jesus treat the children? (He welcomed them.)

**Direct** your child to look at the picture and tell you what is happening there. Ask her/him what it feels like when someone pays attention to her/him. Tell your child how important it is to you that they know how much you love them and how welcome you want them to feel in your life and family.

**Turn to Page 193,**  
In God's Kingdom

**Invite** your child to read aloud the first paragraph.

*Ask:* How did Jesus make people feel welcome? (People came to Jesus for healing and help and he did both. He didn't turn anyone away.)

**Have** your child place his/her finger on the Catholic Faith Word, **Kingdom of God**. Read its definition.

**Read** the second paragraph. Ask your child to think about how, like Jesus, his/her parish community welcomes people.

**Discuss** how all people come together in Church to worship God.

*Ask:* How can your family be more welcoming to people in your parish?



**Complete** the gold-star activity.

## Activity

**Complete** the Connect Your Faith activity. Provide some hints if your child needs them.

## LIVE: Living Our Faith

**Turn to Page 194,**  
Our Catholic Life

**Alternate** reading the paragraphs.

*Ask:* When will God's Kingdom be complete? (at the end of time)



**Complete** the gold-star activity.

**Turn to Page 195,**  
People of Faith

**Read** the paragraph about Saint Brigid of Kildare.

- Share your reactions to the information.
- How do members of your family show kindness and mercy?

## Activity

**Have** your child complete the Live Your Faith activity.

**Turn to Page 197,**  
Family + Faith Page and  
conclude with the Let's Pray  
prayer on this page.

**Parents, Consider This:** *It's important to form our children in the common language of prayer. We encourage you to pray the Act of Faith, Hope, and Love (see Page 324), during your night prayer this week.*



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