

Jesus Christ Blesses Our Lives

Jesus Christ Reveals God

- The students consider how Jesus reveals God to us.
- The students understand that Jesus is both human and divine.
- The students understand that Jesus shows us who God is.
- The students find the many signs of God's love in their lives.
- The students have an understanding of who Jesus is and how to follow Him.

Jesus Christ and the Kingdom of God

- The students recognize the value of good news in our lives.
- The students know how Jesus announced the good news of God's love.
- The students understand that Jesus brings the kingdom, or reign, of God.
- The students are encouraged to live for the reign of God by living the Law of Love.
- The students decide to do their part to bring about God's reign.

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- The students value the importance of making others feel welcome.
- The students understand and appreciate how Jesus welcomed everyone.
- The students understand that Jesus healed and forgave others.
- The students are shown that Jesus served those in need and asks us to do the same.
- The students decide how to be welcomers, healers, and forgivers.

The Church Carries on Jesus' Mission

- The students know how important it is for disciples to work together.
- The students realize that Jesus' work is continued today in the Church.
- The students understand the Church's mission to heal and forgive.
- The students appreciate the Church's mission to serve others.
- The students have a deeper understanding of the Church's mission to serve and of how young people can help.

The Sacraments and the Church

- The students appreciate how we communicate through signs.
- The students understand the sacraments and the many signs of God's love.
- The students know that the Church and the sacraments are signs of Jesus.
- The students understand the sacraments of initiation, healing, and service.
- The students have a deeper understanding of the sacraments and how we can be signs of God's love.

Celebrating Reconciliation

- The students understand ways of expressing forgiveness.
- The students understand that Jesus brought God's forgiveness.
- The students have confidence in their ability to overcome sin.
- The students prepare for a prayer service of forgiveness.
- The students celebrate a prayer service of forgiveness.

Celebrating Eucharist

- The students value the "special food" Jesus gives us.
- The students appreciate the meaning of the Eucharist.
- The students have a deeper appreciation for Jesus' gift of Himself in the Eucharist.
- The students prepare for a Eucharistic celebration.
- The students have a Eucharistic celebration.

Fifth Grade Benchmarks

Sacraments of Initiation

Jesus Christ Brings Us Life

- The students appreciate the gift of life.
- The students understand that we share God's life in Baptism.
- The students understand the liturgical rite and the effects of Baptism.
- The students understand and value how we are to live our Baptism.
- The students' understanding of Baptism and how to live it is deepened.

Jesus Christ Strengthens Us

- The students realize our need for the Holy Spirit's help to witness to our faith.
- The students understand that the Holy Spirit helps us to live our faith.
- The students understand the meaning of Confirmation and how it is celebrated.
- The students appreciate the many ways we can be witnesses to our faith.
- The students have a deeper understanding of Confirmation and how to witness to their faith.

Jesus Christ Feeds Us

- The students realize the necessity and importance of feeding the hungry.
- The students understand that Jesus is our Bread of Life.
- The students appreciate the Holy Eucharist as a sacrifice and a meal.
- The students explore ways to express gratitude for the gift of the Eucharistic.
- The students decide how they can put their belief in the Eucharist into action.

Our Church Celebrates the Eucharist

- The students value the memories of those who made a difference in their lives.
- The students understand that at Mass we listen to God's word.
- The students understand and appreciate the Liturgy of the Eucharist.
- The students appreciate their call to live the Mass daily.
- The students decide how they can live as the Body of Christ in the world.

The Church Remembers

- The students appreciate the seasons and times of change in our lives.
- The students understand and appreciate the Church's liturgical year.
- The students understand how and why we honor Mary and the saints during the Church year.
- The students are encouraged to live the Church year, remembering God's presence with them.
- The students review the liturgical year and celebrate it in prayer.

Celebrating Advent

- The students appreciate that Jesus comes to us in many different ways.
- The students are familiar with some of the prophecies of Isaiah about the Messiah.
- The students prepare for an Advent celebration.
- The students celebrate an Advent prayer service.

Celebrating Christmas

- The students understand and appreciate how to prepare well for Christmas.
- The students understand the meaning of Jesus' name and why He came.
- The students understand what we truly celebrate at Christmas.
- The students prepare to celebrate a Christmas dramatization.
- The students commemorate the birth of Jesus.

Sacraments of Healing and Service

Jesus Christ Forgives Us

- The students appreciate the importance of forgiveness in our lives.
- The students understand God's great forgiveness and what sin is.
- The students understand how the Church celebrates Reconciliation.
- The students understand how to be thankful for God's forgiveness.
- The students' understanding and appreciation of Reconciliation is deepened.

Jesus Christ Helps Us in Sickness and Death

- The students appreciate the value of prayer and communal support in illness.
- The students understand Jesus' loving care for the sick and the dying.
- The students understand the purpose and the rite of Anointing of the Sick.
- The students respect and care for their bodies.
- The students understand how to help people in the parish who are in need of loving care.

Jesus Christ Helps Us to Love

- The students understand that a good marriage takes work.
- The students see that the marriage covenant is a promise to serve with love.
- The students understand how the Church celebrates Matrimony.
- The students learn how to prepare for marriage by learning how to be good friends.
- The students have a deeper understanding of Matrimony and to encourage prayer for married couples.

Jesus Christ Calls Us to Serve

- The students value the ways in which priests serve us.
- The students understand that Jesus gave leaders to His Church.
- The students understand the sacrament of Holy Orders.
- The students are encouraged to support the ordained ministers in their parish.
- The students understand how priests serve us and how the students can help them in their ministry.

We Share Jesus Christ's Priesthood

- The students value the importance of being responsible members of the parish.
- The students know that they have a vocation to carry on Jesus' priestly mission.
- The students value the different vocations by which they can serve the Church.
- The students begin preparing now for their future vocation in life.
- The students decide how to minister to others.

Celebrating Lent

- The students increase their awareness of the need to share our possessions with others.
- To present how Jesus was tempted in the desert as He prepared for His mission.
- The students see Lent as a special time to prepare to carry on Jesus' mission.
- The students prepare for Lent and for a Lenten prayer service.
- The students celebrate a Lenten prayer service.

Celebrating Easter

- The students appreciate the joy of new life.
- The students understand the meaning of Palm Sunday.
- The students understand the significance of the Easter Triduum.
- The students understand the Easter Triduum and prepare for an Easter celebration.
- The students participate in an Easter celebration.

A Community of Faith, Hope, and Love

Becoming a Catholic

- The students appreciate the marks that identify our Church.
- The students understand that the Church shows it is one and holy.
- The students understand that the Church shows it is catholic and apostolic.
- The students live the marks of the Church.
- The students celebrate what the students have learned about the marks of the Church.

All People Are God's People

- The students recognize the meaning and consequences of prejudice in our lives.
- The students understand our equality and the sinfulness of prejudice.
- The students respect the faith of others and the way in which they worship God.
- The students understand how they can work against prejudice.
- The students are motivated to combat prejudice in all its forms.

The Gift of Faith

- The students value our faith in God and others.
- The students are given a better understanding of the virtue of faith.
- The students know that the Apostles' Creed summarizes the truths of our faith.
- The students appreciate how living our Christian faith makes our lives better.
- The students renew their faith by reviewing and praying the Apostles' Creed.

God Fills Us with Hope

- The students value the virtue of hope.
- The students understand that the virtue of hope enables us to trust in God.
- The students appreciate that Mary is a sign of hope for us.
- The students are motivated to believe they can make a difference in the world.
- The students decide how they can be signs of hope in the world.

The Gift of God's Love

- The students value Jesus' way of love.
- The students understand what the virtue of love enables us to do.
- The students are introduced to Saint Paul's definition of love as the greatest virtue.
- The students understand the Corporal and the Spiritual Works of Mercy.
- The students are encouraged to make a personal choice about how they will love.

Sacramentals

- The students recognize and value reminders of our faith.
- The students understand the meaning and purpose of sacramentals.
- The students realize how the rosary helps us recall the lives of Jesus and Mary.
- The students decide how they can live some saint-like qualities.
- The students review the meaning of sacramentals and to celebrate God's presence in our lives.

Celebrations for The Year

- The students plan and celebrate a Mass of the Holy Spirit.
- The students prepare and celebrate a procession in Mary's honor.
- The students prepare for and celebrate the stations of the cross.