

ALIVE IN CHRIST

GRADE 1

Jesus Christ

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Our Sunday Visitor

The Holy Family

Let Us Pray

Leader: Thank you, God, for our families.

How good and how pleasant it is,
when brothers dwell together as one!

Psalm 133:1

All: Help us to see your love and kindness in
our families. Amen.

God's Word

Joseph was told in a dream to take Mary and Jesus to Galilee. They went to live there in the town of Nazareth. So God's promise came true... "He shall be called a Nazorean."

Based on Matthew 2:19-23

What Do You Wonder?

- What was it like to live in Nazareth?
- Did Jesus have to obey his parents?

Family Love

How can families show love?

God the Father loves all families. Meet the families who live on Green Street.

Tyler's Family

Tyler's Dad moved away, and Tyler is sad. Having an uncle to talk to makes Tyler feel glad.



Lainey's Family

"Let's read this email from your Gram," says Dad to Lainey.

"She says she is coming to visit soon."



David's Family

There's David and
Mama and Papa, too,
on a picnic in the park.



“Fetch the tennis
ball, Rocky,” David says.

Rocky chases after the ball
with a happy bark.

Share Your Faith

Think Draw one way your family shows love.

Share Tell one way your family shares God's love.



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Jesus' Family

What was Jesus' family like?

Long ago, Jesus was born into a family. Jesus lived with **Mary**, his Mother, and his foster father, Joseph. They lived in a town called Nazareth. Jesus, Mary, and Joseph are called the **Holy Family**.

Jesus is the Son of God. Jesus is also human. He is like you in almost every way. Jesus shows you how to live. He teaches you about God's love.

Catholic Faith Words

Mary the Mother of Jesus, the Mother of God. She is also called "Our Lady" because she is our Mother and the Mother of the Church.

Holy Family the name for the human family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

A Day in Nazareth

All families can share God's love. When Jesus was your age, he showed God's love in his family.

God's Word

The Boy Jesus

Jesus obeyed his family. He became wise and good. Jesus grew strong. God was pleased with him and so were the people.

Based on Luke 2:51-52

This is what could have happened when Jesus was young.

- Following Jewish custom, the family begins the day with a prayer.
- Mary bakes bread for breakfast.
- Joseph makes a chair for his neighbors.
- They spend time together as a family.



Underline some things the Holy Family did that you do with your family.

Connect Your Faith

Act Out Family Life What are some things the Holy Family might have done together? With a partner, act out something families can do to show God's love.



Our Catholic Life

What was it like for Jesus when he was growing up?

Jesus grew up in a human family. He and his family probably did many of the same things together that you and your family do.



Match the pictures of the Holy Family with the correct actions.

Doing Chores

Traveling

Celebrating Holidays



People of Faith

Zechariah, Elizabeth, and John, first century

Elizabeth was Mary's cousin. She was married to Zechariah. They did not have children. One day an angel appeared to Zechariah when he was praying. The angel told him that he and Elizabeth would have a son named John. Elizabeth and Zechariah were very happy. When John grew up, he was filled with the Holy Spirit.



November 5

Discuss: How are you filled with the Holy Spirit?



Learn more about Zechariah, Elizabeth, and John at aliveinchrist.osv.com

Live Your Faith

Draw Your Family

Draw a picture of your family doing something that the Holy Family might have done together.



 Let Us Pray

Pray with God's Word

Gather and begin with the Sign of the Cross.

Leader: Today we learned about the Holy Family. Mary, Joseph, and Jesus help us to act with love in our families.

All: Thank you, Mary, for being the Mother of Jesus. Thank you, Joseph, for taking care of Jesus.


Leader: Let us listen to the Word of God.
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

Read Luke 2:27-33.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Leader: Thank you, Jesus, for loving your family and thank you for our families. Help us to live with great love.

All: Amen.

 Sing "Joseph Was a Good Man"



YOUR CHILD LEARNED >>>

This chapter focuses on God's love for all families and the things the Holy Family did or could have done together.

God's Word



Read **Mark 10:13–16** to see how Jesus wants us to care for children and families.

Catholics Believe

- Jesus is both true God and true man.
- Jesus, Mary, and Joseph are the Holy Family.

To learn more, go to the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* #531–534 at usccb.org.

People of Faith

This week, your child met Zechariah, Elizabeth, and John. These relatives of Jesus trusted God to direct their lives.

CHILDREN AT THIS AGE >>>

How They Understand the Holy Family When first graders hear that Jesus was once a child their age, it's natural for them to picture him in a family very much like their own. Just like they need someone to take care of them as they grow, so did Jesus. And it's important for them to realize that even Jesus had to listen to his mom and dad and follow their rules. Make these important connections to show your child that Jesus was like them in all things except he did not sin.



CONSIDER THIS >>>

Who was the person who had the most influence in your life?

It is important to recognize the power of models in our lives. They help us to imagine what is possible. The Holy Family is the best model for us and our family life. "The Christian home is the place where children receive the first proclamation of the faith. For this reason the family home is rightly called 'the domestic church,' a community of grace and prayer, a school of human virtues and of Christian charity" (CCC, 1666).

LET'S TALK >>>

- Have your child name the members of the Holy Family.
- Share a story about how you've honored Mary and/or Joseph.

LET'S PRAY >>>



Dear Elizabeth, Zechariah, and John, pray for us that God will bless our family with happiness. Amen.



For a multimedia glossary of Catholic Faith Words, Sunday readings, seasonal and Saint resources, and chapter activities go to aliveinchrist.osv.com.

Chapter 5 Review

A Work with Words Trace the words to complete the sentences.

1. Mary is the Mother of Jesus.

2. Jesus is the Son of God and he is also

human.

3. Mark an X next to the things Jesus might have done with his family.

pray

talk

visit

eat

play

help

4. Jesus, Mary, and Joseph are called the

Holy Family.

B Check Understanding Circle ways you can help your family.

5.

