

# ALIVE IN CHRIST

GRADE 2

Sacraments of Penance and Eucharist

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# God the Son

## Let Us Pray

**Leader:** God the Father, show us your Son.

As a father has compassion on his children,  
so the LORD has compassion on those  
who honor him. **Based on Psalm 103:13**

**All:** Thank you, God, for sending your Son  
to show us the way to you. Amen.

## God's Word

"After all the people had been baptized and Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, heaven was opened and the holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.'" **Luke 3:21-22**

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### What Do You Wonder?

- What does Jesus want you to do?
- How do you live like Jesus?

# A Savior Is Born

## What did the angel tell Mary?

### 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.

**angel** a type of spiritual being that does God’s work, such as delivering messages from God or helping to keep people safe from harm

All names have special meanings. Long ago, God sent his only Son to Earth. God sent him to show all people how they should live. God chose **Mary** to be his Son’s Mother. His Son had a special name.

God sent the Angel Gabriel to Mary in the town of Nazareth. The **angel** told Mary that she would give birth to a son and that she would name him Jesus, which means, “God saves.”



1. Draw a square around the Angel Gabriel on the left.
2. Draw a circle around Mary and Jesus on the right.





## God's Word

### Announcing Jesus' Birth

When the Angel Gabriel visited Mary he said, "He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High." Mary didn't understand how this could happen to her.

The angel said in reply, "The holy Spirit and the power of the Most High will come over you. Therefore the child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God." Mary told the angel, "May it be done to me as you say."

Months later, Jesus was born in Bethlehem. There were shepherds nearby caring for their flock. An angel of the Lord appeared to them in a great light. The shepherds were frightened.

The angel said, "Do not be afraid. Behold, I have Good News of great joy for all people. Today a savior has been born!" **Based on Luke 1:26-38; 2:1-11**

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### Share Your Faith

**Think** Write or draw your favorite part of the story inside the star.

**Share** with a partner.

# The Holy Family

## How did Jesus set an example for others?

### Catholic Faith Words

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

Mary and Joseph brought Jesus back to Nazareth where he grew up. Together, they are called the **Holy Family**. Like most children, Jesus loved to learn and play. But Jesus was also very different, he was the Son of God.

### God's Word

#### The Boy Jesus in the Temple

When Jesus was twelve, Mary and Joseph took him to Jerusalem for a holy day. On their way home, Joseph and Mary noticed that Jesus was missing. They were very worried and went back to Jerusalem to find him.

They found Jesus sitting with wise teachers in the Temple. Jesus' questions and answers amazed everyone in the temple.

Jesus came back to Nazareth and obeyed his parents. He grew in age, in learning, and in holiness. **Based on Luke 2:41-52**

➔ What is one thing Jesus might have told the wise teachers about God?

## Jesus Begins His Work

When Jesus was thirty years old, he went to see his cousin John, whom we call John the Baptist. John wanted all sinners to turn toward God. He baptized them with water in the Jordan River.

### God's Word

#### Baptism of Jesus

One day, Jesus asked John to baptize him. Jesus never sinned. But he wanted to set an example for others. After Jesus' baptism, the Holy Spirit came down on him in the form of a dove. Then a voice from Heaven said, "You are my beloved Son. I am pleased with you."

After this, Jesus taught about God his Father and shared his Father's love with everyone.

Based on Matthew 3:13-17



We learn about God the Father from the people in our families.

➔ Who teaches you about God the Father?

### Connect Your Faith

**Circle the Words** Circle the names for Jesus and mark an X on the words that aren't. What's your favorite name for Jesus?

Good Shepherd

Savior

John

God the Son

God the Cousin

# Our Catholic Life

## What does Jesus teach us about loving God and others?



After his baptism, Jesus traveled throughout his country to remind others that God loved them. He taught them to love one another and to be good to others.

Jesus still teaches us today through the Bible, the Church, the Sacraments, and his followers. Listen carefully and you will learn how to show your love for God and others.



Fill in the blanks with things you can say to follow Jesus' teachings.

### What Jesus Teaches

### Things You Can Say

Forgive other people.

I forgive you.

Be kind to others.

Help people who are sick.

May I come visit you?

Share with others.

I'll share this orange with you.

Pray often.

# People of Faith

## Saint Peter, first century

Saint Peter was a fisherman with his brother Saint Andrew. Later, he was the leader of Jesus' followers. He knew that Jesus was the Son of God. But he also knew Jesus was a man. He ate with Jesus. He prayed with Jesus. He walked and talked with Jesus. He even went to parties with Jesus! Saint Peter knew that Jesus got tired and hungry. He knew when Jesus was happy and sad. But most of all, he knew that Jesus loved everyone. After Jesus died, Saint Peter told many people about Jesus. He is considered to be the first Pope.



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**Discuss:** What do you think Jesus might have done for fun?



Learn more about Saint Peter at [aliveinchrist.osv.com](http://aliveinchrist.osv.com)

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## Live Your Faith

**Meet Jesus** Choose one of the events shown and act out what Jesus might be saying. What would you say to Jesus if you were there?



Teaching



Praying



baptism



 Let Us Pray

## Signing Prayer

Gather and begin with the Sign of the Cross.

**Leader:** Father, you sent us your only Son, giving him “the name that is above every name” (**Philippians 2:9**), the name that means “God saves.” Accept our prayer of praise and thanks for

**All:** Sign and pray—Jesus,

**Leader:** the Redeemer who became one of us;

**All:** Sign and pray—Jesus,

**Leader:** who taught us in word and example;

**All:** Sign and pray—Jesus,

**Leader:** who suffered and celebrated with us;

**All:** Sign and pray—Jesus,

**Leader:** who died for us and rose to save us;

**All:** Sign and pray—Jesus,

**Leader:** in whose name we give glory to you, O God, now and forever.



**All:** Sing “You are God”

Jesus, you are God.  
There is none like you.  
Jesus, you are God,  
and we worship you.

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## YOUR CHILD LEARNED >>>

*This chapter explores the Holy Family and Jesus' life on Earth.*

### God's Word



Go to **Luke 3:21–22** to read what happened at the baptism of Jesus.

### Catholics Believe

- Jesus is the beloved Son of God born of Mary.
- Jesus is the Savior of the world who showed us God the Father's love.

To learn more, go to the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* #452–454 at [usccb.org](http://usccb.org).

### People of Faith

This week, your child met Saint Peter, who knew Jesus both as God and man.

## CHILDREN AT THIS AGE >>>

**How They Understand Jesus, God's Son** Second-graders have often already heard many stories of Jesus. Because the Gospel stories offer few glimpses into Jesus' childhood (only infancy and age 12), it might be hard for your child to picture Jesus as a child his or her age. It is important for children this age to know that Jesus was also seven and eight years old, and that they can follow him in the choices they make right now. Their understanding of this will grow as you point out daily opportunities to be like Jesus through the choices your child makes.



## CONSIDER THIS >>>

*How is love made visible in your family?*

The love visible in your family begins in the heart of God. "... Christ's command to love is the door to the whole supernatural order. At the same time, it encourages [us] to know that Jesus affirms the human good of each person. Together [we] must seek the same goals of mutual love united to Christ's love, the raising of a family and the continued growth of [our] relationship" (*USCCA, p. 286*).

## LET'S TALK >>>

- Ask your child what stories about Jesus he or she heard this week (Jesus' birth, childhood, and baptism).
- Share what teaching of Jesus you remember learning about as a child and how it is still important to you today.

## LET'S PRAY >>>



Saint Peter, pray for us that we may come to know and love Jesus as much as you did. Amen.



For a multimedia glossary of Catholic Faith Words, Sunday readings, seasonal and Saint resources, and chapter activities go to [aliveinchrist.osv.com](http://aliveinchrist.osv.com).

# Chapter 5 Review

**A Work with Words** Write the letter of the correct word or words from the Word Bank to complete the sentence.

1. Jesus is the .
2.  told Mary about being the Mother of God's Son.
3.  is the Savior of the world.
4.  was Jesus' cousin.
5. Mary, Joseph, and Jesus are .

## Word Bank

- a. the Holy Family
- b. John
- c. Son of God
- d. Jesus
- e. The Angel Gabriel

**B Check Understanding** Make a list of five things Jesus teaches us. Write the word that is missing from each teaching.

6. \_\_\_\_\_ other people.
7. Be \_\_\_\_\_ to others.
8. \_\_\_\_\_ people who are sick.
9. \_\_\_\_\_ with others.
10. \_\_\_\_\_ often.

