

Unit 2: Jesus Calls Us to Give Ourselves in Love

Before You Begin

1. Read **A Letter Home**, found on page 36 of the Student Book. Decide how or whether you will experience the media for this unit and chapter using a web-enabled smartphone or tablet.
2. Prepare or collect any materials that you will need, such as a Bible, the *Christ Our Life* Student Book, writing supplies, and art supplies.
3. Familiarize yourself with the **Words to Know** for this chapter: *Ten Commandments*, *Lord's Day*, and *commandment*.

Page 35 Unit Opener

Say: *In Unit 2, we will learn more about the Ten Commandments, God's rules that help us live as his children.* Invite your child to turn to page 35. Read aloud the unit title. Remind your child that the Scripture passage at the bottom of the page is from our holy book, the Bible. Then read aloud the Scripture passage.

Discuss the pictures on the page. Point out the pictures of a child giving a woman flowers, Jesus blessing someone, and children making music and singing. Say: *All these pictures show people giving themselves in love and receiving love. Jesus calls all of us to give ourselves to others in loving ways.*

If you choose, scan the QR code on the page and watch the video together.

Page 37 Chapter 5: Jesus Shows Us How to Love God Our Father

God Gave Us the Ten Commandments

Discuss how you celebrate special occasions in your family. Point out the picture at the top of the page. Ask: *What are the children in the picture doing?* (celebrating a birthday) *What other special occasions and holidays do we celebrate?* (New Year's Day, Fourth of July, Thanksgiving, Christmas, Easter, graduations, Baptisms)

Say: *When we celebrate, we show all the joy that is inside us.* Ask: *How do you show your joy?* (by smiling, laughing, singing, dancing, clapping) Say: *God made us to love and to be joyful and to celebrate his love.*

Take turns reading aloud page 37. Call your child's attention to the **Word to Know** feature. Read aloud the definition for *Ten Commandments*. Ask: **What does Jesus say will bring us joy?** (keeping his commandments; remaining in his love) Say: **Jesus knows that loving is the most important thing we can do. He wants us to love and celebrate God our Father. He wants us to keep the Ten Commandments. The commandments teach us how to love God.**

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Page 38 Jesus Loved God the Father

Say: **Jesus' friends knew how much he loved God his Father. They noticed how Jesus talked to his Father when he prayed. They asked Jesus to teach them how to pray.** Ask: **What prayer did Jesus teach his friends?** (the Lord's Prayer) Invite your child to turn to the front inside cover of his or her book. Together, pray the Lord's Prayer.

Invite your child to read aloud the first two paragraphs on page 38. Then read aloud the Scripture passage from the **God's Word** feature. Say: **Jesus said that the way to true happiness is to love God with our whole selves.**

Read aloud the rest of page 38. Say: **Some ways we can celebrate God's love are using God's name with love, praying, telling others about Jesus, and singing songs that honor him.**

Page 39 We Celebrate God's Love

Have your child read aloud the first paragraph on page 39. Say: **We keep Sunday as the Lord's Day because Jesus rose from the dead on Easter Sunday.** Invite your child to complete the activity **We Show Our Love for God**. Then read aloud the rest of the page. Call your child's attention to the **Words to Know** feature. Read aloud the definitions for *Lord's Day* and *commandments*. Say: **Commandments are given to us by God to help us live good lives and be happy.**

Page 40 We Can Pray to God Every Day

Talk about when you pray and how prayer helps you. Then ask your child to read aloud **We Can Pray to God Every Day**. Say: **A psalm is one of the prayer-songs written long ago by King David and others. The psalms are in the Bible.** Pray together the prayer based on Psalm 139. Conclude by praying the Sign of the Cross.

Ask your child to complete and share with you the activity **God Is Always Near**. Say: **God our Father is so good to us. No matter where we go or what we do, God is there, watching over us.** Lead your child in prayer using the **A Moment with Jesus** feature on page 40. Read aloud the reflection slowly and reverently. Then allow time for your child to reflect. Pray the Sign of the Cross to conclude the prayer.

Page 41 We Keep God's Commandments

Invite your child to read aloud page 41 and complete the activity **Commandments Puzzles**. When your child has finished, go over his or her answers.

Page 42 Chapter Review

Help your child complete the Chapter 5 Review on page 42. If you choose, scan the QR code on the page and have your child take the **Interactive Chapter Review**. Discuss the questions under **We Remember**. Call your child's attention to the **We Respond** section and pray the prayer together. Review the **Words to Know** in this chapter by locating the words and their definitions in the **Glossary**. Allow time for your child to complete the decoder activity and the **Your Turn** activity. Ask your child to share what he or she wrote.

Page 43 Families in Mission

Complete the **Families in Mission** pages with your child.

SCRIPTURE

Read aloud the text and the Scripture in the sidebar on page 43. Say: *Following God's commandments helps us know him better.*

KNOW AND PROCLAIM

Read aloud the **Know and Proclaim** text and the chart. Say: *God asked us to keep the Lord's Day holy. We set aside time on Sundays to honor and worship God.*

TEST YOUR CATHOLIC KNOWLEDGE

Read aloud the question and possible answers in **Test Your Catholic Knowledge**. Have your child answer the question. Say: *When we share God's commandments, we share our joy in following Jesus.* [ANSWER: the laws of God's love.]

Access additional Family Resources by scanning the QR code at the bottom of page 43.

Page 44 Families in Mission**A CATHOLIC TO KNOW**

Read aloud **A Catholic to Know** on page 44. Say: *In his Gospel, Saint Luke included many details about Jesus' birth and childhood. These details help us know Jesus better.*

WITNESS AND SHARE

Read aloud the **Witness and Share** introductory text. Then read aloud each faith statement in **My Way to Faith**, pausing to allow time for your child to reflect on each one.

SHARE YOUR FAITH

Read aloud the directions in **Share Your Faith** and have your child complete the activity. Invite your child to tell you about what he or she wrote. Say: *God wants us to spend the Lord's Day doing activities that nourish our souls.*

Chapter 6: Jesus Shows Us How to Love Others

Before You Begin

1. Decide how or whether you will experience the media for this unit and chapter using a web-enabled smartphone or tablet.
2. Prepare or collect any materials that you will need, such as a Bible, the *Christ Our Life* Student Book, writing supplies, and art supplies.
3. Familiarize yourself with the **Word to Know** for this chapter: *Great Commandment*.

Page 45 Jesus Teaches Us the Great Commandment

Point out the picture at the top of page 45. Ask: ***What is happening in this picture?*** (Two children are laughing and smiling.) Take turns with your child reading aloud the page.

Call your child's attention to the **Word to Know** feature. Read aloud the definition for *Great Commandment*. Ask: ***How does Jesus want us to love God?*** (with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength) ***Who are our neighbors?*** (everyone around us; all people around the world)

If you choose, scan the QR code on the page and watch the video together.

Page 46 Jesus Shows Us How to Love Our Neighbor

Read aloud page 46. Then invite your child to complete the activity **We Follow the Law of Love**. When he or she is finished, go over the answers. Discuss any questions your child might have.

Lead your child in prayer using the **A Moment with Jesus** feature. Pray the Sign of the Cross to conclude the prayer.

Page 47 We Obey When We Listen to God Our Father

Read aloud page 47. Ask: ***Why did Jesus stay in the Temple?*** (He was doing God his Father's work.) Say: ***When Jesus went home to Nazareth with Mary and Joseph, whom was he also obeying?*** (God his heavenly Father) Say: ***You follow the Fourth Commandment when your obey and show respect for your parents.***

Ask your child to complete the activity **Jesus Obey Mary and Joseph**. Invite your child to share his or her work.

Page 48 Ways to Obey

Ask your child to read aloud page 48. Say: *God speaks to you through the people who take care of you and protect you, such as members of our family, teachers, and police officers. These people teach you about rules that keep you safe and healthy.*

Have your child complete the activity **I Obey God**. Then go over the answers.

Page 49 We Show Love for Others

Invite your child to read aloud page 49 and complete the activity **We Act in Loving Ways**. Talk about your child's drawing and how it shows kind and loving actions.

Page 50 Chapter Review

Help your child complete the Chapter 6 Review on page 50. If you choose, scan the QR code on the page and have your child take the **Interactive Chapter Review**. Discuss the question under **We Remember**. Call your child's attention to the **We Respond** section and pray the prayer together. Review the **Word to Know** in this chapter by locating the word and its definition in the **Glossary**. Allow time for your child to complete the **Your Turn** activity. Ask your child to share what he or she wrote.

Page 51 Families in Mission

Complete the **Families in Mission** pages with your child.

SCRIPTURE

Read aloud the text and the Scripture in the sidebar on page 51. Ask: *How can we show our love for God?* (by loving and being kind to one another; by praying for others)

KNOW AND PROCLAIM

Read aloud the **Know and Proclaim** text and the chart. Say: *When we love our neighbors, we are living God's Law of Love.*

TEST YOUR CATHOLIC KNOWLEDGE

Read aloud the question and possible answers in **Test Your Catholic Knowledge**. Have your child answer the question. [ANSWER: obey our parents.]

Access additional Family Resources by scanning the QR code at the bottom of page 51.

Page 52 Families in Mission**A CATHOLIC TO KNOW**

Read aloud **A Catholic to Know** on page 52. Say: *Jesus loved Matthew. Remember, our neighbors are people we know and people all around the world.*

WITNESS AND SHARE

Read aloud the **Witness and Share** introductory text. Then read aloud each faith statement in **My Way to Faith**, pausing to allow time for your child to reflect on each one.

SHARE YOUR FAITH

Read aloud the directions in **Share Your Faith** and have your child complete the activity. Discuss with your child what he or she wrote. Praise your child for having a loving heart. Say: *The more we live like Jesus, the better we make our world.*

Chapter 7: We Give Love to Others

Before You Begin

1. Decide how or whether you will experience the media for this unit and chapter using a web-enabled smartphone or tablet.
2. Prepare or collect any materials that you will need, such as a Bible, the *Christ Our Life* Student Book, a precious belonging, such as a crucifix, prayer card, or scapular, writing supplies, and art supplies.
3. Familiarize yourself with the **Word to Know** for this chapter: *conscience*.

Page 53 We Love When We Show We Are Kind and We Love When We Respect the Gift of Life

Remind your child of the four key terms that tell how to show love. (*first, name, Lord's Day, and obey*) Say: ***These words are clues to the meanings of the first four commandments. Today we will talk about four more commandments.***

Ask your child to read aloud page 53. Talk about the word *respect*. Say: ***Everything and everyone in the world is a precious gift from God our Father. When we treat each gift carefully, we show our love for God and thank him for all he has given us.*** Ask: ***How can we show that we care about people and other living things?*** (treat them kindly; help them; do not hurt them) Say: ***You are precious too.*** Ask: ***How can you take care of yourself?*** (follow rules; eat healthy food; wash hands; brush teeth)

Page 54 We Love When We Are Respectful, We Love When We Are Honest, and We Love When We Are Truthful

Read aloud the first paragraph on page 54. Say: ***The Sixth Commandment teaches us to be respectful of ourselves and others. We do not make fun of our bodies or other people's bodies. No one has the right to hurt you in any way, and you do not have the right to hurt others.***

Take turns with your child reading aloud the rest of page 54. Ask: ***What does it mean to tell the truth?*** (to say what really happened) Say: ***It is important to always tell the truth, even if it is hard to do. Lies are hurtful and can turn even small problems into much bigger problems.*** Point out that altogether there are four commandments mentioned on page 54. Say: ***When we follow these commandments, we show love for ourselves, for others, and for God.***

Lead your child in prayer using the **A Moment with Jesus** feature. Pray the Sign of the Cross to conclude the prayer. Invite your child to spend some quiet time with Jesus each day.

Page 55 The Commandments Help Us Live in Love

Invite your child to read aloud page 55. Call his or her attention to the **Word to Know** feature. Read aloud the definition for *conscience*. Say: ***When you are making an important decision, ask yourself three questions: Is it a good thing? Am I doing it for the right reasons? Am I doing it at the right time and place? These questions can guide us to make good choices.***

Read aloud the directions for **We Obey the Commandments** and ask your child to complete the activity. Then go over his or her answers. Talk about which commandment applies to each situation.

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Page 56 Chapter Review

Help your child complete the Chapter 7 Review on page 56. If you choose, scan the QR code on the page and have your child take the **Interactive Chapter Review**. Discuss the question under **We Remember**. Call your child's attention to the **We Respond** section and pray the prayer together. Review the **Word to Know** in this chapter by locating the word and its definition in the **Glossary**. Allow time for your child to complete the **Your Turn** activity. Ask your child to share what he or she drew.

Page 57 Families in Mission

Complete the **Families in Mission** pages with your child.

SCRIPTURE

Read aloud the text and the Scripture in the sidebar on page 57. Say: ***Deed is another word for action. God wants our actions to match our words.***

KNOW AND PROCLAIM

Read aloud the **Know and Proclaim** text and the chart. Say: ***Every day we can show respect for others, ourselves, and the world. Every action can be a sign of love.***

TEST YOUR CATHOLIC KNOWLEDGE

Read aloud the question and possible answers in **Test Your Catholic Knowledge**. Have your child answer the question. Say: ***When our words match our actions, we are living truthfully.*** [ANSWER: all the time.]

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Page 58 Families in Mission, continued**A CATHOLIC TO KNOW**

Read aloud **A Catholic to Know** on page 58. Say: *From a young age, Catherine wanted to be close to God. It is never too early to say, “Here I am, God! I want to follow you.”*

WITNESS AND SHARE

Read aloud the **Witness and Share** introductory text. Then read aloud each faith statement in **My Way to Faith**, pausing to allow time for your child to reflect on each one.

SHARE YOUR FAITH

Read aloud the directions in **Share Your Faith** and have your child complete the activity. Invite your child to tell you about what he or she wrote. Say: *Listening with love is an important action.* Encourage your child to listen to others respectfully.

Chapter 8: Jesus Calls Us to Live in Love

Before You Begin

1. Decide how or whether you will experience the media for this unit and chapter using a web-enabled smartphone or tablet.
2. Prepare or collect any materials that you will need, such as a Bible, the *Christ Our Life* Student Book, stuffed animal, writing supplies, and art supplies.
3. Familiarize yourself with the **Word to Know** for this chapter: *sacrifice*.

Page 59 Saint Thérèse Made Sacrifices for Others

Call your child's attention to the photo of Saint Thérèse on page 59. Then invite your child to read aloud **Saint Thérèse Made Sacrifices for Others**. Ask: **How did Thérèse show that she loved God?** (She did many things that pleased God every day; she made daily sacrifices; she was kind to others.) **What do God's commandments tell us to do?** (love God; love one another)

Call your child's attention to the **Word to Know** feature. Read aloud the definition for *sacrifice*. Say: **Something that might be hard to do but is done anyway and done out of love is called a sacrifice.** Discuss with your child some sacrifices your family has made for others.

Page 60 We Follow the Example of Jesus

Invite your child to read aloud page 60. Say: **Jesus lived his whole life showing love for God the Father and doing good for others. Saint Thérèse did her best to live as Jesus did. You can too.**

Read aloud the directions for **Live in Love Like Jesus** and have your child complete the activity. Then go over the answers. The unscrambled green letters spell the word *sacrifices*.

Use a stuffed animal to play a review game. You might provide hints or clues to the answers. Say: **Let's review what we have learned in this unit while we help our friend** [name of stuffed animal] **finish his sentences.**

Say: **Talking to God is called** (prayer). **We pray at** (Mass). **God's name is** (holy). **We can pray always and everywhere because God is** (always with us). **We obey God when we do** (what God wants). **Jesus obeyed his Father because** (he loved his Father). **When we help others, we are being** (kind). **We are honest when we respect things that belong** (to others). **We tell the truth when we tell** (what really happened).

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Page 61 God's Laws of Love

Invite your child to read aloud page 61. Then read aloud the directions for **Love God and Love Others** and ask your child to complete the activity.

If you choose, scan the QR code on the page and have your child take the **Interactive Chapter Review**.

Page 62 Unit 2 Review

Help your child complete the Unit 2 Review on page 62. If you choose, scan the QR code on the page and have your child take the **Interactive Unit Review**. Discuss the question under **We Remember**. Call your child's attention to the **We Respond** section and pray the prayer together. Invite your child to read aloud the directions for the fill-in-the-blank activity and have him or her complete it. Then go over the answers. Review the **Word to Know** in this chapter by locating the word and its definition in the **Glossary**. Allow time for your child to complete the **Your Turn** activity. Ask your child to share what he or she wrote.

Pages 63–64 We Celebrate

Before beginning the prayer celebration, decide who will read aloud the leader's parts. Go over the assigned parts and allow time for your child to practice his or her lines. Then guide your child through the prayer celebration on pages 63–64. Say: ***Let's sit quietly for a few moments and think about Jesus and our promise to follow him. Ask Jesus to help you love him and love others.*** Conclude by praying the Sign of the Cross.

Page 65 Families in Mission

Complete the **Families in Mission** pages with your child.

SCRIPTURE

Read aloud the text and the Scripture in the sidebar on page 65. Say: ***When we follow God's laws of love, we are filled with joy.***

KNOW AND PROCLAIM

Read aloud the **Know and Proclaim** text and the chart. Say: ***We can remember Jesus' sacrifice when we make our own sacrifices.***

TEST YOUR CATHOLIC KNOWLEDGE

Read aloud the question and possible answers in **Test Your Catholic Knowledge**. Have your child answer the question. [ANSWER: he loves us.] Say: ***Following the Ten Commandments helps us be more like Jesus.***

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Page 66 Families in Mission, continued**A CATHOLIC TO KNOW**

Read aloud **A Catholic to Know** on page 66. Say: *Saint Thérèse said, "Everything is God's garden." When we do small acts of love, we are spreading the Good News all over God's garden.*

WITNESS AND SHARE

Read aloud the **Witness and Share** introductory text. Then read aloud each faith statement in **My Way to Faith**, pausing to allow time for your child to reflect on each one.

SHARE YOUR FAITH

Read aloud the directions in **Share Your Faith** and have your child complete the activity. Invite your child to tell you about what he or she wrote. Discuss kind and loving deeds your family can perform each day.