

Grade 2 - Chapter 5

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Catechist Tips: Name Tags

Have the children make descriptive name tags to wear during the session. Distribute paper, crayons, and markers. Instruct the children to print their name on the paper in a creative style and decorate the card with words or pictures that describe them to others. (Suggestions: *happy, silly, picture of appropriate sports equipment, or talent they have.*) When they have finished, punch two holes at the top corners of the paper, pull yarn or string through them and tie the name tag around their neck.

Catechist Tips: Annunciation

Proclaim the Scripture story on page 99.

- The second time, proclaim just the first sentence and help the children imagine what God said to the angel.
- Proclaim the rest except for the last sentence and imagine together the conversation between the angel and Mary, especially what Mary said.
- Proclaim the last sentence.
- Invite three children to role-play the event.
- On the board, write: Jesus—the Son of God. Point to the words and ask the children three times to tell you the name the child was given.

Catechist Tips: The Family Is Basic

Help children better understand that the family is the first and fundamental unit of the community.

- A family creates an environment in which children can be born and nourished. Upholding the true notion of family is a matter of justice. (See *The Hundredth Year*, #39.)

Glossary Activity: Mary

This would be a good time to review the Hail Mary. Ask the children to find this prayer in the *Our Catholic Tradition* section of their book.

- Go over the prayer line by line, helping the children to understand how this prayer relates to what they have just learned about the Mother of God.
- Point out that we ask Mary to pray for us as we pray to her.

Additional Activity: The Story of My Name

Invite children to ask their parents how or why they chose their child's name.

- Allow time next week for volunteers to share the stories of their names.
- Don't forget to share the story of your name.

Additional Activity: Jesus Name Tags

Provide a variety of circle, star, and cross cutouts, along with generous supplies of stickers, glitter, and glue. Show the children how to write the name "Jesus" in large letters on the cutout. Then, give them time to have fun decorating their name tags for Jesus. Display the name tags where other children can see them.

Additional Activity: Song of Baptism

The Baptism of Jesus marks the beginning of his adult work on behalf of his Father.

- Invite children to sing a Baptism song, such as "You Have Put on Christ," to celebrate this important event in the life of Jesus.
- Encourage them to add simple gestures to enhance the song.

Additional Activity: Drawing

Young children usually like to draw and color pictures of what they have studied. Invite children to draw a picture about Jesus, Mary, and Joseph.

- Ask for volunteers to tell about their pictures of the Holy Family.

Additional Activity: Make Stick Puppets

Have children make simple puppets from craft sticks, and use them to dramatize situations in which they can follow Jesus' teachings.

- Ask children to look at the teachings of Jesus listed in the chart, and think of situations in which they are called to follow these teachings.
- Have children use their stick puppets to act out the scenarios.

Additional Activity: Jesus Blesses Children

Show children some examples of fine art or folk art depicting Jesus blessing children.

- Ask them to create their own artworks depicting a meeting between Jesus and their class today.