

WALKING by FAITH

Grade 3 / Home Lesson

CHAPTER 3 LIGHT OF THE WORLD

Objectives

- Recognize that the world created by God is good but bad things happen.
- Understand the concept of original sin.
- Identify grace as the life of God shared with us.
- Discover that followers of Jesus are called to be a light to the world.

Step 1: *We Are Invited* (Life Experience), pages 18–19

Begin the lesson by praying together the opening **Prayer** on page 18.

Invite your child to think of a time when your family received good news.

Read together the story on page 18. Then discuss the photo and the caption questions.

Read together **A Broken Community** on page 19. Turn to the **Language of Faith** section in back of the textbook and read the definitions of the terms *sin* and *original sin*.

Then read aloud the caption statement and ask: Did anyone make the first humans turn away from God? (No.) Why did they make this choice? (They thought they could be happier on their own, without God.)

Read aloud **Our Moral Guide** and discuss the question. (Answers will vary but should include the idea that God did not want to force people to respond against their wills. God wants all people to respond freely in love.)

Clarify for your child that people do not become ill because they have sinned. When the Church teaches that sickness entered the world because of original sin, it means that we are born into a condition that is broken, no longer perfect. Sickness is one of the effects of our fallen human condition, *not* of the sins of later individuals. However, we are called to avoid sinful practices and disrespect for our health, which may lead to illness.

Step 2: We Explore (Doctrine), pages 20–21

As you read through the page 20 text on **Sharing God’s Life**, talk about grace as the gift from God of a share in his own life. See the **Language of Faith** section in back of the textbook for a complete definition of *grace*. Ask: When have you shared in the grace of God? (Answers might include while being in relationship with God; while praying, celebrating the sacraments, and helping others.)

Explain that by dying on the cross, Jesus gave his life to save us from the power of sin and everlasting death and to restore us to grace, a share in God’s life.

Read the **Activity** caption and make the bookmark, if time permits. Emphasize that we can be signs of God’s gift of grace to others.

Read together **Catholics Believe**. Point out that grace is a wonderful gift from God that helps restore our spiritual health and our relationship with God, others, and all creation.

Read the **Scripture Story: Share Your Light** and the paragraph that follows it; see page 21. Use the questions in the **Scripture Signpost** to discuss the meaning of the Scripture Story with your child.

Step 3: We Reflect (Integration of Faith into Everyday Life), page 22

Review the material taught in the lesson by discussing **Recall, Think and Share, Continue the Journey**. Have your child complete the activity.

Read aloud and discuss **We Live Our Faith: At Home and In the Parish**. Try to follow through on the suggestions found there.

Refer to the **Language of Faith** section in the back of the textbook for clarification and review of all highlighted words in the chapter.

Complete the **Faith Journal**, pages 5–6.

Complete **Unit 1 Review** in the text, pages 24–25.

Step 4: We Celebrate (Prayer and Conclusion), page 23

Close the lesson with prayer. Read **Let It Shine!** on page 23. Ask: What are we a sign of when we let our light shine? (grace) Turn to the **Language of Faith** section in back of the textbook and read the definition of the word *heaven*.

Use the song on page 23 as your closing **Prayer** or pray your own prayer of gratitude for God’s grace.