

WALKING by FAITH

Grade K / Home Lesson

CHAPTER 6 GOD OUR FATHER

Objectives

- Associate God's love with that of a loving parent.
- Recognize how parents show love for their children.
- Affirm that God is like a loving parent.
- Understand that God gives us everything we need.
- Explain what it means to be a child of God.

Step 1: We Are Invited (Life Experience), page 33

Talk with your child about how parents care for their children. Ask what loving parents, grandparents, or guardians do for their children. Encourage your child to give examples from his or her own experience. Pray the opening **Prayer** together.

Have your child point to the picture on this page and describe the people he or she sees in it. Point out that all the people in the picture—young and old—are children of God. All people on earth are God's children, and God is like a loving parent to them.

Read the **Scripture** verse aloud. Compare God's love of all creation to the love of a caring parent.

Step 2: We Explore (Doctrine), page 34

Have your child look at the pictures on this page as you read aloud **God Shows Love**. Invite your child to answer the question by describing what he or she sees in each picture.

Read aloud each caption, and relate each act of a loving parent to the way that God takes care of us.

God helps us when we need help.

God knows and loves us all.

God forgives us when we do something wrong.

God teaches us to take care of all creation.

Read to your child the **Scripture Story of Noah's Ark**. Use pages 43–46 of your child's text. Before reading the story, help your child remove the pages from the textbook and form them into a booklet. As you read the story, have your child use the pictures to follow along. When the story is finished, have your child color the rainbow.

Read aloud **Catholics Believe** on page 34. Invite your child to explain how God is like a loving parent, giving us everything we need.

Step 3: We Reflect (Integration of Faith into Everyday Life), page 35

Remind your child that Jesus is the Son of God.

Have your child point to the picture of Jesus and his friends. Tell him or her that one of Jesus' friends asked Jesus to teach him to pray. The prayer that Jesus taught his friends begins with the words *Our Father*. Jesus taught his friends to call God "Our Father." We know this prayer as the *Lord's Prayer* or the *Our Father*.

Recite the Lord's Prayer. Invite your child to repeat each line after you.

Draw your child's attention to the **Activity** on this page. Read the two words aloud as you point to them. Allow time for your child to color the name for God.

Step 4: We Celebrate (Prayer and Conclusion), page 36

Help your child choose a picture of him or her to place in the picture frame activity on this page. Then help your child cut out the picture frame and tape or glue his or her picture to it. Be sure your child knows that the words on the frame say *Child of God*. Find a good place to display the framed photo; a mirror in your child's room might be good, as he or she will see the reminder about being a child of God each time he or she looks in the mirror and at the photo.

Close the lesson with prayer. Pray aloud the *Lord's Prayer*, inviting your child to repeat each line of the prayer after you. Then pray the **Prayer** at the bottom of this page. Close the prayer experience with the Sign of the Cross.

For additional activities contact your director of religious education or teacher regarding *Reproducible Activities*, pages 18–20.