

WALKING by FAITH

Grade K / Home Lesson

CHAPTER 9 GOD SENT JESUS

Objectives

- Understand that God sent Jesus to show us love.
- Identify the Bible as our holy book.
- Understand that in the Bible we learn about Jesus.
- Affirm that Jesus came to our world to show love.

Step 1: *We Are Invited* (Life Experience), page 47

Recall with your child that Mary had a baby named Jesus, who was the Son of God.

Tell your child that he or she will learn about Jesus today. Then pray aloud the opening **Prayer** on page 47. Have your child respond, "Amen."

Talk with your child about giving gifts to other people. Ask: What special gifts have you been given? What made those gifts so special? (Answers will vary but may include playthings, clothing, or food that your child enjoyed.)

Read the chapter title: **God Sent Jesus**. As you talk about the picture, have your child point to Mary and Joseph. Tell your child that when Jesus was born, Mary wrapped him in soft cloths and laid him in a manger, which she used as a cradle. Explain that a manger is a feeding trough for animals, such as cows and sheep. Then have your child draw Baby Jesus on the bed of hay to complete the **Activity**.

Tell your child that Jesus is the greatest gift God has given us. Use this poem to reinforce that truth.

Baby Jesus in the manger,
Baby Jesus on the hay,
Baby Jesus is a gift from God,
Born on Christmas Day.

Read aloud the **Scripture** verse on this page. Ask: What is the name of God's only Son? (Jesus)

Step 2: We Explore (Doctrine), page 48

Ask your child to name some of his or her favorite Bible stories. Remind him or her of the **Scripture Story** booklets *God Made the World*, *Mary, Mother of Jesus*, and *Noah's Ark*, which you read together in previous lessons.

If possible, have a children's Bible on hand, as well as an adult Bible. Remind your child that the Bible is a holy and special book that should be treated with respect.

Read the heading on page 48: **The Bible**. Explain that the Bible contains stories about Jesus. Then have your child complete the **Activity** by tracing with a pencil the word *Bible* and coloring the cross with bright, happy colors.

Read aloud **Catholics Believe**. Remind your child that we celebrate the birth of Jesus on Christmas Day. As the Son of God, Jesus was born into this world.

Step 3: We Reflect (Integration of Faith into Everyday Life), page 49

Remind your child that God sent Jesus to our world as a gift to us. Mention that the Bible tells us about the life of Jesus.

Have your child point to Jesus in each picture on page 49. Read the heading: **Jesus Shows Love**. Ask how Jesus is showing love in each picture. After your child responds, read aloud the captions.

The final picture shows Jesus telling stories. Point out that people of all ages listened to Jesus and followed him. Explain that Jesus told stories to his followers to teach them how to show love.

Help your child tear out the **Scripture Story** booklet, **The Good Neighbor**, found on pages 61–64, and form it into a booklet. Take time at this point in the lesson to read this Scripture story of the good Samaritan, a story in which Jesus told his followers to love their neighbor.

Step 4: We Celebrate (Prayer and Conclusion), page 50

Help your child complete the Bible bookmark **Activity** found on page 50. Then have your child look through a children's Bible and find a story he or she would like you to read. Have your child use his or her Bible bookmark to mark the place in the Bible where the story is found. (If you do not have a children's Bible, read a story from one of the Gospels in your family Bible and mark it with the bookmark.)

Close the lesson by praying aloud the final **Prayer**. Have your child respond: Amen!

For additional activities contact your director of religious education or teacher regarding *Reproducible Activities*, pages 27–29.