

Annotated Lectionary Key

Grade 1

1 Advent

11/28/04 12/02/07

- (A) Isaiah 2:1-5 (God's kingdom of peace)
Romans 13:11-14 (Promise of salvation)
Matthew 24:37-44 (Prepare for the Lord's coming.)
Notes for discussion: Compare Isaiah's description of God's kingdom with the student's ideas. Ask for practical ideas on how to prepare for the kingdom.

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- (B) Isaiah 63:16-17; 64:1, 3-8 (The potter and the clay)
1 Corinthians 1:3-9 (God has called us.)
Mark 13:33-37 (Stay awake!)
Notes for discussion: Let the children experience working with clay/play dough to understand Isaiah's metaphor. Ask: "Why is it important to stay awake and be ready to hear God's call?"

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- (C) Jeremiah 33:14-16 (God's promise fulfilled)
Thessalonians 3:12-4:2 (Christ will strengthen us.)
Luke 21:25-28, 34-36 (Salvation is at hand.)
Notes for discussion: Stress that God always keeps promises. Ask for practical examples of how Jesus saves and strengthens us.

2 Advent

12/05/04 12/09/07

- (A) Isaiah 11:1-10 (The root of Jesse)
Romans 15:4-9 (Jesus is our hope.)
Matthew 3:1-12 (John the Baptist)
Notes for discussion: Remind the children that John the Baptist is the "cousin" of Jesus that they learned about. Work with the idea of family trees to help the children see how long Israel waited for a Savior.

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- (B) Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11 (Prepare the way of the Lord.)
2 Peter 3:8-14 (New Heavens, new earth)
Mark 1:4-8 (John the Baptist)
Notes for discussion: Remind the children that John the Baptist is the "cousin" of Jesus. Ask for practical ideas on how to "prepare the Way of the Lord" during Advent.

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- (C) Baruch 5:1-9 (The new Jerusalem)
Philippians 1:3-4, 8-11 (The day of Christ)
Luke 3:14 (John the Baptist)
Notes for discussion: Remind the children that John the Baptist is the "cousin" of Jesus. Let the children use artwork or storytelling to describe their ideas of the "new Jerusalem," God's kingdom.

3 Advent

12/12/04 12/16/07

- (A) Isaiah 35:14, 10 (God saves us.)
James 5:7-10 (Be patient.)
Matthew 11:2-11 (Are you the One?)
Notes for discussion: Remind the children that Jesus is the Savior promised by God. Talk about the importance of patience in waiting for any good thing.

12/15/02 12/11/05

- (B) Isaiah 61:1-2, 10-11 (The Lord's anointed)

Thessalonians 5:16-24 (Rejoice!)

John 1:6-8, 19-28 (A man called John)

Notes for discussion: Like John the Baptist, we are sent to bring the Good News of Jesus.

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- (C) Zephaniah 3:14-18 (Shout for joy!)
Philippians 4:4-7 (The Lord is near.)
Luke 3:10-18 (John's preaching)
Notes for discussion: This is the Sunday of the rose-colored candle on the Advent wreath, a sign of our joy in the Lord's coming.

4 Advent

12/19/04 12/23/07

- (A) Isaiah 7:10-14 (Emmanuel)
Romans 1:1-7 (Son of David)
Matthew 1:18-24 (Joseph's dream)
Notes for discussion: The children can learn a verse of "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" to reinforce their understanding of this title for Jesus. Point out the Gospel story of the annunciation to Saint Joseph.

12/22/02 12/18/05

- (B) 2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8-12, 14, 16 (The kingdom of David)
Romans 16:25-27 (The Good News)
Luke 1:26-38 (The Annunciation)
Notes for discussion: Remind the children that Jesus was descended from David, a great king of Israel. The children should recognize the Gospel story.

12/21/03 12/24/06

- (C) Micah 5:1-4 (Out of Bethlehem)
Hebrews 10:5-10 (Here I am!)
Luke 1:39-44 (The Visitation)
Notes for discussion: Help the children see that Mary went to visit her cousin, Elizabeth, and that Elizabeth's baby was John the Baptist.

The Feast of the Holy Family

Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14 (Honor your parents.)

Colossians 3:12-21 (Put on love.)

12/26/04 12/30/07

- (A) Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23 (The flight into Egypt)

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- (B) Luke 2:22-40 (The presentation)

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- (C) Luke 2:41-52 (The finding in the Temple)
Notes for discussion: The Gospel stories can help the children see how the Holy Family loved and cared for one another even in hard times.

The Epiphany of the Lord

(A) 1/02/05 1/06/08

(B) 1/05/03 1/08/06

(C) 1/04/04 1/08/07

Isaiah 60:14 (The glory of the Lord)

Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6 (The mystery of Christ)

Matthew 2:1-12 (The visit of the Magi)

Notes for discussion: You might celebrate ethnic Epiphany customs or have a prayer service blessing the magi figures from the children's family crèches.

The Baptism of the Lord

1/09/05 1/13/08

- (A) Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7 (Here is my servant.)
Acts 10:34-38 (Peter's preaching)
Matthew 3:13-17 (The baptism of Jesus)

1/12/03 Monday 1/09/06

- (B) Isaiah 55: 1-11 (Come to the water)
I John 5: 1-9 (Spirit, water, blood)
Mark 1:7-11 (The baptism of Jesus)

1/11/04 Saturday 1/07/07

- (C) Isaiah 40: 1-5, 9-11 (The glory of the Lord)
Titus 2: 11-14; 3:4-7 (The blessed hope)
Luke 3:15-16, 21-22 (The baptism of Jesus)
Notes for discussion: Ask: "How does the Gospel story mention the Blessed Trinity?"

1 Lent

2/13/05 2/10/08

- (A) Genesis 2:7-9, 3:1-7 (Creation and the Fall)
Romans 5:12-19 (God's grace)
Matthew 4:1-11 (The temptation in the desert)
Notes for discussion: Stress the goodness of God's creation. We are called to choose what is good.

3/09/03 3/05/06

- (B) Genesis 9:8-15 (God's promise to Noah)
I Peter 3:18-22 (A sign of Baptism)
Mark 1:12-15 (The temptation in the desert)
Notes for discussion: Retell the story of Noah's Ark from a children's Bible storybook, or let the children act it out.

2/29/04 2/25/07

- (C) Deuteronomy 26:4-10 (The faith of God's People)
Romans 10:8-13 (Our profession of faith)
Luke 4:1-13 (The temptation in the desert)
Notes for discussion: Remind the children that we pray the Creed as a sign of our faith in God.

2 Lent

2/20/05 2/17/08

- (A) Genesis 12:1-4 (The call of Abraham)
2 Timothy 1:8-10 (God's call)
Matthew 17:1-9 (The Transfiguration)
Notes for discussion: Use a children's Bible storybook to help retell the story of Abraham and Sarah, our ancestors in faith.

3/16/03 3/12/06

- (B) Genesis 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18 (Abraham's sacrifice)
Romans 8:31-34 (Jesus pleads for us.)
Mark 9:2-10 (The Transfiguration)
Notes for discussion: The story of Abraham's sacrifice can be problematic for first graders. You may wish to help them see it as they would a fable or fairy tale with a happy ending: Abraham's trust in God is rewarded. God does not want us to come to any harm.

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- (C) Genesis 15:5-12,17-18 (The covenant with Abraham)
Philippians 3:17-4:1 (We will be transfigured.)
Luke 9:28-36 (The Transfiguration)
Notes for discussion: The children can understand a covenant as a loving agreement or promise.

3 Lent

2/27/05 2/24/08

- (A) Exodus 17:3-7 (Water from the rock)
Romans 5:1-2, 5-8 (The Holy Spirit)
John 4:5-42 (The Samaritan woman)
Notes for discussion: The story of the water from the rock is a good, dramatic example of God's loving care. The readings for this week relate to Baptism through the image of water.

3/23/03 3/19/06

- (B) Exodus 20:1-17 (The giving of the Law)
1 Corinthians 1:22-25 (The crucified Christ)
John 2:13-25 (Jesus and the Temple)
Notes for discussion: Point out the significance of the crucifix as a sign of our faith.

3/14/04 3/11/07

- (C) Exodus 3:1-8,13-15 (The burning bush)
1 Corinthians 10:1-6,10-12 (Moses)
Luke 13:1-9 (Parable of the fig tree)
Notes for discussion: Remind the children of the purpose of parables. Use a children's Bible storybook to introduce Moses.

4 Lent

3/06/05 3/02/08

- (A) 1 Samuel 16:6-7,10-13 (The way God sees)
Ephesians 5:8-14 (The light of Christ)
John 9:1-4 (The man born blind)
Notes for discussion: Help the children see candles as a sign of Jesus, the light of the world.

3/30/03 3/26/06

- (B) 2 Chronicles 36:14-16,19-23 (Return from exile)
Ephesians 2:4-10 (God gives us life.)
John 3:14-21 (In water and spirit)
Notes for discussion: Help the children see that Baptism brings new life.

3/21/04 3/18/07

- (C) Joshua 5:9-12 (The Passover)
2 Corinthians 5:17-21 (A new creation)
Luke 15:1-3,11-32 (The prodigal son)
Notes for discussion: Have the children discuss times when they have forgiven and been forgiven.

5 Lent

3/13/05 3/09/08

- (A) Ezekiel 37:12-14 (The Spirit of life)
Romans 8:8-11 (God raised Jesus.)
John 11: 1-45 (The raising of Lazarus)
Notes for discussion: Ask: "What does it mean to have New Life with God?"

4/06/03 4/02/06

- (B) Jeremiah 31:31-34 (A new covenant)
Hebrews 5:7-9 (Christ's obedience)
John 12:20-30 (The grain of wheat)
Notes for discussion: Have the children compare the grain of wheat in the Gospel story to the "seed that falls on good ground" in Jesus story of the kingdom.

3/28/04 3/25/07

- (C) Isaiah 43:16-21 (I feed my People)
Philippians 3:8-14 (The prize is Jesus.)
John 8:1-11 (The woman taken in adultery)
Notes for discussion: Ask: "How did Jesus' loving actions toward the woman show God's care?"

Passion Sunday (Palm Sunday)

Isaiah 50:4-7 (The Lord comes to my help.)
Philippians 2:6-11 (Jesus Christ is Lord.)

3/20/05 3/16/08
(A) Matthew 26:14-27:66 (The Passion)

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(B) Mark 14:11-5:47 (The Passion)

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(C) Luke 22:14-23:56 (The Passion)
Notes for discussion: Stress the loving aspects of Jesus sacrifice with the children. First graders are very sensitive to the portrait of the suffering Jesus, so these details should not be dwelled upon.

Easter Sunday

(A) 4/27/05 3/23/08
(B) 4/20/03 4/16/06
(C) 4/11/04 4/08/07
Acts 10:34a, 37-43 (Peter preaches the resurrection.)
Colossians 3:1-4 (The life of Christ in us)
John 20:1-9 (The empty tomb)
Notes for discussion: Ask the children to look for signs of New Life all around them.

2 Easter

4/03/05 3/30/08
(A) Acts 2:42-47 (The Christian community)
1 Peter 1:3-9 (God raised Jesus to new life.)
John 20:19-31 (Jesus and Thomas)
Notes for discussion: Ask: Why do you think Thomas didn't believe the other friends of Jesus? What made him believe?

4/27/03 4/23/06
(B) Acts 4:32-35 (The Christian community)
1 John 5:1-6 (Love God and believe.)
John 20:19-31 (Jesus and Thomas)
Notes for discussion: Help the children see that Saint John's words in the second reading describe ways to live in God's kingdom.

4/18/04 4/15/07
(C) Acts 5:12-16 (Signs and wonders)
Revelation 1:9-13,17-19 (The Alpha and Omega)
John 20:19-31 (Jesus and Thomas)
Notes for discussion: You might point out the alpha and omega symbols on the Paschal candle as part of discussing the second reading.

3 Easter

4/10/05 4/6/08
(A) Acts 2:14, 22-23 (Peter's preaching)
1 Peter 1:17-21 (The blood of the Lamb)
Luke 24:13-35 (Emmaus)
Notes for discussion: Remind the children that Peter and the other Apostles were filled with the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. This is what made their preaching so joyful.

5/04/03 4/30/06
(B) Acts 3:13-15,17-19 (Peter's preaching)
1 John 2:1-5 (Jesus is our sacrifice)
Luke 24:35-48 (Jesus fulfills the Scriptures.)

Notes for discussion: Help the children recall the meaning of "sacrifice." Remind them that Jesus is called the Word of God because by his life and words he tells us God's Word.

4/25/04 4/22/07
(C) Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41 (We are witnesses.)
Revelation 5:11-14 (Glory to the Lamb)
John 21:1-19 (Jesus and Peter)
Notes for discussion: Explain that all followers of Jesus are "witness" to his Good News. Like, Peter, we are all members of the Church, called to take care of God's people.

4 Easter

4/17/05 4/13/08
(A) Acts 2:14a, 36-41 (Repent and be baptized.)
1 Peter 2:20b-25 (Christ died for us.)
John 10:1-10 (The sheepfold)
Notes for discussion: The image of a "sheepfold" will be foreign to most of the children. Help them think of images of God's people or the Church. They might draw their images.

5/11/03 5/07/06
(B) Acts 4:8-12 (The cornerstone)
1 John 3:1-2 (We are children of God.)
John 10:11-18 (The Good Shepherd)
Notes for discussion: If possible, show the children the cornerstone of your school or parish church. Ask: "What would happen if this stone were pulled out? Why do you think we call Jesus the cornerstone?"

5/02/04 4/29/07
(C) Acts 13:14, 43-52 (Paul and Barnabas)
Revelation 7:9,14-17 (Those who are saved)
John 10:27-30 (I know my sheep.)
Notes for discussion: Explain that Jesus uses the image of a shepherd who knows all his sheep to show how God knows every person and cares for all of us.

5 Easter

4/24/05 4/20/08
(A) Acts 6:1-7 (Election of Stephen)
1 Peter 2:4-9 (You are God's People.)
John 14:1-12 (I am the Way.)
Notes for discussion: Help the children see that "God's People" is another name for the Church, the members of God's kingdom. Explain that Saint Stephen was one of the "helpers" of the early Christians, like the deacons in our parishes today.

5/18/03 5/14/06
(B) Acts 9:26-31 (Saul's conversion)
1 John 3:18-24 (Love one another.)
John 15:1-18 (I am the Vine.)
Notes for discussion: Help the children understand that Jesus' description of himself as the Vine is another image of belonging to him and to God's kingdom.

5/09/04 5/06/07
(C) Acts 14:21-27 (The first missionaries)
Revelation 21:1-5 (New heaven, new earth)
John 13:31-35 (The new commandment)
Notes for discussion: The children can be helped to see that Jesus new commandment of love is another

way of stating the Good News: "Love God. Love everyone."

6 Easter

5/01/05 4/27/08

- (A) Acts 8:5-8,14-17 (The Church's mission)
1 Peter 3:15-18 (The meaning of suffering)
John 14:15-21 (The promise of the Spirit)
Notes for discussion: Ask: "Who is the Helper that Jesus promised to send his friends? How do we know that the Holy Spirit is with us? How does the Spirit help us in sad times?"

5/25/03 5/21/06

- (B) Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48 (Baptism of the Spirit)
1 John 4:7-10 (God is love.)
John 15:9-17 (You are my friends.)
Notes for discussion: Ask: "How can you show that you are a friend of Jesus?"

5/16/04 5/13/07

- (C) Acts 15:1-2, 22-29 (Sending missionaries)
Revelation 21:10-14,22-23 (The new Jerusalem)
John 14:23-29 (I give you peace.)
Notes for discussion: Talk about how the "new Jerusalem" is another way to describe God's kingdom. Let the children draw their impressions of the new Jerusalem.

7 Easter

5/08/05 5/04/08

- (A) Acts 1:12-14 (The upper room)
1 Peter 4:13-16 (Called to follow Jesus)
John 17:1-11 (Jesus' prayer)
Notes for discussion: Help the children see that the unity Jesus prays for is something we can work on. Ask: "Why is it important to welcome everyone? To live peacefully? To make friends?"

6/01/03 5/28/06

- (B) Acts 1:15-17, 20-26 (Choice of Matthias)
1 John 4:11-16 (God's love in us)
John 17:11-19 (Jesus' prayer)
Notes for discussion: Ask: How can we show that God's love lives in us? How will that help people see God's kingdom?

5/23/04 5/20/07

- (C) Acts 7:55-60 (Martyrdom of Stephen)
Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20 (Come, Lord Jesus!)
John 17:20-26 (Jesus' prayer)
Notes for discussion: First graders are not capable of understanding martyrdom, but they know that they will face hard times. Help them see that the Spirit is with them in these times, just as God was with Stephen.

Ascension

5/05/05 5/01/08

- (A) Acts 1:1-11 (Jesus was lifted up.)
Ephesians 1:17-23 (Jesus seated at God's right hand)
Matthew 28:16-20 (All power in heaven and on earth)

5/29/03 5/25/06

- (B) Acts 1:1-11 (Jesus was lifted up.)
Ephesians 4:1-13 (The full stature of Christ)
Mark 16: 15-20 (Jesus seated at God's right hand)

5/20/04 5/17/07

- (C) Acts 1:1-11 (Jesus was lifted up.)
Hebrews 9:24-28; 10: 19-23 (Christ entered heaven)
Luke 24: 46-53 (Jesus was taken up to heaven.)
Notes for discussion: Ask the children how they visualize heaven. Have them draw pictures of their thoughts.

Pentecost

(A) 5/15/05 5/11/08

(B) 6/08/03 6/04/06

(C) 5/30/04 5/27/07

- Acts 2:1-11 (The Pentecost event)
1 Corinthians 12:3-7,12-13 (Baptized in one Spirit)
John 20:19-23 (Receive the Holy Spirit.)
Notes for discussion: Help the children see that they, too, received the Holy Spirit in Baptism.

Trinity Sunday

5/22/05 5/18/08

- (A) Exodus 34:4-6, 8-9 (A God of compassion)
2 Corinthians 13:11-13 (Blessing of the Trinity)
John 3:16-18 (Jesus and Nicodemus)
Notes for discussion: Pray the Sign of the Cross together as a way to reinforce the message of the second reading.

6/15/03 6/11/06

- (B) Deuteronomy 4:32-34, 39, 40 (The Lord is God.)
Romans 8:14-17 (We are children of God.)
Matthew 28:16-20 (The words of Baptism)
Notes for discussion: If you have not yet studied Baptism, help the children see the relationship between the Gospel formula and the Sign of the Cross.

6/06/04 6/03/07

- (C) Proverbs 8:22-31 (The song of Wisdom)
Romans 5:1-5 (God's grace and glory)
John 16:12-15 (Father, Son, and Spirit)
Notes for discussion: You might let the children draw or act out the first reading, emphasizing the playful, creative nature of Wisdom.

Body and Blood of Christ

5/29/05 5/25/08

- (A) Deuteronomy 8:2-3, 14b-16a (Not by bread alone)
1 Corinthians 10:16-17 (We are one body.)
John 6: 51-58 (True food and true drink)

6/22/03 6/18/06

- (B) Exodus 24: 3-8 (The blood of the covenant)
Hebrews 9: 11-15 (The blood of Christ cleanses us.)
Mark 14: 12-16, 22-26 (The body and blood of Christ)

6/13/04 6/10/07

- (C) Genesis 14: 18-20 (Melchizedek)
1 Corinthians 12:4-11 (Proclaim the death of the Lord)
Luke 9: 11b-17 (Loaves and fishes)
Notes for discussion: Ask the children: "How is Jesus real spiritual food and drink for you?"

Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles

(B) 6/29/03

(A) 6/29/08

Acts 12: 1-11 (The angel of the Lord rescues Peter from prison)

2 Timothy 4: 6-8, 17-18 (The crown of righteousness)

Matthew 16: 13-19 ("Upon this rock I will build my church.")

Notes for discussion: Ask the students to dramatize, in their own words, the first reading and/or the Gospel.

2 Ordinary

1/16/05 1/20/08

(A) Isaiah 49:3, 5-6 (A light to the nations)

1 Corinthians 1:1-3 (Doxology)

John 1:29-34 (The Lamb of God)

Notes for discussion: Help the children understand that the lamb is a sign of Jesus, who offered himself to God in a gentle way. Remind the children that light is a sign of Jesus, the Light of the World. Ask: "How can you be a light to the world?"

1/19/03 1/15/06

(B) 1 Samuel 3:3-10,19 (The call of Samuel)

1 Corinthians 6:13-15, 17-20 (The Body of Christ)

John 1:35-42 (The call of the first disciples)

Notes for discussion: The children may enjoy hearing about Samuel, who was a young child like them when we was called to serve God. They might make badges or banners with their names and the words, "Here I am, Lord."

1/18/04 1/14/07

(C) Isaiah 62:1-5 (God and Zion)

1 Corinthians 12:4-11 (Gifts of the Spirit)

John 2:1-11 (The wedding in Cana)

Notes for discussion: Ask: "What are some gifts the Spirit gives you? How can you share your gifts to make other people happy, the way that Jesus did at the wedding party?"

3 Ordinary

1/23/05 1/27/08

(A) Isaiah 8:23-9:3 (A great light)

1 Corinthians 1:10-13,17 (To preach Good News)

Matthew 4:12-23 (Call of the disciples)

Notes for discussion: Ask: "How can you help to spread the Good News? How is sharing the Good News like bringing light to people who are in the darkness?"

1/26/03 1/22/06

(B) Jonah 3:1-5,10 (A message of conversion)

1 Corinthians 7:29-31 (Live for the kingdom)

Mark 1:14-20 (Repent and believe.)

Notes for discussion: Use a children's Bible storybook to tell the whole story of Jonah, which the children may enjoy illustrating or acting out.

1/25/04 1/21/07

(C) Nehemiah 8:2-6, 8-10 (The reading of the Torah)

1 Corinthians 12:12-30 (The Body of Christ)

Luke 1: 1-4; 4:14-21 (Jesus fulfills the Scriptures.)

Notes for discussion: The reading of God's Word in the Torah (the first five books of the Old Testament) is so special to Jews that they give their children a taste of Honey on the first day that they are to read the Scriptures. Share a sweet treat with your students to remind them that God's Word is sweet!

4 Ordinary

1/30/05 2/03/08

(A) Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13 (Seek the Lord.)

1 Corinthians 1:26-31 (God has chosen you.)

Matthew 5:1-12 (The Beatitudes)

Notes for discussion: Remind the children that God has chosen each of us to be members of the kingdom. The words of the Beatitudes are difficult for first graders, but you might try asking how such qualities as meekness and peacemaking can help to build God's kingdom.

(2003 see Presentation of the Lord) 1/29/06

(B) Deuteronomy 18:15-20 (The Word of the Lord)

1 Corinthians 7:32-35 (Dedication to ministry)

Mark 1:21-28 (Teaching with authority)

Notes for discussion: Ask: "How do we find out about God's Word? Who helps us learn?"

2/01/04 1/28/07

(C) Jeremiah 1:4-5,17-19 (The call of the prophet)

1 Corinthians 12:31-13:13 (The gift of love)

Luke 4:21-30 (Jesus, the greatest prophet)

Notes for discussion: Tell the children that a "prophet" is someone who helps teach the Good News of God's kingdom. Ask: "Why does the Gospel call Jesus the greatest prophet?"

Presentation of the Lord

2/02/03

(B) Malachi 3: 1-4 (The Lord you seek)

Hebrews 2: 14-18 (Jesus became like us.)

Luke 2: 22-40 (Simeon's sees salvation in Christ.)

Notes for discussion: Explain to the children the tradition of presenting a child to God soon after birth. Ask them how they feel about their membership in God's church.

5 Ordinary

2/06/05 (not in 2008)

(A) Isaiah 58:7-10 (Your light will shine.)

1 Corinthians 2:1-5 (Proclaim Christ crucified.)

Matthew 5:13-16 (You are the light of the world.)

Notes for discussion: Ask: "How can you be a light?" For the second reading, point out a crucifix and explain it is one way in which we tell others about Jesus loving actions.

2/09/03 2/05/06

(B) Job 7:1-4, 6-7 (Ultimate questions)

1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23 (For the sake of the Gospel)

Mark 1:29-39 (Miraculous cures)

Notes for discussion: Help the children see Jesus healing actions as a sign of God's love.

2/08/04 2/04/07

(C) Isaiah 6:1-8 (Isaiah's vision of heaven)

1 Corinthians 15:1-11 (The Christian message)

Luke 5:1-11 (The call of Peter, James, and John)

Notes for discussion: Have the children compare Isaiah's vision with Jesus description of God's kingdom.

6 Ordinary

(not in 2005 or 2008)

(A) Sirach 15:15-20 (Keep the commandments.)

1 Corinthians 2:6-10 (God's wisdom)
Matthew 5:17-37 (The new Law)
Notes for discussion: Help the children recall the commandments, God's rules of love. Point out the connection between the "new law" in the Gospel reading and the message of the Good News: "Love God. Love everyone."

2/16/03 2/12/06
(B) Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46 (The unclean)
1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1 (Christian models)
Mark 1:40-45 (Cure of the leper)
Notes for discussion: Explain that in Jesus time, lepers people with serious skin disease were left out and feared. Ask: "How can you welcome someone who feels left out?"

2/15/04 2/11/07
(C) Jeremiah 17:5-8 (Trust in the Lord.)
1 Corinthians 15:12,16-20 (Our faith in Christ)
Luke 6:17, 20-26 (Blessed are the poor.)
Notes for discussion: Ask: "How can you show that you trust in God?"

7 Ordinary

(not in 2005 or 2008)
(A) Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18 (Be holy.)
1 Corinthians 3:16-23 (You are temples of the Spirit.)
Matthew 5:38-48 (Be perfect.)
Notes for discussion: Help the children remember that being "holy" and perfect means "living God's way."

2/23/03 2/19/06
(B) Isaiah 43:18-19, 21-22, 24-25 (God's new deeds)
2 Corinthians 1:18-22 (Christ is always Yes.)
Mark 2:1-12 (Jesus forgives sins.)
Notes for discussion: Try to help the children see the connection between forgiveness (a "fresh start") and God's new creation.

2/22/04 2/18/07
(C) 1 Samuel 26:2,7-9,12-13, 22-23 (David forgives Saul.)
1 Corinthians 15:45-49 (Made in God's image)
Luke 6:27-38 (Be merciful.)
Notes for discussion: Ask: "When we forgive someone, how is it a sign that we are children of God?"

8 Ordinary

(not in 2005 or 2008)
(A) Isaiah 49:14-15 (I will not forget you.)
1 Corinthians 4:1-5 (The Lord is my judge.)
Matthew 6:24-34 (God's providence)
Notes for discussion: Compare Isaiah description of God's parental love with the ideas of God's loving Fatherhood in the Lord's Prayer.

3/02/03 2/26/06
(B) Hosea 2:16-17, 21-22 (Faithfulness)
2 Corinthians 3:1b-6 (You are a letter from Christ.)
Mark 2:18-22 (New wineskins)
Notes for discussion: Ask: "Why do you think Saint Paul says we are letters from Jesus? How can people learn about Jesus from looking at what we do?"

(not in 2004 or 2007)
(C) Sirach 27:4-7 (Judge by what you see and hear.)
1 Corinthians 15:54-58 (Victory in Christ)
Luke 6:39-45 (Judge the tree by its fruit)
Notes for discussion: Have the children imagine themselves as trees with good fruit. They might draw tree shapes and write or draw the good things they do on the tree branches.

9 Ordinary

(not in 2005) 6/01/08
(A) Deuteronomy 11:18, 26-28,32 (Keep the Law.)
Romans 3:21-25, 28 (Justified by faith)
Matthew 7:21-27 (The house built on rock)
Notes for discussion: Help the children see that the "house built on rock" is another of Jesus stories about God's kingdom. They might enjoy drawing or acting out the story.

(not in 2003 or 2006)
(B) Deuteronomy 5:12-15 (Observe the Sabbath.)
2 Corinthians 4:6-11 (Treasure in clay)
Mark 2:23-3:6 (Jesus and the Sabbath)
Notes for discussion: Remind the children that we observe the Sabbath when we go to Mass on Sunday.

(not in 2004 or 2007)
(C) 1 Kings 8:41-43 (All find a home in God's Temple.)
Galatians 1:1-2, 6-10 (Preach the Good News.)
Luke 7:1-10 (The centurion's faith)
Notes for discussion: You might remind the children that we say some of the same words the centurion said before Communion as a sign that we have faith in Jesus.

10 Ordinary

6/05/05 6/08/08
(A) Hosea 6:3-6 (Mercy, not sacrifice)
Romans 4:18-25 (Abraham's faith)
Matthew 9:9-13 (Call of Levi)
Notes for discussion: Ask: "What does it mean to follow Jesus? What things do you have to give up to follow Him?"

(not in 2003 or 2006)
(B) Genesis 3:9-15 (The serpent's punishment)
2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1 (Our everlasting home)
Mark 3:20-35 (Triumph over Satan)
Notes for discussion: With young children, it is better not to dwell on discussion of Satan. Instead, talk about the way heaven is described in the second reading. Note that reaching heaven, being happy with God forever, means working to do what is right and avoiding what is wrong.

(not in 2004 or 2007)
(C) 1 Kings 17:17-24 (Elijah raises the widow's son.)
Galatians 1:11-19 (Paul's conversion)
Luke 7:11-17 (The widow of Nain)
Notes for discussion: Help the children see Jesus actions as a sign of the New Life God promises each one of us.

11 Ordinary

6/12/05 6/15/08
(A) Exodus 19:2-6 (A kingdom of priests)
Romans 5:6-11 (Reconciled to God)
Matthew 9:36-10:8 (Commissioning of the Twelve)

Notes for discussion: Explain that our parish priests and ministers are people who help us hear God's Word and celebrate the sacraments, as the Apostles helped the first Christians.

(not in 2003 or 2006)

- (B) Ezekiel 17:22-24 (The tree of heaven)
2 Corinthians 5:6-10 (We walk by faith.)
Mark 4:26-34 (The seed of the kingdom)
Notes for discussion: The Gospel reading is yet another example of Jesus use of the seed to symbolize God's kingdom. Help the children see the connection between this story and other seed parables they have learned about.

(not in 2004) 6/17/07

- (C) 2 Samuel 12:7-10, 13 (God forgives David.)
Galatians 2:16, 19-21 (Christ lives in me.)
Luke 7:36-8:3 (The sinful woman)
Notes for discussion: You might have the children act out the parable of forgiveness as told in the Gospel reading, or tell it yourself and ask the children Jesus question: "Which of you will love him more?"

12 Ordinary

6/19/05 6/22/08

- (A) Jeremiah 20:10-13 (The Lord delivers us.)
Romans 5:12-15 (Salvation in Jesus)
Matthew 10:26-33 (God's saving love)
Notes for discussion: Ask: "What does it mean to save someone? Why do we say that Jesus saved us from sin and death?"

(not in 2003) 6/25/06

- (B) Job 3:1,8-11 (Lord of the sea)
2 Corinthians 5:14-17 (All things made new)
Mark 4:35-41 (Jesus calms the storm.)
Notes for discussion: Have the children act out or illustrate the Gospel reading.

6/20/04 (2007 see Birth of St. John the Baptist)

- (C) Zechariah 12:10-11,13:1 (God's Spirit poured Out)
Galatians 3:26-29 (All are one in Christ.)
Luke 9:18-24 (The Messiah)
Notes for discussion: Explain that "Messiah" is a name that means "the One sent by God." Ask: "How do Jesus actions describe God's kingdom?"

Birth of John the Baptist

- (C) 6/24/07
Isaiah 49: 1-6 (A light to the nations)
Acts 13: 22-26 (A baptism of repentance)
Luke 1: 57-66, 80 (John is his name.)
Notes for discussion: Ask the children how they think they can be strong in spirit like John the Baptist.

13 Ordinary

6/26/05 (2008 see Peter and Paul, Apostles)

- (A) 2 Kings 4:8-11,14-16 (The prophet Elisha)
Romans 6:3-4, 8-11 (Baptized in Christ)
Matthew 10:37-42 (The prophet's reward)
Notes for discussion: Use the second reading to help the children review what they know about Baptism.

(not in 2003) 7/02/06

- (B) Wisdom 1:13-15; 2:23-24 (God did not make death.)

2 Corinthians 8:7, 9,13-15 (Share your riches.)
Mark 5:21-43 (The daughter of Jairus)

Notes for discussion: The children may want to act out the Gospel story. Help them see Jesus actions as a sign of New Life.

6/27/04 7/01/07

- (C) 1 Kings 19:16b, 19-21 (Elijah and Elisha)
Galatians 5:1,13-18 (Called to liberty)
Luke 9:51-62 (Following Jesus)
Notes for discussion: The children can understand that Elisha followed Elijah, and we are called to follow Jesus.

14 Ordinary

7/03/05 7/06/08

- (A) Zechariah 9:9-10 (Your king comes.)
Romans 8:9, 11-13 (Live in the Spirit.)
Matthew 11:25-30 (My yoke is easy.)
Notes for discussion: You can help the children understand the Gospel reading by explaining what a "yoke" is and showing pictures. The children might want to make their own "kingdom yokes" out of cloth or crepe paper.

7/06/03 7/09/06

- (B) Ezekiel 2:2-5 (I send a prophet.)
2 Corinthians 12:7-10 (God's grace is enough.)
Mark 6:1-6 (Jesus the prophet)
Notes for discussion: Remind the children that a "prophet" is one who shares the Good News of God's kingdom. Help them remember the meaning of "grace."

7/04/04 7/08/07

- (C) Isaiah 66:10-14 (Peace like a river)
Galatians 6:14-18 (The marks of Jesus)
Luke 10:1-12,17-20 (The kingdom is very near.)
Notes for discussion: Let the children think of their own descriptions of "peace" to compare with Isaiah's.

15 Ordinary

7/10/05 7/13/08

- (A) Isaiah 55:10-11 (The power of God's Word)
Romans 8:18-23 (The promise of a new creation)
Matthew 13:1-23 (The sower and the seed)
Notes for discussion: These readings are worth discussing in conjunction with a presentation of the parable of the Sower and the Seed.

7/13/03 7/16/06

- (B) Amos 7:12-15 (Call of the prophet)
Ephesians 1:3-14 (God chose us in Christ.)
Mark 6:7-13 (Jesus commissions the Twelve.)
Notes for discussion: Ask: "What does it mean to choose something? Why do we say that God has chosen us to follow Jesus?"

7/11/04 7/15/07

- (C) Deuteronomy 30:10-14 (God's law is nearby.)
Colossians 1:15-20 (The image of the unseen God)
Luke 10:25-37 (The Good Samaritan)
Notes for discussion: These readings are worth discussing in conjunction with a presentation of the parable of the Good Samaritan.

16 Ordinary

7/17/05 7/20/08
(A) Wisdom 12:13,16-19 (God's mercy)
Romans 8:26-27 (The Spirit pleads for us.)
Matthew 13:24-43 (Parables of the kingdom)
Notes for discussion: Help the children see the stories in the Gospel reading as examples of other stories Jesus told about God's kingdom.

7/20/03 7/23/06
(B) Jeremiah 23:1-6 (I will gather my flock.)
Ephesians 2:13-18 (Christ has made us one.)
Mark 6:30-34 (Jesus cares for God's People.)
Notes for discussion: If possible, show pictures of sheep to help the children understand the image of "straying flocks" in the first reading.

7/18/04 7/22/07
(C) Genesis 18:1-10 (Abraham's hospitality)
Colossians 1:24-28 (The mystery revealed)
Luke 10:38-42 (Martha and Mary)
Notes for discussion: Use the story of Mary and Martha to help the children see that Jesus had friends. Ask: "Why do you think it is good to make people feel welcome?"

17 Ordinary

7/24/05 7/27/08
(A) 1 Kings 3:5, 7-12 (Solomon prays for wisdom.)
Romans 8:28-30 (Called to share God's glory)
Matthew 13:44-52 (Parables of the kingdom)
Notes for discussion: Help the children see the stories in the Gospel reading as examples of other stories Jesus told about God's kingdom.

7/27/03 7/30/06
(B) 2 Kings 4:42-44 (Elisha feeds the crowds.)
Ephesians 4: 1-6 (There is one body.)
John 6:1-15 (Jesus feeds the crowds.)
Notes for discussion: Ask: "Why do you think Jesus chose food and drink as a way to help friends remember him? Why do we share food and drink when we celebrate?"

7/25/04 7/29/07
(C) Genesis 18:20-32 (Sodom and Gomorrah)
Colossians 2:12-14 (Alive in Christ)
Luke 11:1-13 (The Lord's Prayer)
Notes for discussion: The first reading is very difficult for young children; concentrate instead on the Gospel account.

18 Ordinary

7/31/05 8/03/08
(A) Isaiah 55:1-3 (Come to the water.)
Romans 8:35, 37-39 (The love of Christ)
Matthew 14:13-21 (Loaves and fish)
Notes for discussion: Help the children identify the sacramental symbols (water, bread) in the readings. Remind them that sacraments are signs of the "love of Christ" that Saint Paul talks about in the second reading.

8/03/03 (2006 see Transfiguration of the Lord)
(B) Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15 (Bread from heaven)
Ephesians 4:17, 20-24 (Created in God's image)
John 6:24-35 (I am the Bread of Life.)

Notes for discussion: These readings are good remote preparation for First Eucharist. Help the children understand Jesus reference to himself as "bread from heaven."

8/01/04 8/05/07
(C) Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23 (Worldly vanity)
Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11 (Seek the kingdom.)
Luke 12:13-21 (True riches)
Notes for discussion: Let the children design their own "treasure box" drawings filled with pictures of the treasures of God's kingdom.

The Transfiguration of the Lord

(B) 8/06/06
Daniel 7: 9-10, 13-14 (His dominion is everlasting.)
2 Peter 1: 16-19 ("This is my Son, my beloved, in whom I am well pleased.")
Matthew 9: 2-10 (This is my beloved Son.)
Notes for discussion: Ask the children: "How can we be attentive to the light of Jesus shining in our lives?"

19 Ordinary

8/07/05 8/10/08
(A) 1 Kings 19:9, 11-13 (Elijah on Mount Carmel)
Romans 9:1-5 (Adopted children of God)
Matthew 14:22-33 (Peter walks on water.)
Notes for discussion: Ask: "Why do you think Peter fell in the water the first time? How is the Gospel story a story about trusting in God?"

8/10/03 8/13/06
(B) 1 Kings 19:4-8 (Elijah in the wilderness)
Ephesians 4:30-5:2 (Walk in love.)
John 6:41-51 (I am the Living Bread.)
Notes for discussion: Talk about what it means to believe and trust that God will give us everything we need.

8/08/04 8/12/07
(C) Wisdom 18:6-9 (God's glorious deeds)
Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19 (The heavenly city)
Luke 12:32-48 (Heavenly treasure)
Notes for discussion: Let the children illustrate their own impressions of the heavenly city described in the second reading.

20 Ordinary

8/14/05 8/17/08
(A) Isaiah 56:1, 6-7 (Choose justice.)
Romans 11:13-15, 29-32 (God's mercy)
Matthew 15:21-28 (The Canaanite woman)
Notes for discussion: Explain to the children that the woman in the Gospel reading was different from Jesus friends. At first they thought she should not fit in, but Jesus took pity on her and helped her, as a sign that we should help everyone in need. The children can compare Jesus actions here to the story of the Good Samaritan.

8/17/03 8/20/06
(B) Proverbs 9:16 (The house of Wisdom)
Ephesians 5:15-20 (Be watchful.)
John 6:51-58 (I will raise you up.)
Notes for discussion: Help the children see that Jesus words in the Gospel refer to God's promise of New Life.

(2004 see Assumption of Mary) 8/19/07
(C) Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10 (Jeremiah saved from death)
Hebrews 12:1-4 (Persevere in running the race.)
Luke 12:49-53 (The mission of Jesus)
Notes for discussion: Explain that the "cloud of witnesses" in the second reading refers to all the saints and holy men and women who show us how to follow Jesus into God's kingdom.

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

(C) 8/15/04
Revelation 11: 19a; 12: 1-6a, 10ab (A woman clothed with the sun)
1 Corinthians 15: 20-27 (In Christ all will be brought to life.)
Luke 1: 39-56 (The magnificat. the song of Mary)
Notes for discussion: Ask the students to tell stories of times in their lives when they were so excited that everything inside them seemed to leap with joy.

21 Ordinary

8/21/05 8/24/08
(A) Isaiah 22:19-23 (The key of David)
Romans 11:33-36 (God's rich gifts)
Matthew 16:13-20 (The keys of the kingdom)
Notes for discussion: Explain that the "David" in the first reading was a great king of God's people before the time of Jesus. The children might want to make "kingdom keys" out of cardboard to wear as pendants.

8/24/03 8/27/06
(B) Joshua 24:1-2, 15-18 (We will serve the Lord.)
Ephesians 5:21-32 (Christian marriage)
John 6:60-69 (The message of eternal life)
Notes for discussion: Ask: "How do our families help us be faithful to God? How do they help us live God's way?"

8/22/04 8/26/07
(C) Isaiah 66:18-21 (The universal kingdom)
Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13 (Discipline and love)
Luke 13:22-30 (All called to the kingdom)
Notes for discussion: The children might want to make "invitations to the kingdom" to share with family members and friends.

22 Ordinary

8/28/05 8/31/08
(A) Jeremiah 20:7-9 (The prophet's sufferings)
Romans 12:1-2 (Do God's will.)
Matthew 16:21-27 (Take up the cross.)
Notes for discussion: Explain that to do God's will is another way to say, "Live God's Way." Help the children see that taking up the cross does not mean dying as Jesus did, but loving others as much as he did, even when it is difficult.

8/31/03 9/03/06
(B) Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8 (A great nation)
James 1:17-18, 21-22, 27 (Be doers of the Word.)
Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23 (Honor the commandments.)
Notes for discussion: Ask: "How can we do God's Word?"

8/29/04 9/02/07
(C) Sirach 3:17-20, 28-29 (Be humble.)
Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24 (The city of God)
Luke 14:1, 7-14 (The last shall be first.)
Notes for discussion: Help the children see that the Gospel parable is similar to the story of the Workers in the Vineyard.

23 Ordinary

9/04/05 9/07/08
(A) Ezekiel 33:7-9 (Warn the sinner.)
Romans 13:8-10 (The great commandment)
Matthew 18:15-20 (Give witness.)
Notes for discussion: Remind the children that "the great commandment" in the second reading is another term for Jesus Good News: "Love God. Love everyone."

9/07/03 9/10/06
(B) Isaiah 35:4-7 (The Lord is coming.)
James 2:1-5 (The poor inherit the kingdom.)
Mark 7:31-37 (Jesus heals.)
Notes for discussion: Ask: "how is making people feel better a sign of God's kingdom?"

9/05/04 9/09/07
(C) Wisdom 9:13-18 (The will of God)
Philemon 9b-10, 12-17 (Not a slave, but a brother)
Luke 14:25-33 (True discipleship)
Notes for discussion: Explain that "disciples" are people who follow someone. We are Jesus disciples when we live God's way.

24 Ordinary

9/11/05 (2008 see Triumph of the Cross)
(A) Sirach 27:33-28:9 (Forgive your neighbor.)
Romans 14:7-9 (We belong to the Lord.)
Matthew 18:21-35 (Forgive from your heart.)
Notes for discussion: Review the meaning of forgiveness. Ask: "Why do you think Jesus says we should forgive from our hearts?"

(2003 see Triumph of the Cross) 9/17/06
(B) Isaiah 50:5-9 (The Lord is my help.)
James 2:14-18 (Faith and good deeds)
Mark 8:27-35 (Come, follow me.)
Notes for discussion: Ask: "Why do you think it's important to show by our actions that we are followers of Jesus?"

9/12/04 9/16/07
(C) Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14 (The Lord relents.)
1 Timothy 1:12-17 (Christ saves sinners.)
Luke 15:1-32 (Parables of God's mercy)
Notes for discussion: Compare the Gospel reading with the story of the Prodigal Son.

The Triumph of the Holy Cross

(A) 9/14/08
(B) 9/14/03
Numbers 21: 4b-9 (Moses prayed for the people.)
Philippians 2: 6-11 (Christ did not deem equality with God something to be grasped at.)
John 3: 13-17 (God so loved the world)
Notes for discussion: Ask the students if they have a cross hanging in their home. Have you ever thought about that cross? Why do you think it is there? Does it have special significance in your family or for you?

25 Ordinary

9/18/05 9/21/08
(A) Isaiah 55:6-9 (God's ways)
Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a (Life in Christ)
Matthew 20:1-16a (The workers in the vineyard)
Notes for discussion: Ask the children about their thoughts on what it means to be fair. How important is fairness to them? Relate this discussion to the Gospel reading.

9/21/03 9/24/06
(B) Wisdom 2:12, 17-20 (Testing the virtuous man)
James 3:16-4:3 (Justice and peace)
Mark 9:30-37 (Receiving a child)
Notes for discussion: Ask: "Why do you think Jesus told people they had to be like children to enter God's kingdom?"

9/19/04 9/23/07
(C) Amos 8:4-7 (Justice to the poor)
1 Timothy 2:1-8 (Pray for everyone.)
Luke 16:1-13 (Be God's servant.)
Notes for discussion: Ask: "Why do you think Saint Paul says that we should pray for everyone."

26 Ordinary

9/25/05 9/28/08
(A) Ezekiel 18:25-28 (The sinner is punished.)
Philippians 2:1-11 (Christ's humility)
Matthew 21:28-32 (True repentance)
Notes for discussion: Ask: "How can you show that you are sorry when you have hurt someone?"

9/28/03 10/01/06
(B) Numbers 11:25-29 (All called to be prophets)
James 5:1-6 (Warning the rich)
Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48 (Obstacles to the kingdom)
Notes for discussion: Help the children see how the instances referred to in the Gospel account are hindrances to living God's way.

9/26/04 9/30/07
(C) Amos 6:1, 4-7 (Sinners exiled)
1 Timothy 6:11-16 (The coming of the Lord)
Luke 16:19-31 (The rich man and Lazarus)
Notes for discussion: Compare the Gospel story to the parable of the Workers in the Vineyard.

27 Ordinary

10/02/05 10/05/08
(A) Isaiah 5:1-7 (The song of the vineyard)
Philippians 4:6-9 (The virtuous life)
Matthew 21:33-43 (The vine grower's son)
Notes for discussion: Help the children understand that the "vine growers son" in the Gospel story stands for Jesus, the Son of God.

10/05/03 10/08/06
(B) Genesis 2:18-24 (The call to relationship)
Hebrews 2:9-11 (Jesus our Brother)
Mark 10:2-16 (Lifelong fidelity)
Notes for discussion: Ask: "How did Jesus family care for him? How does your family care for you?"

10/03/04 10/07/07
(C) Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4 (How long, O Lord?)
2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14 (Witness to the Lord.)

Luke 17:5-19 (Have faith.)

Notes for discussion: Talk about the value of praying to God in difficult times.

28 Ordinary

10/09/05 10/12/08
(A) Isaiah 25:6-10 (The heavenly banquet)
Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20 (Rich in Christ)
Matthew 22:1-14 (The wedding feast)
Notes for discussion: Ask: "Why is a party a good way to describe God's kingdom?"

10/12/03 10/15/06
(B) Wisdom 7:7-11 (The gift of Wisdom)
Hebrews 4:12-13 (The Word of God)
Mark 10:17-30 (The rich young man)
Notes for discussion: Ask: "Why do you think the rich young man had a hard time doing what Jesus asked? What is the hardest thing for you about living God's way?"

10/10/04 10/14/07
(C) 2 Kings 5:14-17 (Naaman the leper)
2 Timothy 2:8-13 (We will reign with Christ.)
Luke 17:11-19 (The ten lepers)
Notes for discussion: Ask: "Why do you think the other nine people did not come back to say thank you to Jesus?"

29 Ordinary

10/16/05 10/19/08
(A) Isaiah 45:1, 4-6 (I call you by name.)
1 Thessalonians 1:1-5 (Faith, hope, and love)
Matthew 22:15-21 (Give God what belongs to God.)
Notes for discussion: Ask: "If God gives us everything, what can we give to God?"

10/19/03 10/22/06
(B) Isaiah 53:10-11 (Atonement)
Hebrews 4:14-16 (Jesus, our High Priest)
Mark 10:35-45 (Can you drink the cup?)
Notes for discussion: Talk with the children about examples of living as servants of God.

10/17/04 10/21/07
(C) Exodus 17:8-13 (Moses' faith saves Israel.)
2 Timothy 3:14-4:2 (Proclaim the message.)
Luke 18:1-8 (The unjust judge and the widow)
Notes for discussion: After discussing what the Gospel has to say about the importance of prayer, the children may enjoy acting out the story of the judge and the widow.

30 Ordinary

10/23/05 10/26/08
(A) Exodus 22:20-26 (True justice)
1 Thessalonians 1:5-10 (Serve God.)
Matthew 22:34-40 (The great commandment)
Notes for discussion: Remind the children that the great commandment is another way of stating Jesus Good News: "Love God. Love everyone."

10/26/03 10/29/06
(B) Jeremiah 31:7-9 (God gives sight to the blind.)
Hebrews 5:1-6 (The priesthood of Melchizedek)
Mark 10:46-52 (Blind Bartimaeus)

Notes for discussion: Help the first graders understand that Jesus healing miracles are signs of God's care for all people.

- 10/24/04 10/28/07
(C) Sirach 35:12-14, 16-19 (The power of prayer)
2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18 (The crown of righteousness)
Luke 18:9-14 (The Pharisee and the tax collector)
Notes for discussion: After discussing what the Gospel reading has to say about the importance of prayer, the children may enjoy acting out the story.

31 Ordinary

- 10/30/05 (2008 see All Souls Day)
(A) Malachi 1:14-2:2, 8-10 (God created us.)
1 Thessalonians 2:7-9, 13 (Sharing Good News)
Matthew 23:1-12 (Practice what you preach.)
Notes for discussion: Ask: "Why do you think Jesus wants us to show that we follow him in our actions, not just our words?"

- (2003 see All Souls Day) 11/05/06
(B) Deuteronomy 6:2-6 (The Lord is the One God.)
Hebrews 7:23-28 (The eternal priesthood)
Mark 12:28-34 (The Great Commandment)
Notes for discussion: Remind the children that the great commandment is another way of stating Jesus Good News: "Love God. Love everyone."

- 10/31/04 11/04/07
(C) Wisdom 11:22-12:2 (God's mercy)
2 Thessalonians 1:11-2:2 (The name of the Lord)
Luke 19:1-10 (Zacchaeus)
Notes for discussion: Retell the story of Zacchaeus in your own words. Ask the children why they think Jesus called Zacchaeus down from the tree and went to his house.

All Souls Day

- (A) 11/02/03 11/02/08
See a variety of choices of readings in the lectionary.
Wisdom 3:1-9 (The faithful shall abide with God in love.)
Romans 6:3-9 (Death no longer has power.)
Matthew 5:1-12a (The Beatitudes)
Notes for discussion: Ask the children about their memories of people they know who have died. Do they remember the goodness in that person's life? Does their memory of that person connect with any of the attitudes in the Beatitudes?

32 Ordinary

- 11/06/05 (2008 see Dedication of St. John Lateran Basilica)
(A) Wisdom 6:12-16 (Praise of Wisdom)
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 (We will be raised.)
Matthew 25:1-13 (The wise bridesmaids)
Notes for discussion: Ask: "What does it mean to be ready for God's kingdom?"

- (2003 see Dedication of St. John Lateran Basilica) 11/12/06
(B) 1 Kings 17:10-16 (Elijah and the widow)
Hebrews 9:24-28 (Christ brings salvation.)
Mark 12:38-44 (The widow's contribution)
Notes for discussion: Talk about how the widow in the Gospel account helped God's kingdom grow little by little.

11/07/04 11/11/07

- (C) 2 Maccabees 7:1-2, 9-14 (Belief in resurrection)
2 Thessalonians 2:16-3:5 (May God strengthen you.)
Luke 20:27-38 (Ours is the God of the living.)
Notes for discussion: Ask: "What does it mean to know that God wants us to be happy with him in heaven?"

Dedication of St. John Lateran Basilica

- (B) 11/09/03
(A) 11/09/08
Ezekiel 47:1-2, 8-9, 12 (The water flowed)
1 Corinthians 3:9c-11, 16-17 (You are God's temple.)
John 2:13-22 ("Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up.")
Notes for discussion: Ask the children about ways they can think and act that make them aware of their bodies as God's temple.

33 Ordinary

- 11/13/05 11/16/08
(A) Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31 (The good wife)
1 Thessalonians 5:1-6 (The Day of the Lord)
Matthew 25:14-30 (The parable of the talents)
Notes for discussion: Help the children see that the Gospel parable is a way of saying that everyone can help God's kingdom grow, little by little.

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(B) Daniel 12:1-13 (The kingdom comes.)
Hebrews 10:11-14, 18 (Christ's sacrifice)
Mark 13:24-42 (The coming of the Son of Man)
Notes for discussion: Helping the children understand the word "sacrifice" is a good remote preparation for First Eucharist.

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(C) Malachi 3:19-20 (The sun of justice)
2 Thessalonians 3:7-12 (Work for what you need.)
Luke 21:5-19 (The coming of the kingdom)
Notes for discussion: The children might want to design posters or banners using the sun image from the first reading.

Christ the King

- 11/20/05 11/23/08
(A) Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-16 (I will shepherd my flock.)
1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28 (The kingdom of God)
Matthew 25:31-46 (The last judgment)
Notes for discussion: Help the children see that God will look at our lives and judge us by how well we have loved and cared for others.

- 11/23/03 11/26/06
(B) Daniel 7:13-14 (The Son of Man)
Revelation 1:5-8 (The Alpha and Omega)
John 18:33-37 (Are you the king?)
Notes for discussion: Ask: "What kind of king do you think people were looking for in Jesus time? What kind of king is Jesus?"

- 11/21/04 11/25/07
(C) 2 Samuel 5:1-3 (David anointed king)
Colossians 1:12-20 (The kingdom of God's Son)
Luke 23:35-43 (Remember me in your kingdom.)
Notes for discussion: Remind the children that David was a great king of God's people before the

time of Jesus. Ask: "Why do you think Jesus welcomed the dying man into God's kingdom?"