

# Annotated Lectionary Key

## Grade 2

### 1 Advent

11/28/04 12/02/07

- (A) Isaiah 2:1-5 (God's kingdom of peace)  
Romans 13:11-14a (Promise of salvation)  
Matthew 24:37-44 (Prepare for the Lord's coming.)  
**Notes for discussion:** Ask the children how their family prepares for company coming to their house. Relate this to preparing for Jesus coming into our lives.

12/01/02 11/27/05

- (B) Isaiah 63:16b-17; 64:2b-7 (The potter and the clay)  
1 Corinthians 1:3-9 (God has called us.)  
Mark 13:33-37 (Stay awake!)  
**Notes for discussion:** Explain what it means to be a "witness" for something. How can you be a witness for Jesus? (By your words, actions, and example)

11/30/03 12/03/06

- (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:** Ask the children what it means to trust a person. Who do they trust in their lives? How do you know you can trust Jesus to keep his promise?

### 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:** Ask the children to talk about a time when they were sad, frustrated, or angry about something that happened to them. Did they talk to someone about it? Did it make them feel better and help them solve the problem? Remind the children that they can always talk to Jesus about their problems, and he will always be there for them.

12/08/02 12/04/05

- (B) Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11 (Prepare the way of the Lord.)  
2 Peter 3:8-14 (New Heavens, new earth)  
Mark 1:1-8 (John the Baptist)  
**Notes for discussion:** Tell the children that John the Baptist began his mission before Jesus started teaching. He was preparing everyone that was baptized for Jesus coming. Discuss how their baptism prepared each of them for receiving Jesus in the Eucharist at their First Communion.

12/07/03 12/10/06

- (C) Baruch 5:1-9 (The new Jerusalem)  
Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11 (The day of Christ)  
Luke: 3:1-6 (John the Baptist)  
**Notes for discussion:** Lead the children in discussing the "new Jerusalem" as the kingdom of God. Ask what they think the new Jerusalem will be like.

### 3 Advent

12/12/04 12/16/07

- (A) Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10 (God saves us.)  
James 5:7-10 (Be patient.)  
Matthew 11:2-11 (Are you the One?)

**Notes for discussion:** Talk about how difficult it is to be patient when waiting for something special to happen. Lead the children to talk about being patient while waiting to receive Jesus in First Communion.

12/15/02 12/11/05

- (B) Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11 (The Lord's anointed)  
Thessalonians 5:16-24 (Rejoice!)  
John 1:6-8, 19-28 (A man called John)  
**Notes for discussion:** Talk about the excitement we feel just before someone we love is coming to visit. Explain that this is how we feel on this Sunday.

12/14/03 12/17/06

- (C) Zephaniah 3: 14-18a (Shout for joy!)  
Philippians 4:4-7 (The Lord is near.)  
Luke 3:10-18 (John's preaching)  
**Notes for discussion:** Have the children relate a time when that found something they had lost. How did they feel when they found it? Relate this to Jesus feeling so happy when we return to him in Reconciliation.

### 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:** Joseph put much trust in God when he did what the angel told him in his dream. Could we trust God as much as Joseph?

12/22/02 12/18/05

- (B) 2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16 (The kingdom of David)  
Romans 16:25-27 (The Good News)  
Luke 1:26-38 (The Annunciation)  
**Notes for discussion:** Talk about the excitement you experience when you hear good news. You want to share it with your friends. Have the children write a letter to a friend sharing the "Good News" of Jesus coming.

12/21/03 12/24/06

- (C) Micah 5:1-4a (Out of Bethlehem)  
Hebrews 10:5-10 (Here I am!)  
Luke 1:39-45 (The Visitation)  
**Notes for discussion:** Remind the children that Elizabeth was Mary's cousin and the mother of John the Baptist. Explain why Mary went to visit Elizabeth.

### The Feast of the Holy Family

12/26/04 12/30/07

- (A) Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14 (Honor your parents.)  
Colossians 3:12-21 (Put on love.)  
Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23 (The flight into Egypt)

12/29/02 12/30/05

- (B) Genesis 15:1-6; 21:1-3  
Hebrews 11: 8, 1-12, 17-19  
Luke 2:22-40 (The presentation)

12/28/03 12/31/06

- (C) 1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28  
1 John 3: 1-2, 21-24  
Luke 2:41-52 (The finding in the Temple)

**Notes for discussion:** Talk about how Joseph and Mary felt when they thought Jesus was lost. How did they act when they found him? Ask the children how their families would act if they were lost and then found.

### 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 60:1-6 (The glory of the Lord)  
Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6 (The mystery of Christ)  
Matthew 2:1-12 (The visit of the Magi)

**Notes for discussion:** Visit the crèche at church or gather around the one in your classroom. Try to lead the children to understand the excitement of the wise men as they reached their destination.

### 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 waters.)  
1 John 5: 1-9 (Spirit, water and 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:** At first, John the Baptist didn't think he should baptize Jesus. Ask the children why Jesus told John the Baptist he must be baptized.

### 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:** "This is the day the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it." Explain that all God's creations are good.

3/09/03 3/05/06

(B) Genesis 9:8-15 (God's promise to Noah)  
1 Peter 3:18-22 (A sign of Baptism)  
Mark 1:12-15 (The temptation in the desert)  
**Notes for discussion:** Reread the story of Noah's Ark from a children's Bible storybook. Have the children color and cut out rainbows and hang them on the bulletin board.

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:** Read the Apostles Creed with the children and talk about what it means.

### 2 Lent

2/20/05 2/17/08

(A) Genesis 12:1-4a (The call of Abraham)  
2 Timothy 1:8b-10 (God's call)  
Matthew 17:1-9 (The Transfiguration)

**Notes for discussion:** Retell the story of Abraham and Sarah using a children's Bible storybook. Explain that all Christians are descendants of Abraham.

3/16/03 3/12/06

(B) Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18 (Abraham's sacrifice)  
Romans 8:31-34 (Jesus pleads for us.)  
Mark 9:2-10 (The Transfiguration)

**Notes for discussion:** Retell the story of Abraham's sacrifice. Explain how much Abraham trusted God and that God loved Abraham.

3/07/04 3/04/07

(C) Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18 (The covenant with Abraham)  
Philippians 3:17-4:1 (We will be transfigured.)  
Luke 9:28b-36 (The Transfiguration)

**Notes for discussion:** Discuss what it means to make a promise and explain how God made a promise to Abraham.

### 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:** Explain that in Jesus time Samaritans and Jews were not friendly toward each other. Explain that Jesus told the Samaritan woman that everyone was part of God's family. Jesus treated everyone with the same respect.

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:** Have each child make or draw a crucifix. Then explain that it is an important symbol of Jesus death and resurrection.

3/14/04 3/11/07

(C) Exodus 3:1-8a, 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:** Explain that Jesus told stories or parables to teach about God.

### 4 Lent

3/06/05 3/02/08

(A) 1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a (The way God sees)  
Ephesians 5:8-14 (The light of Christ)  
John 9:1-41 (The man born blind)  
**Notes for discussion:** Explain that we are called by Jesus to be his witness to be the light of the world. Ask how each person can be a candle showing that way of Jesus.

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:** Read a story about David from a children's Bible storybook. Explain to the children the part David plays in Catholic history.

3/21/04 3/18/07

(C) Joshua 5:9a, 10-12 (The Passover)  
2 Corinthians 5:17-21 (A new creation)

Luke 15:1-3,11-32 (The prodigal son)  
**Notes for discussion:** Retell the story of the prodigal son using a childrens Bible storybook. Talk about how people who really love you will always forgive you.

## 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:** Talk about what having a New Life with Jesus means to the children.

4/06/03 4/02/06  
(B) Jeremiah 31:31-34 (A new covenant)  
Hebrews 5:7-9 (Christ's obedience)  
John 12:20-33 (The grain of wheat)  
**Notes for discussion:** Ask the children to talk about some of the things that children must go through as they grow. Relate these to the story of the grain of wheat.

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:** Talk about how much Jesus loves us no matter what we do wrong. He will always forgive us and asks us to forgive others.

## 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)

4/13/03 4/09/06  
(B) Mark 14:1-15:47 (The Passion)

4/04/04 4/01/07  
(C) Luke 22:14-23:56 (The Passion)  
**Notes for discussion:** Ask the children for examples of sacrificing something for someone. Talk about Jesus great love for all because he sacrificed his life for all.

## 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) or  
1 Corinthians 5: 6b-8 (Clear out the old yeast.)  
John 20:1-9 (The empty tomb)  
**Notes for discussion:** Talk about spring and ask the children for specific examples of signs of New Life.

## 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:** Talk about how hard it is to believe something you cannot see.

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:** Discuss what it means to be a part of a community.

4/18/04 4/15/07  
(C) Acts 5:12-16 (Signs and wonders)  
Revelation 1:9-13,17-19 (Alpha and Omega)  
John 20:19-31 (Jesus and Thomas)  
**Notes for discussion:** Talk about Thomas not believing that Jesus has risen. Ask why he did not believe. Ask what made him finally believe.

## 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:** Retell the story of the meeting on the road to Emmaus using a childrens Bible story book. Talk about how sometimes you dont "see" the truth.

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 fulfill the Scriptures.)  
**Notes for discussion:** Discuss how we all make sacrifices for those we love.

4/25/04 4/22/07  
(C) Acts 5:27b-32, 40b-41 (We are witnesses.)  
Revelation 5:11-14 (Glory to the Lamb)  
John 21:1-19 (Jesus and Peter)  
**Notes for discussion:** Talk about the ways we can be witnesses to Jesus in our lives.

## 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:** Talk about the community of the church and ask the children how they became a part of that community.

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:** Ask the children if they have ever built a building with wooden blocks. Ask what would happen if they took the cornerstone away. Relate this to Jesus being the cornerstone of the Church.

5/02/04 4/29/07  
(C) Acts 13:14, 43-52 (Paul and Barnabas)  
Revelation 7:9,14b-17 (Those who are saved)  
John 10:27-30 (I know my sheep.)  
**Notes for discussion:** Retell the story of the lost sheep. Relate to Jesus as the Good Shepherd who knows and loves each 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:** Explain to the children that they are part of the People of God the whole Church.

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:** Talk about the Great Commandment. What does it mean to love your neighbor? Ask the children for practical answers.

5/09/04 5/06/07

(C) Acts 14:21b-27 (The first missionaries)

Revelation 21:1-5a (New heaven, new earth)

John 13:31-35 (The new commandment)

**Notes for discussion:** Discuss the new commandment of Jesus simply to love God and love one another.

## 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:** Talk about how the Holy Spirit fills us with God's love. Discuss the signs of the Holy Spirit and how we gain strength from the Spirit.

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:** What does it mean to be a friend? What are some ways you show you are friends with someone? How does Jesus show us he is our friend?

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 peace. Discuss peace in the world, in school, in families, in each person. Lead the children to see that if we let Jesus be a part of our lives, and if we trust him, we can have true peace.

## 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 understand that Jesus calls each of us to follow him. How can we show this in our words and actions?

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:** What examples can the children give showing that God's love lives in each person? Who shows love to them and how is it shown?

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:** Sometimes it is hard to love others like Jesus asks. Ask the children to talk about these times and show how to pray to Jesus for help.

## 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:** Invite the children to draw pictures of what they think heaven is like.

## Pentecost

5/15/05 5/11/08

(A) 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.)

6/08/03 6/04/06

(B) Acts 2: 1-11 (The Pentecost event)

Galatians 5:16-25 (The fruit of the Spirit)

John 15: 26-27; 16: 12-15 (The Spirit of Truth)

5/30/04 5/27/07

(C) Acts 2:1-11 (The Pentecost event)

Romans 8: 8-17 (We are children of God.)

John 14: 15-16, 23b-26 (The Spirit will teach you.)

**Notes for discussion:** Retell the story of Pentecost using a children's Bible. Explain that each person shares in the strength of the Holy Spirit when they are baptized.

## 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. Talk about the three persons in one God.

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:** Spend time going over the rite of the Sacrament of Baptism. Discuss the special gifts we receive from the Blessed Trinity.

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:** Discuss the special gifts we receive from the Blessed Trinity.

## 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.)  
Mark 14: 12-16, 22-26 (Body and blood of Christ)

6/13/04 6/10/07  
(C) Genesis 14:18-20 (Melchizedek)  
1 Corinthians 11:23-26 (Proclaim the Lords death)  
Luke 9: 11b-17 (Loaves and fishes)  
**Notes for discussion:** Ask the children how Jesus is real spiritual food and drink for us.

### Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles

(B) 6/29/03  
(A) 6/29/08  
Acts 12: 1-11 (An angel rescues Peter from prison)  
2 Timothy 4: 6-8, 17-18 (Crown of righteousness)  
Matthew 16: 13-19 ("Upon this rock I will build my church.")  
**Notes for discussion:** Ask the children to dramatize, in their own words, the first reading or the Gospel story.

### 2 Ordinary

1/16/05 1/20/08  
(A) Isaiah 49:3, 56 (A light to the nations)  
1 Corinthians 1:1-3 (Doxology)  
John 1:29-34 (The Lamb of God)  
**Notes for discussion:** Tell the children that Jesus is known by many names. Lamb of God is one of them. Ask the children what the image of a lamb means to them. Tell them Jesus has the same gentleness as a lamb.

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:** Tell about Samuel being called. When you say, "Here I am" you are answering a call. Talk about the courage to say, "Here I am" to God.

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:** Retell the story of the Wedding Feast at Cana. Ask the children why they think Jesus did as his Mother asked by changing the water into wine.

### 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:** Talk about how the light from a candle can help someone see in the dark. Ask the children how they can be lights in the world in order to bring the Good News to others.

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:** Explain to the children that all people do something wrong sometimes, but through the Sacrament of Reconciliation we can repent, turn away from the wrong and turn towards Jesus.

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:** Discuss what Scripture is with the children. Explain the importance of reading the Bible.

### 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:** Talk about the different qualities in the Beatitudes, explaining the ones the children dont know. Ask for specific times when these qualities are shown.

(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:** Talk about how we learn from the Word of God. During the Mass, when do we hear the Word of God?

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:** Talk about the role of a prophet. Ask the children why they think Jesus is called 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 about the tradition of presenting a child to God soon after birth. Ask them how they feel about their membership in Gods family.

### 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:** Discuss how the light of a candle gives a gentle light. Ask how each person can be a gentle light to Gods Word.

2/09/03 2/05/06  
(B) Job 7:1-4, 6-7 (Ultimate questions)  
1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23 (For the Gospel)  
Mark 1:29-39 (Miraculous cures)  
**Notes for discussion:** Use a childrens Bible to read about some miraculous healings. Discuss how much God loves us and shows this love through Jesus healings.

2/08/04  
(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:** Retell the story of the calling of Peter, James and John. Ask the children what each one of them is called to do for Jesus.

## 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:** Ask the children why rules are necessary. Go over the Ten Commandments and talk about the ones that the children need to understand.

2/16/03  
(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:** Ask the children how they treat people who look different. How did Jesus treat these people?

2/15/04  
(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 the children whom in their lives they trust. Ask why they trust these people. Remind them that Jesus loves us so much, we can always trust him.

## 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:** Talk about how rules help you. Guides are needed to help you do the right thing. Ask the children how the commandments help them in their lives.

2/23/03  
(B) Isaiah 43:18-19, 21-22, 24b-25 (God's new deeds)  
2 Corinthians 1:18-22 (Christ is always Yes.)  
Mark 2:1-12 (Jesus forgives sins.)  
**Notes for discussion:** Retell the story of the Prodigal Son from a children's Bible storybook. Talk about the great love God has for each person and that God will always forgive us.

2/22/04  
(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 the children if a friend has ever hurt their feelings. Was it hard to forgive and show mercy?

## 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:** Explain to the children Isaiah's passage that God will never abandon you. Ask the children how this makes them feel.

3/02/03  
(B) Hosea 2:16b, 17b, 21-22 (Faithfulness)  
2 Corinthians 3:1b-6 (You are a letter from Christ.)  
Mark 2:18-22 (New wineskins)  
**Notes for discussion:** Ask the children if they have ever had a pen pal. Did they exchange lots of information in their letters? Have them write a letter to a friend telling about God's promise.

(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:** Ask the children to talk about how good fruit is very appetizing and makes a person want to taste it.

## 9 Ordinary

(not in 2005)  
(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:** Talk about the strength of a rock. Tell the children that the "house built on a rock" is another name for the Church.

(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:** Talk to the children about the Mass as a celebration. Have them write an invitation to their families inviting them to share in the celebration of the Mass.

(not in 2004 or 2007)  
(C) 1 Kings 8:41-43 (All are welcome.)  
Galatians 1:1-2, 6-10 (Preach the Good News.)  
Luke 7:1-10 (The centurion's faith)  
**Notes for discussion:** Talk about having faith in Jesus like the centurion. Pray the prayer before communion with the children.

## 10 Ordinary

6/05/05  
(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:** Talk to the children about Matthew, the tax collector, and why Jesus called him. Ask if Jesus only calls certain people 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:** Let the children imagine what the kingdom of God is like. Have them draw a picture and talk about it.

(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:** Talk with the children about the three stories in the readings. Lead them to see that Jesus actions are the signs of his great love for all and the symbol of New Life with God.

## 11 Ordinary

6/12/05 6/15/08  
(A) Exodus 19:2-6a (A kingdom of priests)  
Romans 5:6-11 (Reconciled to God)  
Matthew 9:36-10:8 (Commissioning of the Twelve)  
**Notes for discussion:** Talk about people who are called to religious life priests, sisters, brothers.

(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:** Talk with the children about Jesus use of parables. Explain that Jesus taught by using stories about things people knew about.

(not in 2004) 6/17/07  
(C) 2 Samuel 12:7-10 (God forgives David.)  
Galatians 2:16, 19-21 (Christ lives in me.)  
Luke 7:36-8:3 (The sinful woman)  
**Notes for discussion:** Talk about forgiveness. Do you always forgive like Jesus did or is it sometimes hard to forgive?

## 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 the children if they have ever been saved or saved someone or something (pet) from hurting themselves. Discuss how Jesus saves us from sin.

(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:** Ask the children to talk about a time when they were scared. Were they alone? Have them draw a picture. Talk about Jesus always being with us. Have them add Jesus to their picture.

6/20/04 (2007 see Birth of 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:** Tell the children what "messiah" means. Ask them for examples of how Jesus showed that he was "sent by God."

## 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 Saints Peter and Paul)  
(A) 2 Kings 4:8-11,14-16a (The prophet Elisha)

Romans 6:3-4, 8-11 (Baptized in Christ)  
Matthew 10:37-42 (The prophet's reward)  
**Notes for discussion:** Bring in symbols of baptism and talk about them with the children.

(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:** Talk to the children about Jesus actions as a sign of his great love for us and as a way to show the New Life in God that we share.

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:** Play a short game of "Follow the Leader." Ask the children if it is always easy to follow. Explain that sometimes it is hard to follow Jesus.

## Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles

(A) 6/29/08  
Acts 12: 1-11 (An angel rescues Peter from prison.)  
2 Timothy 4: 6-8, 17-18 (Crown of righteousness)  
Matthew 16: 13-19 (Upon this rock I will build my church)  
**Notes for discussion:** What does it feel like to be delivered from danger? Ask the children if they have stories of being rescued from danger. Did they feel the presence of God or protection of a guardian angel?

## 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:** Explain what a yoke is to the children. Then talk about the "yoke of God" put on them at baptism.

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:** Talk about grace as Gods gift of life. Ask the children the different times and ways they receive Gods grace.

7/04/04 7/08/07  
(C) Isaiah 66:10-14c (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:** Ask the children what they think "peace" means. Have them draw ways they can help bring about peace in their world.

## 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)



## 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:** Talk to the children about people who are different from them. Ask them how they treat these people. Explain how Jesus treated everyone, even the Canaanite woman, with love and mercy.

8/17/03 8/20/06  
(B) Proverbs 9:1-6 (The house of Wisdom)  
Ephesians 5:15-20 (Be watchful.)  
John 6:51-58 (I will raise you up.)  
**Notes for discussion:** Talk about the Bread of Life with the children. Explain that Jesus promises to be our Bread of Life and promises we will be part of the New Life in the kingdom of God.

(2004 see Assumption of Mary) 8/19/07  
(C) Jeremiah 38:46, 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:** Talk about what it means to be a witness to Jesus. Explain that we are part of the "cloud of witnesses."

## 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:** Read about David from a children's Bible. Use the story to explain David's role in our heritage of faith.

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:** Use the second reading to initiate a discussion about the Sacrament of Marriage. Bring in pictures and symbols of this sacrament.

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:** Explain that all are called to celebrate in the kingdom of God. Have the children talk about ways that they can say "yes" to the call through words and actions.

## 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:** Ask the children to give examples of trying to do the right thing when it is very hard. Relate this to Jesus talking about "taking up the cross."

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:** Talk with the children about the commandments showing ways to love God and others.

8/29/04 9/02/07  
(C) Sirach 3:17-18, 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:** Get a picture of a city. Ask the children what makes up a city. Explain that just as in a city on earth, the "city of God" is made up of many kinds of people.

## 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:** Talk about the Great Commandment. Ask: "Who does Jesus say is your neighbor?"

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 the children if they can compare Jesus healing stories with their being healed through Reconciliation.

9/05/04 9/09/07  
(C) Wisdom 9:13-19 (The will of God)  
Philemon 9b-10, 12-17 (Not a slave, but a brother)  
Luke 14:25-33 (True discipleship)  
**Notes for discussion:** Talk about disciples as people who follow someone. Explain that all people are called to be disciples of God. Since God calls each person, have the children make "Disciple" name tags.

## 24 Ordinary

9/11/05 (2008 see Triumph of the Cross)  
(A) Sirach 27:33-28:7 (Forgive your neighbor.)  
Romans 14:7-9 (We belong to the Lord.)  
Matthew 18:21-35 (Forgive from your heart.)  
**Notes for discussion:** Have small groups of children make up short skits showing how they would forgive someone who has hurt them.

(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 the children to talk about what Jesus meant when he said “give to God what is gods.” Make a class list of things the children can 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 (Jesus gives his life for us.)  
**Notes for discussion:** Discuss with the children what they do to show how much they love their friends. Relate this to how much Jesus loved all people in sacrificing his life.

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:** Talk to the children about trying to get something even when it is difficult. Relate this to the parable of the persistent 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:** Talk to the children about ways to show their love of God and neighbor.

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:** Show the children that the stories of Jesus healing the blind are symbols for Jesus loving us and opening our eyes to God's kingdom.

10/24/04 10/28/07

(C) Sirach 35:12-14, 16-18 (The power of prayer)  
2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18 (A crown of righteousness)  
Luke 18:9-14 (The Pharisee and the tax collector)  
**Notes for discussion:** Ask the children how they pray. Remind them that many times Jesus told stories of how praying with faith and trust was so important

### 31 Ordinary

10/30/05 (2008 see All Souls Day)

(A) Malachi 1:14b-2:2, 8-10 (God created us.)  
1 Thessalonians 2:7b-9, 13 (Sharing Good News)  
Matthew 23:1-12 (Practice what you preach.)  
**Notes for discussion:** Talk to the children about times when they have said something they did not mean. Ask them how they felt about it. Relate this to being able to show in actions and words what they believe about Jesus.

(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 12:28b-34 (The Great Commandment)  
**Notes for discussion:** Talk to the children about Jesus telling you to love God and love your neighbor. Ask them who they think their neighbor is and what ways they can show their love.

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. 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 abide with God.)  
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)

(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:** Remind the children that they have been called and now they must be ready to follow Jesus. Ask them how they can show that they follow Jesus.

(2003 see Dedication of St. John Lateran) 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 much the widow gave. Explain what Jesus meant by saying that she gave more than the others because she gave from what she had to live on.

11/07/04 11/11/07

(C) 2 Maccabees 7:1-2, 9-14 (Belief in resurrection)  
2 Thessalonians 2:16-3:5 (God strengthen you.)  
Luke 20:27-38 (Ours is the God of the living.)  
**Notes for discussion:** Ask the children what they think about Jesus resurrection. What does this mean to them?

### 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:** Explain to the children that God has given each of us special, unique talents. We need to look inside to find these talents and use them to show others about God.

