

Gospel Weeklies

Pflaum  FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM

Learners with Developmental Needs

KEY FEATURES OF THE PROGRAM

- Thirty-two weekly lessons connect the Sunday Gospel with the doctrine contained in the Catechism handbook, *What the Church Believes and Teaches*.
- Activities and lesson plans can be adapted to a wide variety of learning styles.
- Prayers and activities engage the learner while reinforcing and applying the theme of the session.
- Parents, catechists, and Catholic school teachers can use the clearly developed three-step lesson process in a variety of settings.
- The catechist has access to many supplemental resources in print and online.

LEARNER

- Know the learner. Talk with his or her parents to learn the best way to meet the needs of their child.
- The five age levels of the *Gospel Weeklies* lessons allow for flexibility of use according to an individual child's ability.
- The *Good News* level contains a basic reading level for comprehension.
- Each session can be divided into short segments to fit the learner's attention span.

CONTEXT

Home: The simple three-step lesson can be easily and effectively used by parents and all members of the household of faith.

Parish Faith Formation: Place the learner in the same setting as in the school. Consult with parents to create the most welcoming place for their child. The sessions can be planned to include the learner with developmental needs. Create an environment that is welcoming and inclusive.

Classroom: To best meet the individual needs of the learner with developmental needs, the child can be placed in a group with others of like abilities or with the class of students of similar age.



TIME FRAME

One Session: Learners can complete the session's reading and activities within 45–60 minutes either at home or in a classroom setting.

Home Setting with Two Sessions: In the first session, begin with the Gathering Prayer, Sunday Gospel, and related activities. In the second session, continue with the activities that follow the Sunday Gospel.

TIPS FOR THE CATECHIST

- Pray for all the students and for the wisdom to respond best to their needs.
- Use the Teaching Guide with the learner in mind.
- Consult online help on the gospelweeklies.com website.
- Change activities often.
- Incorporate the music, artwork, stories, and engaging activities provided.
- Communicate with parents.
- Focus on the gifts of each learner.

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