

Please note that the children have Encounter with Christ books - The Alive In Christ books may be checked out/borrowed for the season.

Please do not have the children write in the Alive In Christ books as all classes will share the set

Date	Lesson Number in binder or on website	Theme	Objectives	Alive in Christ and/or Encounter with Christ	Activities/ Supplemental Lesson	Homework	Prayer Lesson - see mini prayer lessons on the website or focus on memorized prayer	
Monday, September 24	Lesson 1	<b>WELCOME</b>	Get to know each other, introduce expectations	Books will be used starting October 15. You can have books blessed during class blessing	First Day Activities - Get to know you games, establish class rules		Set up prayer table, bless self, priest blessing the class	
Monday, October 1	Diocesan lesson	<b>Christian Chastity</b>	Present the diocesan lesson		Diocesan provided lesson on website - will not take the entire class. Finish the class with Guardian Angel Prayer and/or All Saints	All Saints Day project	Guardian Angel prayer	
	Lesson 2	<b>Review the Ten Commandments and the Examination of Conscience - What is Sin</b>	Children will review the commandments in relation to an examination of conscience	Encounter with Christ page 76-81	See Ideas on Webpage			
Monday, October 8		<i>No Class Columbus Day</i>						
Monday, October 15	Lesson 3	<b>We Are Made in God's Image</b>	To understand what it means to be made in God's image God has a plan and purpose for each person God reveals himself as three Divine Persons (Father, Son, Holy Spirit) God calls us to be in relationship with him	<b>Encounter with Christ Reconciliation Lesson 1 pp 9-17</b> AIC support chapters 1,4 and 6	Holy Trinity Apple Lesson <a href="http://www.catholicliving.com/teaching-kids-about-the-trinity-with-apples/">http://www.catholicliving.com/teaching-kids-about-the-trinity-with-apples/</a> or other related craft or activity (St. Patrick and the shamrock, etc)	EIC p 18 My Family in Our Parish	Review the Glory Be prayer <i>Glory Be to the Father and to the Son and the Holy Spirit Amen.</i>	
Monday, October 22	Lesson 4	<b>We Live in a Covenant with God</b>	God loves us, remains faithful to His promises and welcomes us with forgiveness and mercy when we sin Original Sin is from Adam and Eve Baptism gives us new life in Christ	<b>Encounter with Christ Reconciliation Lesson 2 pp 19 -27</b> AIC Support chapters 2 and 9	All Saints pp15 -17 Students can present their saint project	AIC Family+Faith p18	Mini Prayer Lesson 4 intercessory prayer with the saints	
Monday, October 29	Lesson 4	<b>We are Called to Forgiveness</b>	Jesus offers us redemption and forgiveness Our conscience helps us choose what is right and good The Ten Commandments and Beatitudes guide our choices	<b>Encounter with Christ Reconciliation Lesson 3 pp 29-37</b> AIC support chapters 7 and 8	Ten Commandment File Folder Game (play in small groups or with class - in resource room) P36 Examining My Conscience	EIC p38 My Family in Our Parish - We are Called to Forgiveness Review p 36 Examining My Conscience	Act of Contrition - Introduction to this prayer.	
Monday, November 5		<i>No Class - Fairfax County Long Weekend</i>						
Monday, November 12		<i>No Class - Veteran's Day Observed</i>						
Monday, November 19	Lesson 5	<b>Reconciliation</b>	*We come to Penance at the prompting of the Holy Spirit *When we sin, we turn away from God and His Love *Identify the 4 Main Parts of the Sacrament of Reconciliation - Contrition, Confession, Penance and Absolution	<b>Encounter with Christ Reconciliation Lesson 4 page 39-48</b> AIC Support chapter 11	Treasure of Reconciliation Craft <a href="http://www.catholicliving.com/reconciliation-craft-for-catholic-kids/">http://www.catholicliving.com/reconciliation-craft-for-catholic-kids/</a>	Act of Contrition Worksheet to be completed with family and brought back	Practice the Act of Contrition	
Monday, November 26	Lesson 6	<b>We Confess</b>	*We are called to spread God's word by our words and actions *Confessing our Sins allows for God's mercy and forgiveness *Conversion is turning away from sin and responding to God's love and forgiveness *Penance helps us reconcile with God and others	<b>Encounter with Christ Reconciliation Lesson 5 p49-58</b> AIC support chapters 8, 11 and 13	Tour of the confessional in church If time, role play a confession (kids should not confess a real sin, just have them say something - let the focus be on the words they need to say. Use bookmark template from the retreat to review this in class	Accident, Sin, Mistake worksheet	Practice the Act of Contrition	
Monday, December 3	Lesson 7	<b>Advent Alive in Christ pp 19-21</b>	*Advent starts the new church year and is a season of waiting *The church follows the liturgical calendar. We are now in the new year		Ideas/Activities/Lessons posted on website	AIC Family+Faith p22	Mini Lesson Prayer 1 setting up a prayer space, but update to use purple cloth and explain the advent wreath	
Monday, December 10	Lesson 8	<b>We are Forgiven and We Forgive</b>	* Understand that the sacrament of penance offers absolution *When we forgive others we are following Jesus' example *As members of the Body of Christ, we are called to show mercy, compassion and kindness to others	<b>Encounter with Christ Reconciliation Lesson 6 P59-68</b> AIC Support chapters 9 and 11	Matthew 18:20-22		Practice the Act of Contrition	
Monday, December 17	Lesson 9	<b>Christmas</b>	*What is Christmas *Why do we celebrate Christmas		Ideas/Activities/Lessons posted on website	Ask students to bring something from their baptism to class when they return on January 9	Prayer lesson reviewing the advent wreath and candles and the purple cloth indicating that we are in the season of advent.	
Monday, December 24		<i>No Class - Merry Christmas</i>						
Monday, December 31		<i>No Class - Happy New Year</i>						
Monday, January 7	Lesson 10	<b>Baptism and Sacraments of Initiation</b>	Baptism is a sacrament of initiation We celebrate the baptism of the Lord	Encounter with Christ Eucharist Lesson 1	Bible - Matthew 3:13-17 Supplemental ideas <a href="http://catholiclogger1.blogspot.com/2009/01/lesson-plan-jesus-is-baptized.html">http://catholiclogger1.blogspot.com/2009/01/lesson-plan-jesus-is-baptized.html</a>	EIC p18 The Baptismal Font	Mini Lesson 5 Praying with our Bodies	
Monday, January 14	Lesson 11	<b>We Gather/ Introductory Rites of Mass</b>		*Reminder that we all sin and need forgiveness *Sunday is the primary day for celebration of the Eucharist *What are the prayers and gestures in the introductory rites	<b>Encounter with Christ Eucharist lesson 2</b> AIC Support chapter 14 and 16		Review of Our Father and Hail Mary	
Monday, January 21		<i>No Class</i>						
Monday, January 28	Lesson 12	<b>The Bible — The Word of God</b>	*Review what the Bible is *Old Testament and New Testament *Recognize that the Gospels and all Mass readings come from the Bible (1st reading OT, psalms, 2nd reading NT, Gospel - Matthew, Mark, Luke, John	<b>AIC Chapter 3 - The Word Of God</b>			Review of Our Father and Hail Mary	
Monday, February 4		<i>No Class - Fairfax County Long Weekend</i>						
Monday, February 11	Lesson 13	<b>Liturgy of the Word - We Listen and Respond</b>	* Recognize where the readings come from in Mass - what is the Book of the Gospels *We learn from God's word and by Holy	<b>Encounter with Christ Eucharist Lesson 3</b> AIC Support Chapters 3 and 17			Read through the Creed - used during the Liturgy of the Word. (this is not a memorized prayer)	
Monday, February 18		<i>No Class</i>						
Monday, February 25	Lesson 15	<b>Remembering Jesus' Sacrifice</b>	* We are saved from our sin by Jesus' sacrifice of love *Connect Old and New Testament sacrifice *The Eucharist is a way to give thanks for Jesus' sacrifice	<b>Encounter with Christ Eucharist Lesson 4</b> AIC support chapters 18 and 19			Prayer of Thanksgiving - we thank God	
Monday, March 4	Lesson 16	<b>Ash Wednesday/ Lent</b>	*Ash Wednesday is the start of the season of Lent *Lent is the season of preparing for Easter		Make Lent Lapbook with kids to include a countdown to Easter, and pray, fast and give alms and stations of the cross <a href="http://thanked.com/4974">http://thanked.com/4974</a>	Take home lap book to begin countdown and to carry out the pray, fast, give alms with family	Lenten Prayer - Note that during Lent we will no longer say Alleluia. This will return at Easter. (Have children listen at Mass for the difference)	
Monday, March 11	Lesson 17	<b>Supper of the Lamb - We Give Thanks and Praise</b>	*By the power of the Holy Spirit and the words and actions of the Priest, the bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Jesus	<b>Encounter with Christ Eucharist Lesson 5</b> AIC support chapters 18 and 19			Model a prayer that children might say after receiving Holy Communion (note that the time after Communion is a time for personal prayer)	
Monday, March 18	Lesson 18	<b>Liturgy of the Eucharist</b>	*Eucharistic Prayer *What do we see on the altar *Who do we see		Picture cards to introduce the items seen used during Mass, especially during Eucharist		Practice an after Communion prayer	
Monday, March 25	Lesson 19	<b>Church and Sacristy Tour</b>	Children will tour the church and sacristy to learn about what they see at Mass and prepare for First Communion		Tour led by Fr. Ramon or other volunteer Depending on length of tour can supplement with Bingo of Mass items			
Monday, April 1	Lesson 20	<b>The Last Supper</b>	*Make the connection that the Eucharist is the recreation of the Last Supper		The Last Supper Activities and Ideas posted on the website for the last supper, lent and Easter			
Monday, April 8	Lesson 21	<b>Easter</b>	Celebrate that Jesus is risen from the grave. The Eucharist	<b>AIC chapter 12 - Easter is the celebration of the Resurrection</b>	Alleluia			
Monday, April 15		<i>No Class - Holy Week</i>						
Monday, April 22		<i>No Class - Holy Week</i>						
Monday, April 29	Lesson 22	<b>Review for First Communion</b>	Catch up on any missed lessons. Review the sacrament of Eucharist.		King Strong Board Game Review checklist			
Monday, May 6	Lesson 23	<b>Reflect on First Communion</b>	*Children can each share memories of First Communion *review First Communion and Mass concepts		Visit from a deacon or priest to bless any items from First Communion.			
Monday, May 13	Lesson 24	<b>We Share, Going Forth as the Light of the World</b>	*Concluding Rites of Mass *We are sent from Mass with a Blessing - living your faith after you leave Mass	<b>Encounter with Christ Eucharist lesson 6</b> (finish lesson) AIC support chapter 20 and 21	How can we share our faith			
Monday, May 20	Lesson 25	<b>Last Class</b>	Review and Celebrate the year					



