

Syllabus	2018-19	SUNDAY
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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
Sunday, September 23	Lesson 1	WELCOME	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
Sunday, September 30	Diocesan lesson	Christian Chastity	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	Review the Ten Commandments and the Examination of Conscience - What is Sin	Children will review the commandments in relation to an examination of conscience	Encounter with Christ page 76-81	See Ideas on Webpage		
Sunday, October 7		<i>No Class Columbus Day</i>					
Sunday, October 14	Lesson 3	We Are Made in God's Image	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	Encounter with Christ Reconciliation Lesson 1 pp 9-17 AIC support chapters 1,4 and 6	Holy Trinity Apple Lesson http://www.catholicicing.com/teaching-kids-about-the-trinity-with-apples/ 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>
Sunday, October 21	Lesson 4	We Live in a Covenant with God	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	Encounter with Christ Reconciliation Lesson 2 pp 19 -27 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
Sunday, October 28	Lesson 4	We are Called to Forgiveness	Jesus offers us redemption and forgiveness Our conscience helps us choose what is right and good The Ten Commandments and Beatitudes guide our choices	Encounter with Christ Reconciliation Lesson 3 pp 29-37 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.
Sunday, November 4		<i>No Class - Fairfax County Long Weekend</i>					
Sunday, November 11	Lesson 5	Reconciliation	"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	Encounter with Christ Reconciliation Lesson 4 page 39-48 AIC Support chapter 11	Treasure of Reconciliation Craft http://www.catholicicing.com/reconciliation-craft-for-catholic-kids/	Act of Contrition Worksheet to be completed with family and brought back	Practice the Act of Contrition
Sunday, November 18	Lesson 6	We Confess	"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	Encounter with Christ Reconciliation Lesson 5 p49-58 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
Sunday, November 25		<i>No Class - Thanksgiving Weekend</i>					
Sunday, December 2	Lesson 7	Advent Alive in Christ pp 19-21	"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
Sunday, December 9	Lesson 8	We are Forgiven and We Forgive	" 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	Encounter with Christ Reconciliation Lesson 6 P59-68 AIC Support chapters 9 and 11	Matthew 18:20-22		Practice the Act of Contrition
Sunday, December 16	Lesson 9	Christmas	"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.
Sunday, December 23		<i>No Class - Merry Christmas</i>					
Sunday, December 30		<i>No Class - Happy New Year</i>					
Sunday, January 6	Lesson 10	Baptism and Sacraments of Initiation	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 http://catholicblogger1.blogspot.com/2009/01/lesson-plan-jesus-is-baptized.html	EIC p18 The Baptismal Font	Mini Lesson 5 Praying with our Bodies
Sunday, January 13	Lesson 11	We Gather/ Introductory Rites of Mass	"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	Encounter with Christ Eucharist lesson 2 AIC Support chapter 14 and 16			Review of Our Father and Hail Mary
Sunday, January 20		<i>No Class</i>					
Sunday, January 27	Lesson 12	The Bible – The Word of God	*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	AIC Chapter 3 - The Word Of God			Review of Our Father and Hail Mary
Sunday, February 3		<i>No Class - Fairfax County Long Weekend</i>					
Sunday, February 10	Lesson 13	Liturgy of the Word - We Listen and Respond	" Recognize where the readings come from in Mass - what is the Book of the Gospels "We learn from God's word and by Holy	Encounter with Christ Eucharist Lesson 3 AIC Support Chapters 3 and 17			Read through the Creed - used during the Liturgy of the Word. (this is not a memorized prayer)
Sunday, February 17		<i>No Class</i>					
Sunday, February 24	Lesson 15	Remembering Jesus' Sacrifice	" 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	Encounter with Christ Eucharist Lesson 4 AIC support chapters 18 and 19			Prayer of Thanksgiving - we thank God
Sunday, March 3	Lesson 16	Ash Wednesday/ Lent	"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 http://thankedevann.com/homeschoolgoodies/?p=4974	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)
Sunday, March 10	Lesson 17	Supper of the Lamb - We Give Thanks and Praise	"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	Encounter with Christ Eucharist Lesson 5 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)
Sunday, March 17	Lesson 18	Liturgy of the Eucharist	*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
Sunday, March 24	Lesson 19	Church and Sacristy Tour	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		
Sunday, March 31	Lesson 20	The Last Supper	"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		
Sunday, April 7	Lesson 21	Easter	Celebrate that Jesus is risen from the grave. The Eucharist	Easter is the celebration of the Resurrection	Alleluia		
Sunday, April 14		<i>No Class - Holy Week</i>					
Sunday, April 21		<i>No Class - Holy Week</i>					
Sunday, April 28	Lesson 22	Review for First Communion	Catch up on any missed lessons. Review the sacrament of Eucharist.		King Strong Board Game Review checklist		
Sunday, May 5	Lesson 23	Reflect on First Communion	"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.		
	Lesson 24	We Share, Going Forth as the Light of the World	"Concluding Rites of Mass "We are sent from Mass with a Blessing - living your faith after you leave Mass	Encounter with Christ Eucharist Lesson 6 (finish lesson) AIC support chapter 20 and 21	How can we share our faith		
Sunday, May 12		<i>No Class - Mother's Day</i>					
Sunday, May 19	Lesson 25	Last Class	Review and Celebrate the year				

