

# **6 YEAR OLDS**

## **MODULE 1 (GOD IS OUR FATHER)**

### **Lesson 2 (God Our Father Gives us Good Gifts)**

#### **Aims**

1. Students will become more aware of the natural world as a gift from God.
2. They will be able to explain that these gifts are a sign of His love and care.
3. They will become aware of some of the intangible gifts from their Heavenly Father (faith, education, etc.)

#### **Preparation**

1. Make sure you preview the lesson before attempting to teach it.
2. Make copies as you judge necessary of the aids on page 3 onwards.
3. If the children are going to be able to collect things outdoors, you will need bags to put bits in and paper/card, glue and sticky tape to mount them later. If you are stuck inside then you will also need magazines with pictures of created things, and scissors.
4. Optional: "God Father, praise and glory," *Adoremus Hymnal*, #464

#### **Step 1 (Begin)**

1. Review previous lesson: a good father as the source of life and provider of good things and God is our perfect Father in Heaven who made each of us out of love. They should also have begun to learn the Lord's Prayer.
2. Explain to the children that today they will step outside into the world God made in order to observe the many gifts that He has given His children. Tell them that these gifts are always there, but it is easy to forget who created them. Encourage them to observe well today. Note: if it is more convenient, stay in the classroom and use pictures and photographs.

#### **Step 2**

1. Read the 1<sup>st</sup> paragraph on page 3 with the children.
2. Take a stroll outside and help the children to collect things that are made by God: leaves, flowers, grass, etc. If this is impractical, pass around pictures of nature scenes and ask the children to tell you what they observe in the picture.
3. Encourage the children to help you make a list of Gods natural gifts on the blackboard. Make the list next to the one made in the previous lesson. Keep this list for the next lesson.

4. Read paragraph 2 on page 3 with the children. Encourage the children to add other things to their list of good things from God, e.g., faith, family, education, etc. Emphasize for them that God made them out of love, and that all the good gifts that He gives them are signs of His love. They are God's way of taking care of his children each and every day.

### **Step 3 (Reinforce)**

1. Make a collage, either individually or in groups, using page 4 below, or use a larger poster or board.
2. Practice the answers to questions 1, 2, and 3, on page 5 with the children.

### **Step 4 (Conclude)**

1. When the drawings and/or collages are complete, have the children show their work to their classmates. Then display the work under the heading, "Our Heavenly Father's Gifts to Us."
2. Sing with the children, "God Father, praise and glory," *Adoramus Hymnal*, #464.
3. Pray the Our Father together, reminding the children that this is the prayer Jesus taught.

### **Step 5 (Preview)**

1. We will learn how we should respond to God's gifts to us.

2. God is the One Who made us. God made the world we live in, too. He made flowers, vegetables, trees and animals. God made the sun and the stars and the big blue sky. He also made rivers and lakes and oceans, and everything there is.

3. Why did God make you? God made you because He loves you very much. Because God loves you, He watches over you day and night. He does this by giving you all the things you need. So the things we eat, and all the things we need to make clothes and houses, all come from God.

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**Draw or cut and paste onto this page pictures of different things God gives us. Can you fill this page?**



**Q. 1**     *Who made me?*

**God made me.**

(Catechism of the Catholic Church 355)

**Q. 2**     *Why is God called Father?*

**God is called Father because  
he is the creator of the world.**

(Catechism of the Catholic Church 238)

**Q. 3**     *How does God our Father show  
His love?*

**God our Father shows His love  
by caring for His children**

(Catechism of the Catholic Church 239)

# OUR FATHER

Our Father; Who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy Name; Thy Kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. *Amen*