



# Correlation

*Teaching*

RCL Benziger  
*FAMILY LIFE*

*in conjunction with*

RCL Benziger  
*BLEST ARE WE FAITH & WORD*

# Introduction

**RCL Benziger *Family Life*** can be incorporated into your curriculum in a variety of ways, providing you with flexibility to meet your programming needs. Many parishes prefer to teach *Family Life* separately so that the children are immersed in the age-appropriate study of God's gifts of family, self, life, love, and commitment. The charts on the following pages provide an alternative model for integrating **RCL Benziger *Family Life*** into your regular religion sessions. Although many parishes prefer to teach *Family Life* separately so that the children are immersed in the age-appropriate study of God's gifts of family, self, life, love, and community, some parishes may prefer to present the *Family Life* curriculum thematically, coordinating its ten lessons to the content of the *Blest Are We Faith & Word* chapters over the course of the year.

The charts on the following pages provide the resources you need to integrate *Family Life* into your regular religion sessions. They are organized according to grade level. They are easy-to-use, simply listing the *Family Life* chapter and the related *Blest Are We Faith & Word* chapter. We have also included a page outlining other models that can be used to implement *Family Life* successfully in your program. Choose the model that best meets your needs and schedule.

Thank you for choosing both **RCL Benziger *Family Life*** and *Blest Are We Faith & Word*. We are honored to be your partner in this important ministry. Please contact your local representative if we can assist you any other way.

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# Kindergarten

## *Stories of God's Love Kindergarten Chapter*

## *Family Life Chapter*

Ch. 1—God Created the World	Lesson 1—Families
Ch. 4—We Share God's Love	Lesson 2—Sharing
Ch. 5—Jesus Welcomes the Children	Lesson 3—I Am Loved
Ch. 6—We Are Children of God	Lesson 4—Feelings
Ch. 7—Jesus is the Good Shepherd	Lesson 5—Being Safe
Ch. 8—We Care for Others	Lesson 6—God's Creation
Ch. 9—Jesus Lived in a Family	Lesson 7—Girls and Boys
Ch. 9—Jesus Lived in a Family	Lesson 8—Special Love
Ch. 13—Jesus Has Many Friends	Lesson 9—Friends
Ch. 19—The Good Neighbor	Lesson 10—Helping Others

**Note:** The correlation for Kindergarten is correlated to **RCL Benziger's *Stories of God's Love Kindergarten*** Program.

# Grade One

## *Blest Are We Faith & Word Chapter*

## *Family Life Chapter*

Ch. 1—We Belong to Jesus' Church	Lesson 1—What Families Do
Ch. 1—We Belong to Jesus' Church	Lesson 2—Families Love and Help
Ch. 5—God is Our Loving Father	Lesson 3—Child of God
Ch. 5 — God is Our Loving Father	Lesson 4—I Have Feelings
Ch. 7—God Made Us to be Good and Holy	Lesson 5—I Grow and Learn
Ch. 7—God Made Us to be Good and Holy	Lesson 6—I Care for Myself
Ch. 7—God Made Us to be Good and Holy	Lesson 7—I Care for Others
Ch. 9—Jesus is God's Son	Lesson 8—Love Grows
Ch. 10—We Celebrate the Gift of Eucharist	Lesson 9—More Families
Ch. 11—Jesus Teaches Us About Forgiveness	Lesson 10—Family Peace

## Grade Two

### *Blest Are We Faith & Word Chapter*

### *Family Life Chapter*

Ch. 1—Our Church Welcomes Us	Lesson 1—God's Plan
Ch. 3—Our Church Shows Us How to Live	Lesson 2—Rules and Choices
Ch. 5—We Can Choose What is Good	Lesson 3—Who Are You?
Ch. 5—We Can Choose What is Good	Lesson 4—I Can Be Brave
Ch. 9—We Learn About God's Love	Lesson 5—New Life
Ch. 9—We Learn About God's Love	Lesson 6—Caring for Life
Ch. 11—We Act on God's Word	Lesson 7—Signs of Love
Ch. 18—We Celebrate Peace and Service	Lesson 8—Promises
Ch. 19—We Work for Peace and Justice	Lesson 9—Family Connections
Ch. 19—We Work for Peace and Justice	Lesson 10—More Connections

# Grade Three

<i><b>Blest Are We Faith &amp; Word Chapter</b></i>	<i><b>Family Life Chapter</b></i>
Ch. 2—We Receive the Sacraments of Initiation	Lesson 1—The Human Family
Ch. 2—We Receive the Sacraments of Initiation	Lesson 2—Family Living
Ch. 3—We Show Our Love for One Another	Lesson 3—Feelings
Ch. 3—We Show Our Love for One Another	Lesson 4—Learning to Choose
Ch. 5—Jesus Shows Us How to Forgive and Heal	Lesson 5—Being Alive
Ch. 7—Jesus Teaches Us How to Love and Care	Lesson 6—Life Continues
Ch. 9—Catholics are "Open to All"	Lesson 7—Caring for Plants
Ch. 9—Catholics are "Open to All"	Lesson 8—Caring for Animals
Ch. 18—We are Called to Serve	Lesson 9—Having Good Sense
Ch. 18—We are Called to Serve	Lesson 10—Community Life

## Grade Four

<i>Blest Are We Faith &amp; Word Chapter</i>	<i>Family Life Chapter</i>
Ch. 1—God's Goodness	Lesson 1—Being Needed
Ch. 3—The Commandments and God's Covenant	Lesson 2—Why Rules?
Ch. 4—The Commandments and the Lord's Prayer	Lesson 3—My Feelings
Ch. 5—Jesus, the Image of God	Lesson 4—Acting on My Feelings
Ch. 6—Baptism in Christ	Lesson 5—Your Amazing Body
Ch. 11—The Commandments and the Law of Love	Lesson 6—The Stages of Life
Ch. 12—The Commandments and Doing God's Will	Lesson 7—Growing and Maturing
Ch. 12—The Commandments and Doing God's Will	Lesson 8—Healthy Discipline
Ch. 13—Sacraments in the Church	Lesson 9—Reaching Out
Ch. 17—Our Vocation to the World	Lesson 10—Looking to the Future

## Grade Five

<i>Blest Are We Faith &amp; Word Chapter</i>	<i>Family Life Chapter</i>
Ch. 1—God's Wonderful Creation	Lesson 1—Family Ties
Ch. 1—God's Wonderful Creation	Lesson 2—Family Feelings
Ch. 7—Grace: A Gift of Strength and Support	Lesson 3—Communication
Ch. 7—Grace: A Gift of Strength and Support	Lesson 4—Change
Ch. 11—The Communion of Saints	Lesson 5—New Life
Ch. 13—God Saves Us	Lesson 6—Parenthood
Ch. 18—Holy Orders and Matrimony	Lesson 7—Friendship
Ch. 18—Holy Orders and Matrimony	Lesson 8—Marriage
Ch. 19—Living as Christians	Lesson 9—Supporting Families
Ch. 19—Living as Christians	Lesson 10—A Caring World Family



# Grade Six

<i><b>Blest Are We Faith &amp; Word Chapter</b></i>	<i><b>Family Life Chapter</b></i>
Ch. 1—Revelation and Response	Lesson 1—Family Background
Ch. 1—Revelation and Response	Lesson 2—Family Traits
Ch. 8—Our Journey and God's Presence	Lesson 3—Know Thyself
Ch. 9—Our Land and God's Kingdom	Lesson 4—Looking to the Future
Ch. 10—The Ark and the Temple	Lesson 5—Expecting a Baby
Ch. 10—The Ark and the Temple	Lesson 6—A Baby Arrives
Ch. 14—Exile and Remembrance	Lesson 7—Respect Thyself
Ch. 14—Exile and Remembrance	Lesson 8—Aging and Death
Ch. 19—Christians and the Reign of God	Lesson 9—Family Economics
Ch. 19—Christians and the Reign of God	Lesson 10—Worldwide Family

## Grade Seven—The Story of Jesus

<i>Blest Are We Faith &amp; Word Chapter</i>	<i>Family Life Chapter</i>
Ch. 1—The Birth of Our Savior	Lesson 1—Family Relationships
Ch. 1—The Birth of Our Savior	Lesson 2—Values and Virtues
Ch. 3—Jesus! Son of God, Son of Man	Lesson 3—Identity
Ch. 3—Jesus! Son of God, Son of Man	Lesson 4—Gender
Ch. 4—Jesus, One with God in Prayer	Lesson 5—Wellness
Ch. 4—Jesus, One with God in Prayer	Lesson 6—Choose Life
Ch. 6—Servants of the Kingdom	Lesson 7—Love Is
Ch. 11 - Living in Christ's Love	Lesson 8—Chastity
Ch. 14—Jesus' Passion	Lesson 9—Consequences
Ch. 19—Spreading the Gospel	Lesson 10—Civility

## Grade Eight—The Story of the Church

<i>Blest Are We Faith &amp; Word Chapter</i>	<i>Family Life Chapter</i>
Ch. 3—Catholic: Open and Respectful of All	Lesson 1—Homegrown Happiness
Ch. 3—Catholic: Open and Respectful of All	Lesson 2—Gifts for the Journey
Ch. 4—One: Praying for Unity	Lesson 3—Understanding Yourself
Ch. 4—One: Praying for Unity	Lesson 4—Emotions
Ch. 11—The Quest for Salvation	Lesson 5—The Value of Life
Ch. 12—Devotions	Lesson 6—Stay Healthy
Ch. 13—Reforming the Church	Lesson 7—Loving Together
Ch. 18—Renewal of the Liturgy	Lesson 8—Marriage and Family
Ch. 19—The Moral Struggle of a New Age	Lesson 9—The Social Scene
Ch. 20—A Prayer for the Church	Lesson 10—Growing in Christ

# Models For Using Family Life In Your Parish



Time is an especially precious commodity in a parish catechetical program. So determining the best model is crucial. Incorporating RCL Benziger *Family Life* into the overall parish curriculum can be successfully accomplished without losing time ordinarily devoted to the parish's basal program. Keep in mind that *Family Life* enhances and reinforces catechetical formation. Below are some models that can easily be adopted to integrate *Family Life* into your parish religious education program.

## Model 1: Unit-Based Model



The ten lessons at each grade level of *Family Life* are divided into five units themes:

Unit 1: God's Gift of Family

Unit 2: God's Gift of Self

Unit 3: God's Gift of Life

Unit 4: God's Gift of Love

Unit 5: God's Gift of Community

Parish leadership may find it more effective to teach each unit in five special sessions. This approach puts the focus squarely on Catholic family living and ensures that the students will be able to concentrate solely on learning about moral living within the Catholic family.

## Model 2: Extended Catechetical Sessions



Add thirty minutes or more to the regularly scheduled religion sessions, ten times during the year. The ten extended sessions correspond to the ten lessons presented at each grade level of *Family Life*.



## Model 3: Summer Model



The summer months offer an excellent opportunity for formation in the *Family Life* program at a time when many families have less demanding schedules and responsibilities. Using a summer model can enable you to bring together parish and school families to build community and work together toward a common goal: helping children appreciate and understand Catholic family living.

## Model 4: Weekend Retreat Model



Some parishes schedule weekend retreats to present the *Family Life* program. This model allows families to come together for reflective study and fellowship in celebration of God's gifts in their lives. This model can be designed for parish families only or it can be planned as an opportunity for both parish and school families to come together for a whole community formation in *Family Life*.

## Home Schooling



Some parents may desire to teach the entire *Family Life* program to their own child at home. Work with the planning committee to decide if home schooling is an option that your parish or school is able to support. In making your decision, consider the various ways you can offer assistance to families who home school and the logistics of overseeing the program taught solely in the home.



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