

# **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> Special Paragraph 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 (or large sheet of card). Make the list next to the one made in the previous lesson. Keep this list for the next lesson.
4. Read the 2nd Special Paragraph 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.

### **REINFORCE**

1. Make a collage, either individually or in groups, using the page in the children's pack, or use a larger poster or board.
2. Practice the Catechism questions and answers in the Children's Packs with the children.

### **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.

### **PREVIEW**

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