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## *Lesson 3: The Story of Jesus*

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**OVERVIEW:** In the previous lessons we have talked about our own celebrations as well as the celebration of the Church. As Catholics we know that our traditions are based on our love of Jesus and what he taught us during his life. In this lesson we will learn about the story of Jesus.

**IN THIS LESSON WE WILL:**

- Learn that Jesus is the Son of God
- Learn that Mary is Jesus' Mother
- Know that John Baptized Jesus
- Know that Jesus died because he loved us
- Celebrate that Jesus rose from the Dead on Easter.

**VOCABULARY VIDEO:** Start lesson by reviewing any vocabulary you might not know. The videos for this lesson are on the website under the Video Library > Glossary of Terms. The vocabulary terms for this lesson are:

- Son of God
- Love
- Resurrection
- Baptism
- Tomb
- Crucifixion
- Passion
- Betrayal
- Temple
- Disciples
- Mary

**IN YOUR OWN WORDS (share the following with your child):** Before watching the next video, share the following thoughts with your child, in your own words or using these words that is more comfortable.

As members of the Catholic Church our worship celebrations are about sharing our belief in God and Jesus, especially that God loves us enough to send his Son. God chooses to love us, even when we are not perfect, and we are called to love him back. The story of Jesus' love starts with his birth, which many of us have heard.

**LESSON 3 VIDEO:** “The Nativity Story” is located on the website under Video Library > Lesson Videos > Lesson Three. This video is two parts, with a break in the middle for discussion.

Part 1: The Story of the Birth of Jesus (pause video)

Discussion Questions:

What does the story of Jesus’ birth teach us?

Can you share another story about what Jesus?

How does Jesus show us God’s love?

Part 2: Jesus’ Ministry and Passion

**IN YOUR OWN WORDS (share the following with your child):** God chose Jesus and Mary to help us understand how to live. Through Jesus’ teaching, miracles, healings, death and resurrection we were able to really see how much God cares for us. Because of this love, we are asked to show love too.

**ACTIVITY:** Signs of Jesus’ Love. For this activity you will need strips of colored paper, wrapping paper and an empty tissue box. Decorate the box with wrapping paper, and on one side write “Showing God’s Love.”

1. First, ask your child to name as many examples of people that Jesus showed love to. Please help them think of stories from scripture if needed. Write each of these names on a separate piece of paper, fold them in half and put them in the box.
2. Next, ask your child to think of as many people as they can who have shown them love, or who they show love to. Write each of these names on a separate piece of paper, fold them in half and put them in the box.
3. Last, have them think of people to whom they could show more love – maybe someone who is not always kind to them, or who they think needs to see love because things are hard. Write each of these names on a separate piece of paper, fold them in half and put them in the box.
4. Gently shake the box to mix up the scraps of paper. Each day draw a name from the box, and take a minute or two to pray for that person, or to pray to be like the person Jesus helped.