

Correlation

Teaching

RCL Benziger's
FAMILY LIFE

in conjunction with

RCL Benziger's
BE MY DISCIPLES

Introduction

RCL Benziger's *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's Family Life* into your regular religion sessions. Although many parishes prefer to teach *Family Life* separately, some parishes may choose to present the *Family Life* curriculum thematically, coordinating its ten lessons to the content of the *Be My Disciple* Grades 1 to 8 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 *Be My Disciples* chapter side by side. For your convenience, we have included a page correlating Family Life to RCL Benziger's Stories of God's Love Kindergarten program. 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's Family Life* and *Be My Disciples*. 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

| <i>Stores of God's Love Kindergarten Chapter</i> | <i>Family Life Chapter</i> |
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| 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 8 — Special Love |
| Ch. 13 — Jesus Has Many Friends | Lesson 9 — Friends |
| Ch. 19 — The Good Neighbor | Lesson 10 — Helping Others |

Note: *Family Life* Kindergarten is correlated to **RCL Benziger's *Stories of God's Love Kindergarten*** Program

Grade One

Be My Disciples Chapter

Family Life Chapter

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| Ch. 2 — God Loves Us | Lesson 1 — What Families Do |
| Ch. 2 — God Loves Us | Lesson 2 — Families Love and Help |
| Ch. 3 — God, Our Father and Creator | Lesson 3 — Child of God |
| Ch. 5 — Mary, the Mother of Jesus | Lesson 4 — I Have Feelings |
| Ch. 7 — The Holy Spirit, Our Helper | Lesson 5 — I Grow and Learn |
| Ch. 7 — The Holy Spirit, Our Helper | Lesson 6 — I Care for Myself |
| Ch. 8 — The Church | Lesson 7 — I Care for Others |
| Ch. 10 — Signs of God’s Love | Lesson 8 — Love Grows |
| Ch. 12 — The Catholic Family | Lesson 9 — More Families |
| Ch. 14 — We Are Peacemakers | Lesson 10 — Family Peace |

Grade Two

Be My Disciples Chapter

Family Life Chapter

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| Ch. 2 — We Know and Love God | Lesson 1 — God’s Plan |
| Ch. 5 — Jesus, the Son of God | Lesson 2 — Rules and Choices |
| Ch. 7 — The Holy Spirit | Lesson 3 — Who Are You? |
| Ch. 7 — The Holy Spirit | Lesson 4 — I Can Be Brave |
| Ch. 10 — Our Church Welcomes Us | Lesson 5 — New Life |
| Ch. 10 — Our Church Welcomes Us | Lesson 6 — Caring for Life |
| Ch. 12 — We Celebrate Forgiveness | Lesson 7 — Signs of Love |
| Ch. 14 — We Celebrate Forgiveness | Lesson 8 — Promises |
| Ch. 13 — We Gather for Mass | Lesson 9 — Family Connections |
| Ch. 18 — We Live as Children of God | Lesson 10 — More Connections |

Grade Three

| <i>Be My Disciples Chapter</i> | <i>Family Life Chapter</i> |
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| Ch. 1 — God Speaks to Us | Lesson 1 — The Human Family |
| Ch. 2 — God the Creator | Lesson 2 — Family Living |
| Ch. 3 — Mary Trusted God | Lesson 3 — Feelings |
| Ch. 4 — Jesus, the Son of God | Lesson 4 — Learning to Choose |
| Ch. 15 — The Sacrament of Matrimony | Lesson 5 — Being Alive |
| Ch. 15 — The Sacrament of Matrimony | Lesson 6 — Life Continues |
| Ch. 19 — Love One Another | Lesson 7 — Caring for Plants |
| Ch. 19 — Love One Another | Lesson 8 — Caring for Animals |
| Ch. 19 — Love One Another | Lesson 9 — Having Good Sense |
| Ch. 23 — Living Our Faith | Lesson 10 — Community Life |

Grade Four

| <i>Be My Disciples Chapter</i> | <i>Family Life Chapter</i> |
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| Ch. 2 — I Will Be Your God | Lesson 1 — Being Needed |
| Ch. 2 — I Will Be Your God | Lesson 2 — Why Rules? |
| Ch. 17 — Created in God’s Image | Lesson 3 — My Feelings |
| Ch. 17 — Created in God’s Image | Lesson 4 — Acting on My Feelings |
| Ch. 17 — Created in God’s Image | Lesson 5 — Your Amazing Body |
| Ch. 22 — Love Your Neighbor as Yourself | Lesson 6 — The Stages of Life |
| Ch. 22 — Love your Neighbor as Yourself | Lesson 7 — Growing and Maturing |
| Ch. 22 — Love Your Neighbor as Yourself | Lesson 8 — Healthy Discipline |
| Ch. 23 — Love One Another as I Have Loved You | Lesson 9 — Reaching Out |
| Ch. 23 — Love One Another as I Have Loved You | Lesson 10 — Looking to the Future |

Grade Five

| <i>Be My Disciples Chapter</i> | <i>Family Life Chapter</i> |
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| Ch. 5 — Jesus Christ, Son of God | Lesson 1 — Family Ties |
| Ch. 5 — Jesus Christ, Son of God | Lesson 2 — Family Feelings |
| Ch. 7 — Many Gifts, One Spirit | Lesson 3 — Communication |
| Ch. 7 — Many Gifts, One Spirit | Lesson 4 — Change |
| Ch. 16 — The Sacrament of Matrimony | Lesson 5 — New Life |
| Ch. 16 — The Sacrament of Matrimony | Lesson 6 — Parenthood |
| Ch. 16 — The Sacrament of Matrimony | Lesson 7 — Friendship |
| Ch. 16 — The Sacrament of Matrimony | Lesson 8 — Marriage |
| Ch. 23 — Living a Just and Truthful Life | Lesson 9 — Supporting Families |
| Ch. 23 — Living a Just and Truthful Life | Lesson 10 — A Caring World Family |

Grade Six

| <i>Be My Disciples Chapter</i> | <i>Family Life Chapter</i> |
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| Ch. 4 — God, Father and Creator | Lesson 1 — Family Background |
| Ch. 4 — God, Father and Creator | Lesson 2 — Family Traits |
| Ch. 8 — The Mystery of the Church | Lesson 3 — Know Thyself |
| Ch. 8 — The Mystery of the Church | Lesson 4 — Looking to the Future |
| Ch. 16 — The Sacrament of Matrimony | Lesson 5 — Expecting a Baby |
| Ch. 16 — The Sacrament of Matrimony | Lesson 6 — A Baby Arrives |
| Ch. 22 — Commandments of Love | Lesson 7 — Respect Thyself |
| Ch. 22 — Commandments of Love | Lesson 8 — Aging and Death |
| Ch. 23 — Our Love of Neighbor | Lesson 9 — Family Economics |
| Ch. 23 — Our Love of Neighbor | Lesson 10 — Worldwide Family |

Grade Seven

***Be My Disciples* Life in Christ Jesus**
Student Text Chapter

***Family Life* Chapter**

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| Ch. 1 — The Universal Mission | Lesson 1 — Family Relationships |
| Ch. 1 — The Universal Mission | Lesson 2 — Values and Virtues |
| Ch. 2 — Human Dignity | Lesson 3 — Identity |
| Ch. 2 — Human Dignity | Lesson 4 — Gender |
| Ch. 3 — To Follow Jesus | Lesson 5 — Wellness |
| Ch. 4 — Living in Christ | Lesson 6 — Choose Life |
| Ch. 5 — The Exercise of Virtue | Lesson 7 — Love Is |
| Ch. 5 — The Exercise of Virtue | Lesson 8 — Chastity |
| Ch. 10 — Integrity of Heart | Lesson 9 — Consequences |
| Ch. 12 — The Lord's Prayer | Lesson 10 — Civility |

Grade Eight

Be My Disciples Christ Reveals God's Mystery
Student Text Chapter

Family Life Chapter

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| Ch. 1 — Faith in History | Lesson 1 — Homegrown Happiness |
| Ch. 1 — Faith in History | Lesson 2 — Gifts for the Journey |
| Ch. 2 — Faith of the Church | Lesson 3 — Understanding Yourself |
| Ch. 2 — Faith of the Church | Lesson 4 — Emotions |
| Ch. 3 — The Word of God | Lesson 5 — The Value of Life |
| Ch. 3 — The Word of God | Lesson 6 — Stay Healthy |
| Ch. 4 — Images of God | Lesson 7 — Loving Together |
| Ch. 4 — Images of God | Lesson 8 — Marriage and Family |
| Ch. 6 — The Holy Trinity | Lesson 9 — The Social Scene |
| Ch. 12 — The Giver of Life | 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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