

**Queen of Angels School of Religion**  
**Sunday Morning Classes**  
**Grade 2 -- Preparation for First Communion**

**Student Text:** Christ Our Life God Cares For Us Level 2 (Loyola Press)

**Unit IV: Jesus Gives Us the Gift of Himself**

- **The children will understand the meaning of the Eucharist.**
- **The children will learn the parts of the Mass and be able to join in.**
- **The children will be able to receive their First Holy Communion with love and joy.**

**Lesson 18: We Listen to God and Pray**

God speaks to us in the scripture readings and we respond with prayer and petitions. The children will look forward to the reading of scripture at mass, know the responses to the readings and generate some prayers of petition for our class prayer.

**Scripture:** Luke 11: 28 How happy are those who hear the word of God

Matthew 5: 14 – 16 let your light shine

Matthew 10: 40 – 42 Whoever welcomes you, welcomes Christ

Matthew 6: 14 – 15 Forgive and you will be forgiven

Matthew 6: 25 – 34 Lilies of the field

Matthew 7: 7 – 11 your good gifts to your children are a sign of God's love

Matthew 25: 35 I was hungry and you gave me food

Acts 3: 1 – 11 Peter cures a lame man

2 Timothy 3: 14 – 17 fidelity to the scripture prepares us for life

Ephesians 6: 18 – 20 we should pray at all times in our lives

2 Corinthians 9: 7 God loves a cheerful giver

**Class Discussion:**

- We will review the introductory rites we learned about at the last class.
- We will talk about people or things we like to listen to (music, friends, parents, teachers, characters on TV)
- We will talk about the storybooks of our lives – photo albums, family pictures
- The Bible and a candle will be placed in our circle in a place of honor. The Bible is God's family album and a collection of family stories for God's family
- We will listen to a sample reading and make a response to it.

**Group Prayer:**

We will gather around the Bible and hear some short readings. We will then respond with spontaneous prayers of petition.

**Ways to Extend the Lesson at Home:**

- Make a poster to express your desire to listen to the word of God. Hang the poster near the place you keep your family Bible or where you sit and read it to your children.
- Share your favorite Bible story with your children.
- Let your children act out one of the stories from the Bible. This could include neighbor children or members of your extended family.
- Read the readings for next Sunday with your child. Explain what the readings say to you. After Mass, compare your ideas to those of the priest in the homily.
- Have your child read a few sentences from the Gospels each night as part of your reading-together time before bed.