

## GRADE 1 UNIT 7 (Chapters 19-21)

### Kingdom of God / April

#### Home / Online Plan

**Beginning the Family Discussion:** Start with prayer. Use the Invite process from the first page of Chapter 7 in one of the children's (grades 1-5) books, or the **Pray It!** section from the middle school book.

**Introduction to Kingdom of God for parents:** In this unit, we learn that the Church teaches that everyone is called to the Kingdom of God on Earth and in Heaven. We prepare for eternal life by accepting God's grace, growing in his friendship, and serving him and one another right now. Jesus gave us an example of how we can follow him: forgiving others, treating others with respect, and helping those who are hungry and in need. By our Baptism, we are called to do this, to continue the mission of the Church. That is why in the Mass, after receiving the Eucharist, which nourishes us to do the work Christ calls us to, we are sent out to proclaim the Good News. This is evangelization—giving witness to the faith by proclaiming the Good News of Jesus through our words and deeds in a way that invites people to accept the Gospel.

**Together, view** this video as an introduction to the theme of Kingdom of God, then discuss the question.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nwAYpLVyeFU>

- We bring forth the Kingdom on earth by loving others. How do you “pay forward” the love God has shown for you?

Each child will then complete the following chapters in their individual books (these chapters can be spread throughout the month or done in one or two sessions):

#### **Chapter 19 (p. 251)**

**Key Concept:** At Mass, we gather to worship God by reading from the Bible, giving thanks, receiving Holy Communion. Jesus shares his Body and Blood with us in Eucharist.

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[Interactive Review](#) (optional)

[eAssessment](#) (complete and submit)

## Chapter 20 (p. 261)

**Key Concept:** Jesus said those who die will have new life with him in Heaven. God invites all people to Heaven. All who follow Jesus and obey God's laws will go to Heaven.

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## Chapter 21 (p. 271)

**Key Concept:** Justice, peace and love are signs of God's Kingdom. Catholics work here and now with God to help his Kingdom continue to grow.

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Once all chapters have been completed, **continue the conversation**

- Discuss: Talk about loved ones who have passed away. What does living forever with God mean to you? How can your family share your time, talent, and treasure?
- Together, come up with something your family can put into practice this month as a result of your discussion. Write your ideas here:

Together, **close with a prayer**. Choose from a student book, or try a spontaneous prayer, such as having each family member name something they are thankful for, or a traditional prayer, such as the Our Father.