**Lesson Plan - Week 2**  **- Unit 1 – Session 1 - God Creates Us**

- ***Beach Ball, Rosary, Rosary Instructions,prizes***

- Attendance

- Opening Prayer

 Let's **Remember that we are in the holy presence of God**

* + **Do you believe that God created us? How do we know it?**
	+ **This passage from the bible was written over 1,000 years before Jesus was**
	+ **born and lived for us to know how to live our lives!!**

 - Light the candle and read from the bible - Volunteer – Gen 1:24-31

* + Discuss the reading - each verse

Before we talk more about God's creations, let's talk about the Rosary

**Rosary -** October is the month of the Rosary

 - What do you know about the Rosary?

 - 5 Decades – 10 beads each

 - Each has a mystery to reflect on – Praying on the Joyful, Sorrowful

 and Glorious **mysteries** of the rosary, we bring to mind our Lord's

 incarnation (God's son became man), His passion and death and His

 resurrection from the dead

 - Each of the 5 decades starts with the Our Father, followed by ten

 Hail Marys, ending with the Glory Be.

* + - * + Examples of **mysteries** Christ's Baptism, Wedding at Cana, Institution of the Eucharist, the Crucifixion

The rosary helps us to invite the Holy Spirit to work in our hearts and minds as we pray to bring understanding of the mysteries.

Rosary can be used to fight sin in the world.

Many popes have prayed the rosary and asked us to pray it. Prayer helps people so much.

One example comes from the reign of Pope Pius V (1566–1572). At that time the Turkish Muslims were trying to take over Christian Europe and were winning the war. Europe was in real trouble!

Pope Pius V asked all the faithful to pray and ask for Mary’s intercession that the Turkish threat would be halted. In particular, Pius encouraged the praying of the Rosary. In the famous Battle of Lepanto on October 7, 1571, the Christian forces defeated the Turkish fleet and effectively ended the threat of conquest by the Muslims.

Pope Pius established the Feast of the Holy Rosary to be celebrated each October to thank the Blessed Mother for her intercession saving them from the Muslims.

The word rosary comes from the Latin rosarius, which means “garland” or “bouquet of flowers.” It is an apt word for a bouquet of prayers offered to God. The word *bead* is an Old English term that originally meant “a prayer.”

Books pg 5 – read and review

 6 – What are some examples of things that God created?

 7 – Read – Who is the Trinity, how do you pray to honor the Trinity?

 9 – Close your eyes and listen

 10 – Complete this page and share

 11 – Complete together

**Quiz...Prizes**

How do we know that God created us?

* Who is the Trinity? The 3 parts?
* Name each person in the Trinity and what is special about each of those persons?
	+ How many decades to the rosary?
	+ What do you reflect on during the Hail Mary's?
* What does praying help us to fight?
* What does each bead represent? Prayer
* What does rosarius mean? Garland, bouquet
* Can prayer help people?

 More questions from the pages above

 **am Activity**

* + Group 1 -Someone at school makes a racist remark – what do you say or do
	+ Group 2 – Someone at school is always bullying other students – what do you say or do?
	+ Group 3 – Someone is not included in games or lunch – what do you say or do?
	+ Group 4 – Kids make fun of another student online and posts mean things about them. – what do you say or do?
* **What are some problems to be solved in your neighborhood or the news**
* - you can write them on the board
	+ - which are important to solve – why?
	+ - think of someone who helps others
		- * - could be from a news story, a famous person or someone you know
				+ - discuss that person's heroic traits and how they act like Jesus

 - Whom did Jesus help/save?

* + - * + - share stories from the bible - poor, sick, blind, sinners, ….
	+ - What do you think he wanted to teach us by doing that?
	+ - do the same, love all , help all

 **Remember that we are in the holy presence of God**

- Lord, thank you for all of us here, thank you for giving us the courage to learn more about you. Please help us to become closer to you each day.

* What can I do this week for God....

Would any of you share what you will do this week to make your relationship with God stronger?

Ending Prayer: Remember that we are in the holy presense of God: Who shall we pray for?