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 Chapter 3 Directed Reading Worksheet

Date\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ *The Coming of the Messiah*

**Directions**: Read through the chapter and fill in the missing information. All the questions run sequential to the chapter. If a true/false statement is false, correct it.

Introduction: *Jesus Christ, Son of God, Son of Mary (pages 81–86)*

1. How did God fulfill his promises to Abraham and his descendants in a way that no one could have imagined?
2. What is helpful about looking at how the Gospel writers refer to passages from the Old Testament?
3. When you have a relationship with \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, you are naturally led to want to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ your knowledge and love for him. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ means revealing the whole of God’s \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ design, fulfilled in Christ. It means seeking a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ understanding of his words and actions and putting people into \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ with him and lead them to participate in the life of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
4. No matter how God \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the people of Israel, they could not \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ themselves. He freed them from \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ through Jesus, a name which means “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.” Jesus’ name sums up his \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Scripture reveals that evil spirits \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the name of Jesus and his disciples performed \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in his name. His Resurrection \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ his name and Jesus’ name is central to Christian \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
5. True or False? Repeating the holy name of Jesus meditatively is a prayer.
6. True or False? The Hebrew word Messiah means “anointed one” while the Greek word “Christ” means “son of the Father.”
7. The hope for a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ became strong among the Jews after the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ was divided and when the office of the king was eventually lost. The Gospels report that \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ came from the messianic line of David. It’s fitting that the messiah be anointed just as the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, prophets, and kings were in the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
8. Explain how the three Persons of the Blessed Trinity were involved in Jesus’ anointing at his Baptism.
9. Why was Jesus careful when using the title “Messiah?”
10. True or False? Traditionally, the Jews understood the title “son of God” to mean that the “son” was divine.
11. True or False? The Old Testament use of the title “son of God” was necessarily a claim of divinity.

1. What are two key moments in Jesus’ life that God the Father clearly revealed his true divine identity?
2. In the Old Testament, the word “\_\_\_\_\_\_” is often substituted for \_\_\_\_\_\_. In the New Testament, the word is used to refer to both God the Father and \_\_\_\_\_\_. Early \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ used the title to express how power, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and glory were due to both God the Father and the Son. Today the title is often used in Christian \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ with the understanding that the title expresses Jesus’ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
3. The Catholic Church reveres \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ above all the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ because of her vital role in Jesus’ life. Gabriel’s \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to her initiated the fulfillment of God’s \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and consequently her greatest title is “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.” From the moment of her Immaculate \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, Mary was graced by God to become the Mother of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and thus, one of Jesus’ most important titles is “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.”
4. True or False? God chose Mary from all eternity to be Jesus’ mother.

1. True or False? The lives of the holy women in the Old Testament prepared for Mary’s exalted role.

1. Why don’t the biblical references to Jesus’ “brothers and sisters” contradict the truth that Mary is “ever-virgin?”

Section: 1 *Jesus’ Birth and Early Years (pages 88–94)*

1. True or False? The Gospels of Matthew, Mark, and John are called the *synoptic Gospels* because of their similar flow and content.
2. Each of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Gospels focus on different aspects of Jesus’ life story. While Matthew and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ include details about Jesus’ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and early years, Mark does not mention them. Instead, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ begins his narrative around the time of Jesus’ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, highlighting the connection between Old Testament \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and John the Baptist.
3. What details about Jesus’ birth and early years do Matthew and Luke agree on?
4. What was one of the major concerns of the author of Matthew’s Gospel?
5. Matthew links Jesus’ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to Abraham and King David, communicating that Jesus is the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of Jewish hopes. At the same time, Matthew includes known \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and Gentiles, showing that God can accomplish his plan of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ even with less-than-perfect \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and revealing that all of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_is important to God.
6. What prophecy does Matthew quote relative to Jesus’ birth?
7. True or False? Joseph plays a key role in Mark’s genealogy, in part because he is David’s descendant.
8. What three events from the life of Jesus are commemorated at the Feast of the Epiphany?
9. True or False? The presence of the Magi represents God’s willingness to accept Gentiles among those who worshipped Jesus.
10. Explain the ways that Matthew links Jesus to Moses.
11. How is Matthew’s infancy narrative consistent with Jesus’ mission of salvation?
12. True or False? Although Luke interweaves the announcements and births of John the Baptist and Jesus, he clearly shows that Jesus is the Messiah, not John.
13. Mary’s mother conceived her without \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. By his special and singular \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ intervention, God applied to Mary the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ that Jesus would earn on the Cross from the moment of her \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ so that she could be truly free to say \_\_\_\_\_\_ to God. Although her yes might bring her ridicule and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, Mary cooperated with God’s \_\_\_\_\_\_.
14. True or False? Although humans suffer from the effects of Original Sin, God gives each one the grace needed to flourish in life despite the difficulties.

1. True or False? Elizabeth greets Mary and joyfully acknowledges Mary as the Immaculate Conception.
2. What does Zechariah proclaim in the *Benedictus* about the destiny of this own son, John?

1. A major theme in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is that Jesus comes to preach to the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and outcast. Mary gives birth to Jesus in a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ because there are no suitable \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ . The first people to visit Jesus are \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and they are the first to broadcast the news of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to the Jews. Jesus invites humble \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and other outsiders to be his disciples and spread his \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
2. True or False? Joseph and Mary travel to Bethlehem to enroll in a census because it was the birthplace of his ancestor David.
3. What does Jesus’ circumcision prefigure?
4. What do the prophets Simeon and Anna predict about both Jesus and Mary?
5. What was Jesus’ reply to his parents when they found him at the Temple after being separated from him?

Section 2: *The Incarnation in John’s Prologue* *(pages 96–98)*

1. True or False? While Matthew and Luke begin their Gospels with the birth of Christ, John opens at the beginning of creation.
2. Write the opening verses of the Gospel of John quoted by the author.

1. True or False? Redemption means that Jesus Christ, who is the Son of God and the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity, is both truly God and truly human.
2. According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church, what are four reasons the Word became flesh?
3. Write “the Gospel in miniature” below.

Section 3: *Jesus’ Early Public Life (pages 100–104)*

1. True or False? The Gospels provide no physical description of Jesus and reveal little about his hidden years after his birth and before his public ministry.
2. True or False? Every aspect of Christ’s earthly life, even the least particulars of the mysteries, has profound meaning and is a Revelation of the Father.
3. List five ways the mystery of Christ’s redemptive love and suffering is at work throughout his life.
4. Through his \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and Resurrection, Jesus \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the world. Through \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in Christ and the Sacrament of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ – when we are cleansed of our Original Sin and all \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ sins – we receive a share in the justice and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of God. Further, we become a member of Christ’s Body, the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
5. John’s Baptism was for sinners who, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of their sins, would be baptized and try to live more \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to God. Jesus, though perfect and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, submitted to John’s Baptism, displaying his \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ by allowing himself to be numbered among the sinners. From the beginning of his \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, the Lord accepted the role of God’s \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
6. What three phenomena are mentioned in all four Gospel accounts of his Baptism?
7. Jesus was sent to make us \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in the divine nature and at his Baptism the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the heavens reveals that it is God himself who has come to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ his people. The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ represents the Spirit whom Jesus possessed in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and humanity will receive the Holy Spirit when Jesus sends it upon the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. The Father’s \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ proclaims the Father’s entire delight at his \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
8. What important theological truths are revealed at Jesus’ Baptism?
9. True or False? Jesus’ temptations in the desert prefigured certain temptations the Church would face after Pentecost.
10. True or False? The temptations of Jesus took place after his Baptism.