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#### MESSAGE

The basic aim of Faith Formation is to hand down our Faith and Traditions, which the Church received through the revelation, to the posterity and thus help them to live as active members of the Church. This being the aim in mind, the Catechetical Commission Synadal Commission for Catechesis published catechetical text book series of Syro - Malabar Church, for use by the students of standard 1 to 12, titled "On the Path of Salvation'. Besides that, the Synod of Bishops of the Syro - Malabar Church decided to publish a text book to help the faith formation of the children of Kindergarten. It gives me great happiness that a text book with the title 'Jesus' Kids' has been published, under the supervision and guidance of the Catechetical Commission, exclusively for the sake of young ones who are seeking faith formation in nursery classes.

This text book has been prepared and presented with themes that are very attractive to the children with modern teaching techniques. This book is a true help and guide to the children who are eager to know and love Jesus and wish to grow in the life of faith to the parents training them and to the teachers involved in the faith formation.

I congratulate the Syro - Malabar Synodal Commission for Catechesis which has put in a lot of effort and also all those who have extended a helping hand in bringing out this text book. I pray and wish that this book may help all the children to grow up like Jesus, in the Holy family, who grew in wisdom and stature in divine and human favour.

> + George Cardinal Alencherry Major Archbishop of the Syro Malabar Church

Mount St. Thomas, Kakkanad, 29.02.2016

### PREFACE

In the Old Testament and in the book of Proverbs thus we read: "Train children in the right way, and when old, they will not stray". (Pro: 22:6). The Catechism of the Catholic Church also teaches that the children should be initiated at an early age into the mysteries of the faith and associated from their most - tenderest years with the life of the Church. (CCC 2225)

This book titled "Jesus' Kids" has been prepared as per the decision of the Synod of the Syro- Malabar Church which felt the need of a book for the kids to help them to come to know our Lord Jesus Christ and also to learn the prayers even before they begin their education authentically. This is a small text book which will help the kids to know the faith deeply, to accept it firmly and to live a steadfast life according to the faith they have received. This Book is presented in the form of pictures which are very attractive, enjoyable and easy to understand. Classroom activities which will ensure the active participation of all the children are added with all the lessons. The animation DVD that contains all the lessons audio visually recorded, and which is made available with the text book helps the children to register in their tender minds whatever they have learnt through the classes. Since Actions songs too have been presented in the DVD, the children can master them easily.

I congratulate Fr. Jimmy Poochakkatt, Secretary of the Synodal Commission for Catechesis and all our staff members at the Catechetical centre Mount St Thomas, in a special manner, for having given the leadership for the publication of this text book. I also gratefully remember the Eparchy of Ramanadhapuram for taking up the great initiative of this project.

I submit this text book, which is published with an aim of helping the faith formation of the children who are of the age just prior to the commencement of learning from the text books published for the students of the classes one to twelve, for the use of all the children of tender ages and all those who are involved in the faith formation of the kids.

> Mar Jacob Manathodath Chairman, Catechetical Commission

Mount St. Thomas, Kakkanad, 29.02. 2016

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# GOD IS OUR FATHER

**LESSON 1** 

Friends Whose picture is this? God's.

> Who is God? God is our creator and protector.

It is God who created all men. God created the sky, the earth and all the creatures in it.

How wonderful is the earth!

For whom did God create all this? FOR US.

God loves us so much !



God

Do you love your Dad and Mom ?



### LET US ANSWER

In what all ways do your parents love you?

They buy for us toys to play







### God

is our Heavenly Father who protects and loves us more than our Dad and Mom who love us so much.

**GOD IS OUR FATHER** 

### **LET'S SING**

God gave us everything Gave us Dad and Mom Gave us brothers and sisters God my loving Father

> God... Gave hands to do good Tongue to speak good

God is my Father My loving Father is God.

### **LET'S COLOUR**

All these are created by God..... Let us colour them....





Let us repeat with the Teacher and learn by-heart

It is God who created us We belong to Him..

Let us find the way to reach God, who lives in heaven.





**GOD IS OUR FATHER** 

Let us give different colours

GOD IS THE LORD OF LIFE

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> LET US PRAY O! God, Who protect us, We give thanks to you.

**EJACULATION** God, we praise you. **MY DECISION** 

God is good and almighty.

### LET US ANSWER

1. Who is our Father?

2. Who created everything ?

3.For who is all these Created?

GOD IS OUR FATHER 🟅



# **GOD IS WITH US**

God loves us so much...

In order to teach this, God sent His only begotten Son, Jesus, into this world

Jesus was born in this world as the son of Blessed Virgin Mary and St. Joseph.

Where was Jesus born? In a manger.

> We call Jesus, who was born in a manger as Baby Jesus.

### The birth of Jesus

Can you identify the people in this picture?

What comes to your mind when you see this picture? Christmas

Whose birthday is Christmas? Christmas is the birthday of Baby Jesus.

> Children, who was baby Jesus? God's only beloved Son.

God became man and was born in this world..

**GOD IS WITH US** 

Can you identify those who are there in this picture?





What is the meaning of the word 'Jesus'? Saviour

Let us live with Jesus forever.

Where was Jesus born?

In a manger.



LET US COLOUR AND MAKE THEM BEAUTIFUL





### LET'S SING

The good God who loved me Became man like me Came and dwelt in the world, Jesus my loving master.

Saviour is His name Gave His life to redeem us O! Jesus, my saviour, I praise you with lots of love.

### LET US SHOW THE WAY

Let us join the dots and show our friends the way to reach the manger and see Jesus.





**EJACULATION** Infant Jesus, O! my Saviour!

### **MY DECISION**

Just as Jesus loved, I shall love everybody. This is my resolution..

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### **JESUS - SAVIOUR**

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> LET US PRAY My sweet baby Jesus in the manger, come and dwell in my heart.

### LET US ANSWER

1. What is the birthday of Jesus called?

2. What is the meaning of the word 'Jesus'?

3. Where was Jesus born?



**GOD IS WITH US** 



Friends, can you tell who is in this picture? Jesus

Do you love Jesus?.....

Look at this picture ... Where is the child sitting in this picture? On the lap of **Jesus** 



Jesus loved Children and seated them on His laps and blessed them

> It is God who created us all.



### LET US RECITE

Being the children of Jesus we should always be good children We should not tell lies.. Should not destroy the belongings of others.. Should help others.

Friends, let us recollect all the gifts given to us by Jesus who loves us more than everyone.

Good Parents, Good dresses, Good Friends, toys





From the childhood, Jesus grew up loving his parents, brothers, friends and all fellow beings.

### Like Jesus, let us be

Obedient Prayerful And Loving

Who all are there in this picture?



**FRIENDS OF JESUS** 

### **LET'S SING**

Jesus walks with us Jesus plays with us Jesus lives in us Jesus is My friend!

> Teach me to love Jesus... Teach me to obey Jesus.... My friend, Jesus, My good Jesus

## **LET US COLOUR**

Let us colour the flowers of the heavenly garden.



God has given each one of us a guardian angel to protect and take care of us. Every day when we get up from the bed, every child must pray: "My guardian angel protect and take care of me"

### Let us also laugh with Jesus.

Does every one like to laugh?

Teacher: Children of Jesus.... Children: Yes..... Teacher: Are you all happy? Children: Yes..... Teacher: If so, please laugh... each one of you , ... (All the children laugh...)

**FRIENDS OF JESUS** 



Jesus - Heaven

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## LET US PRAY

Jesus, who loves children, help us to be in Your love always..

EJACULATION Jesus, Protect me

### **MY DECISION**

It is my decision to do only what Jesus likes.

### LET US ANSWER

1. What gifts has Jesus given you?

2. Whose friends are we?

FRIENDS OF JESUS

# THE HOUSE OF JESUS



BETHLEHEM

NAZARETH

Children, what relation do the pictures given below have with Jesus ?

**LESSON 4** 

## Jesus was born in a manger in Bethlehem

**JESUS** 

Jesus grew up in Nazareth.

Mary is the Mother of Jesus.

Joseph is the Foster father of Jesus.

MARY

**JOSEPH** 

### Do you know?

Mary - was the loved one

### Joseph - helped Jesus grow up

THE HOUSE OF JESUS

By obeying His parents and helping them in their works Jesus grew up pleasing God and men.

### LET US REPEAT Like Jesus, let us also grow up as son / daughter of God.

All of us have a beautiful house. Our Jesus also has a house.

Holy Family the name of the Family of Jesus.



# **MY HOUSE**

Draw a house from your imagination

Child who sits carelessly in the Church.

### **LET US COLOUR**

Friends, find out in the picture, the children who grow pleasing to God and give **green** colour to them and **red** colour to all the others..

Child who prays.

Child who helps elders..

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Child who fights

and quarrels.

THE HOUSE OF JESUS

### **LET'S SING**

We are the children of Jesus We are His beloved ones Let us grow doing good One in His love

> Should become the dearest of Jesus Let us obey parents Loving our friends Praying in the Church Marching towards the Heavenly kingdom

Let us colour and make beautiful "the Jesus Park in the Heaven"

**JESUS PARK - HEAVEN** 

Can you name who all are there in this park?

THE HOUSE OF JESUS

Let us give different colours

**MARY - JOSEPH** 

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### LET US PRAY

O! Jesus help me to grow like you pleasing before God and Men.

### **EJACULATION**

Jesus Mary Joseph bless me.

### **MY DECISION**

I will obey and help my parents.

### LET US ANSWER

1. Where was Jesus born?

2. Who is the mother of Jesus?

3. Who is the foster father of Jesus?

THE HOUSE OF JESUS 🚪

# JESUS WHO GOES TO THE TEMPLE

**LESSON 5** 

Do you like going to Church?

With whom do you go to Church?

What is the name of our parish church ?

Who is the patron / patroness of our parish?

Church is the place where God lives. We offer together Holy Qurbana in the Church.

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Once Jesus Went for a festival with his Mother Mary and Father Joseph. He was then 12 years old.

Church is a place of prayer.

### **MY CHURCH**

Teacher: Can you play inside the Church? Children: No Teacher: Can you talk inside the Church? Children: No Teacher: Can you fight with your friends inside the Church? Children: No

### All these are not pleasing to Jesus

### LET US REPEAT

Like Jesus, I too will go to Church with my parents.

JESUS WHO GOES TO THE TEMPLE

### LET'S SING

The house of God is the Church, A holy place where God dwells While we pray in the Church, The Grace of God flows into us. Piety, Purity and attentiveness, Must be fostered inside the church, Actively participating in the Holy Qurbana Make Holiness yours for ever.

Why do we go to Church? Let us say together To praise God

> To listen to the Word of God To Pray to God

### LET US COLOUR

Friends, let us look at the picture here

and colour the picture given.



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JESUS WHO GOES TO THE TEMPLE

**LET US REPEAT AND SAY** God is love, God is love, God is Love

> **LET US COLOUR** Friends, let us colour the Church where God lives.

> > JESUS WHO GOES TO THE TEMPLE

### Let us give different colours

## **GOD - LOVE**



### LET US PRAY

Jesus help me to behave with piety inside the Church



**EJACULATION** Jesus! Dwell in me.

### **MY DECISION**

Like Jesus, I will also go and pray in the Church and will not talk inside the Church.

### LET US ANSWER

1. What is the name of our Church?

2. What is the name of our Parish Priest?



3. With whom did Jesus go to the festival?

JESUS WHO GOES TO THE TEMPLE

# LESSON 6 JESUS WHO PRAYS

All of us pray to Jesus.

Jesus used to pray to the heavenly father.

Do you also pray?

How often?

### Before sleep

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To whom all do you pray? To Jesus 1. ...., 2. ....,

# For what all do you ask Jesus?

1. ...., 2. ....,

Let us share all our sorrows, desires, complaints to Jesus -This kind of sharing is called **PRAYER** 



Connect the dots and help the

children to go near the praying Jesus



Loving is **PRAYER** 

To be with Jesus is **PRAYER** 

#### LET US MAKE THE SIGN OF THE CROSS

In the Sign of the Holy Cross Deliver us from our enemies Oh! Lord In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit! Amen.



## Let us also grow in prayer like Jesus.

LET US REPEAT I will also pray like Jesus

**JESUS WHO PRAYS** 

### LET'S SING

Let us make the Sign of the Cross, friends, Like kids filled with piety, To grow;

Let us make the Sign of the Cross, friends,



Mind and thoughts To become holy, Make the Sign of the Cross on the forehead; friends.. To make holy the words

That are born from our hearts Make the Sign of the Cross on the lips; friends.. To make holy our hearts; To be one in love; Make the Sign of the Cross on the chest ; friends..

> LET US LISTEN TO THE SAINTS AND GIVE COLOUR

OI INFANT JESUSI MAKE ME A PLAY BALL IN YOUR HANDS.

O! INFANT JESUS! MAKE ME A PLAY BALL IN YOUR HANDS.



JESUS

I LOVE JESUS

LET US COLOUR LET US GIVE THEM TO OUR FRIENDS Let us colour the fruits given below and

give them as gifts to our friends

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#### **PRAYER - LOVE**

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#### **LET US PRAY**

Jesus come and dwell in us; Fill us with your Spirit.

**EJACULATION** Thank you God; Praise you God; Glory be to you, God

MY DECISION Daily I will pray. This is my decision.

LET US ANSWER

1. When do you pray?

2.Can you say the name of two saints?

3. The love towards Jesus is .....?



### **TESUS WHO TEACHES TO PRAY**

**LESSON 7** 

Once the disciples asked Jesus; "Teach us to pray". Can you tell, what prayer did Jesus teach them?

> The Prayer called " Our Father in heaven".

Let us recite together, the prayer taught by Jesus

Our Father in heaven , Holy be your name; your Kingdom come; your Will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread; forgive us our sins; as we forgive those who sin against us. Do not bring us to the test but deliver us from evil. Amen **God is our father.** We should be able to call Him **'Abba'.** We should **fulfill** His will.

What is the 'Will' of God the father?



Obey and love your parents; do not fight with your friends; love your brothers and sisters; respect your grandparents and help others.

Who all are there in this picture? What does Jesus tell the children?

Children, you should obey your parents.

#### LET US REPEAT

We are children of God; so we should grow up fulfilling the will of God.

Let us daily recite the prayer taught by Jesus in order to live united with God.

JESUS WHO TEACHES TO PRAY

#### **LET'S SING**

There is a loving father in heaven The father who cares for me We are lucky enough to call him Abba Let us thank Him for that.

> By living like the child of God I will safeguard the divine happiness God's love and happiness Will fill my life indeed.

#### **LET US COLOUR**

Let us colour picture of the Heavenly Father



### LET US COLOUR THE PICTURES OF THE ANGELS

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JESUS WHO TEACHES TO PRA



#### **ABBA - FATHER**



LET US PRAY Jesus teach us also how to pray..

#### **MY DECISION**

I will grow up as a dear son/daughter of God the Father.

#### **EJACULATION**

God the father, we praise you

#### LET US ANSWER



1. What is the prayer taught by Jesus?

JESUS WHO TEACHES TO PRAY

### LESSON 8 MARY THE MOTHER OF JESUS

Children, don't you love your mother? Our Jesus also has a mother. The name of His mother is MARY

Where is Jesus? In Heaven Mary, mother of Jesus is also in heaven.

> Mary is our heavenly mother. We call Mary, our Mother

> > Friends, Do you know the prayer to Blessed Virgin Mary?

Hail Mary full of Grace is that prayer.

#### LET US PRAY TOGETHER

Hail Mary full of grace! The Lord is with you; blessed are you among women; and blessed is the fruit of your womb Jesus. Holy Mary, mother of God; pray for us sinners ; now and at the hour of our death. <u>Amen</u>

LET US REPEAT

Mother of Jesus is also our mother.







Can you connect the dots and take each one

#### of them to their mother:



**MARY THE MOTHER OF JESUS** 

#### **LET'S SING**

Mother of Jesus is my mother She leads us to Jesus She tells us to listen to Jesus She is a gift to me from Jesus.

She protects me from stumbling She takes away my weaknesses She stays with me as protector Fills me with her mercy.

#### LET US COLOUR

Let us colour the rosary which protects us

**OF JESUS** 

LET US CONNECT THE DOTS SYSTEMATICALLY AND DRAW THE PICTURE OF OUR MOTHER MARY, WHO GAVE US JESUS.



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**MARY THE MOTHER OF JESUS** 



#### **MARY MY MOTHER**

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LET US PRAY Hail Mary full of grace

**MY DECISION** 

I will pray daily to Mother Mary.

**EJACULATION** My mother, My refuge

LET US ANSWER

1. Who is the mother of Jesus?

2. Who is our heavenly mother?



**MARY THE MOTHER OF JESU** 

### THE HOME THAT PRAYS

**LESSON 9** 

Children, Who are all there in your family? What do you do together?

> Do we pray like this in our home and how often?

Do you love to pray to Jesus? How often do you pray?

When all the members of the family join together and pray, it is called family prayer.

All the members in the family should come together and pray.

Family that **Prays** together will be **Blessed** 



Family that prays together will also stay together

#### **LET US HELP AMMU**

Alphabets in this box are in disorder. Let us help Ammu to arrange them properly.



**Answer:** 

Let us with the help of the teacher arrange the alphabets tell and write the word here.

THE HOME THAT PRAYS



Let us wish one another

With a happy heart let us

wish one another

"Praise be to Jesus Christ". "Now and forever. Amen".

After prayer, do you wish one another...

Beginning with the elders you should wish and then give a kiss to them.

When we wish and give a kiss to others, we wish and kiss Jesus himself.

#### **LET US GIVE COLOUR**

Let us colour the things that children do during the family prayer

Will recite prayer	
Will play	
Will eat food	
Will carefully listen to the	h
Word of God	
Will Sleep	

Let us earnestly participate in the family prayer

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#### **LET'S SING**

Is not the family that prays together At the dusk is nothing but a paradise? Father, mother and brethren, earn Peace and blessings by praying together; Wish all with a folded hand, Kiss all on their chubby cheeks; If all of you are united in love Love will flow in the home forever.

After prayer, all get together for a meal.

THE HOME THAT PRAYS

#### LET US COLOUR THEM





LET US PRAY Jesus who taught us to pray, hear my prayer.

**EJACULATION** Jesus, be the Lord of my house. MY DECISION Every day I'll pray devotedly during the family prayer. This is my decision.

#### LET US ANSWER

1. What is the name of the prayer in which all the family members come together to pray?



2. What should we do to each other after the family prayer?

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**THE HOME THAT PRAYS** 

## **SLET US GROW IN HOLINESS**

**LESSON 10** 

Can you say who are all there in this picture?



Saint Alphonsa



Saint Chavara



Saint Euphrasia

Who are they? Saints

They live with Jesus in heaven.

These people became saints by doing the will of Jesus; Let us also become saints like these people.

We should obey what Jesus says We should do the good things that Jesus likes We should pray to Jesus..

Let us do all these and become saints.



LET US COLOUR

and get close to the saints



#### **LET'S SING**

Let us become Saints, O, Friends Like children filled with holiness Let us grow; Let us become Saints, O, Friends A child filled with Goodness and mercy Let us grow in love; O, Friends. To become perfect in Mercy That is born of love Let us grow in love. O, Friends. Let us make our hearts pure To be united one in love, Let us grow in love. O, Friends.

#### LET US COLOUR

and identify

the person in this

picture

LET US CROW IN HOLINE

#### **LET US COLOUR**

Let us give colour to the Butterfly, a beautiful creature of God,

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Let us give different colours

I WILL GROW IN HOLINESS

#### LET US PRAY

Jesus, help us to grow as good children.



**MY DECISION** 

I will love the poor like Jesus. This is my decision **EJACULATION** Jesus be my protection!

LET US ANSWER

1.Can you say the names of any three saints?

2. What should we do to become saints?

LET US GROW IN HOLINESS

### LESSON 11 EVET US GROW IN LOVE

We should grow up like the children of Jesus..

We should love others as Jesus loved..

#### We should obey our parents and elders and should respect them..

#### LET US TOGETHER RECITE

Like Jesus I will also obey my parents and help them.



LET US LEARN THE BIBLE VERSE "Be Merciful just as your Father is Merciful" (Luke: 6: 36)

## Mother Theresa is mother who loved

the poor just as Jesus did.

Let us together recite this three times; Those who are Merciful will receive mercy.

> Let us recite; After I enter the Church, I will bow down my head, kneel down and will make the Sign of the Cross.



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#### **LET'S SING**

Do you know who am I? A golden treasure of Infant Jesus; Do you know who you are? A golden treasure of Infant Jesus; To live in my heart How happy Jesus is! When I journey towards Jesus Ah.. Ah... I feel very happy.

#### LET US COLOUR







#### **LET US PRAY**

Jesus, teach me to behave well in the Church.

MY DECISION I will also show mercy to others just as Jesus did. This is my decision

**EJACULATION** Jesus, have mercy on me.

#### LET US ANSWER

1.To whose liking should we grow up?



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2. Who is the mother who loved the poor just as Jesus loved?

LET US GROW IN LOVE



LET US LEARN THE BIBLE VERSE

JESUS INCREASED IN WISDOM AND IN YEARS, AND IN DIVINE AND HUMAN FAVOR (LUKE: 2/52)

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