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Revelation



Our Catholic Tradition

- God the Father is the Creator. (CCC, 317)
- God tells us about himself in the wonderful world he made. (CCC 319)
- We are God's children, made in his image and likeness. (CCC, 239, 353)
- God gave us life. He wants to be our friend. He wants us to be friends with others. (CCC, 356)
- God asks us to share his love with all people and to take care of his creation. (CCC, 357-358)

What do we know about God?



Created by God

Let Us Pray

Leader: Thank you, God, for making each one of us special.

You have examined me and you know me. You know everything I do.

You see me and you know all my actions.

Based on Psalm 139:1-3

All: God, help us know and love you. Amen.

God's Word

God, you created every part of me: you put me together...I praise you...everything you do is wonderful...you saw me before I was born.

Based on Psalm 139:13-15

What Do You Wonder?

- Why did God create everything?
- How did God make everyone so different?



God's Creation

Who is the Creator of all things?

You are God's child. God knows you and loves you. The **Bible** is God's Word and has many stories about God's love for all of us.



Draw yourself into the picture of the things that God made.

Listen to this Bible story. It is about God and how he made Adam and Eve.

God's Word

The Garden of Eden

A very long time ago, God created the first man. God breathed into the man, and the man began to live. God loved the man and wanted him to be happy. God created a woman to be the man's partner. The man's name was Adam. The woman's name was Eve.

Based on Genesis 2:7-22



God Gives Life

God made everything. All his **creation** is good. God is our Father and the Creator. He gave you life.

Share Your Faith

Think Trace the word that tells what everything that God made is called.

creation

Share your answer with a partner.

Catholic Faith Words

Bible the Word of God written in human words. The Bible is the holy book of the Church.

creation everything made by God



God Loves You

Who wants to be your friend?

Those who love you know you best. God knows you better than anyone knows you. He wants you to know him, too.

God loves you very much. He is your friend. God wants you to be friends with others, too.

➔ What is one thing you know about God?



In the picture circle two of your favorite things that God made.



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God's World

God created a wonderful world. It is filled with lots of good things.

There are mountains and rivers,
and fish in the stream,

Birds soaring high and
good things to dream.

There are flowers and
forests and puppy dogs, too,

But the best thing of all is
that God made people, too.

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Connect Your Faith

Trace the Word

God loves you!

Our Catholic Life

How do we use some of the things God created?

God made so many wonderful things. God's gifts are all around you. They help you in many ways.



Draw a line from the pictures to the matching words.

Gifts God Gives Us

God made the sun and the _____ for us.



● birds

God gave us flowers and _____.



● moon

God made trees that grow _____.



● friends

God gave you _____ to play with.



● families

Best of all, he made _____ to love you.



● fruit

People of Faith

Blessed Fra Angelico, 1387–1455

Blessed Fra Angelico was an artist who painted pictures of Jesus, Mary, the Saints, and the angels. One of his most famous paintings shows the Angel Gabriel visiting Mary. Fra Angelico was asked by the Pope to decorate a special little chapel in the Vatican. Even today, many people come to see his paintings.



February 18

Discuss: Where do you see pictures of Jesus?

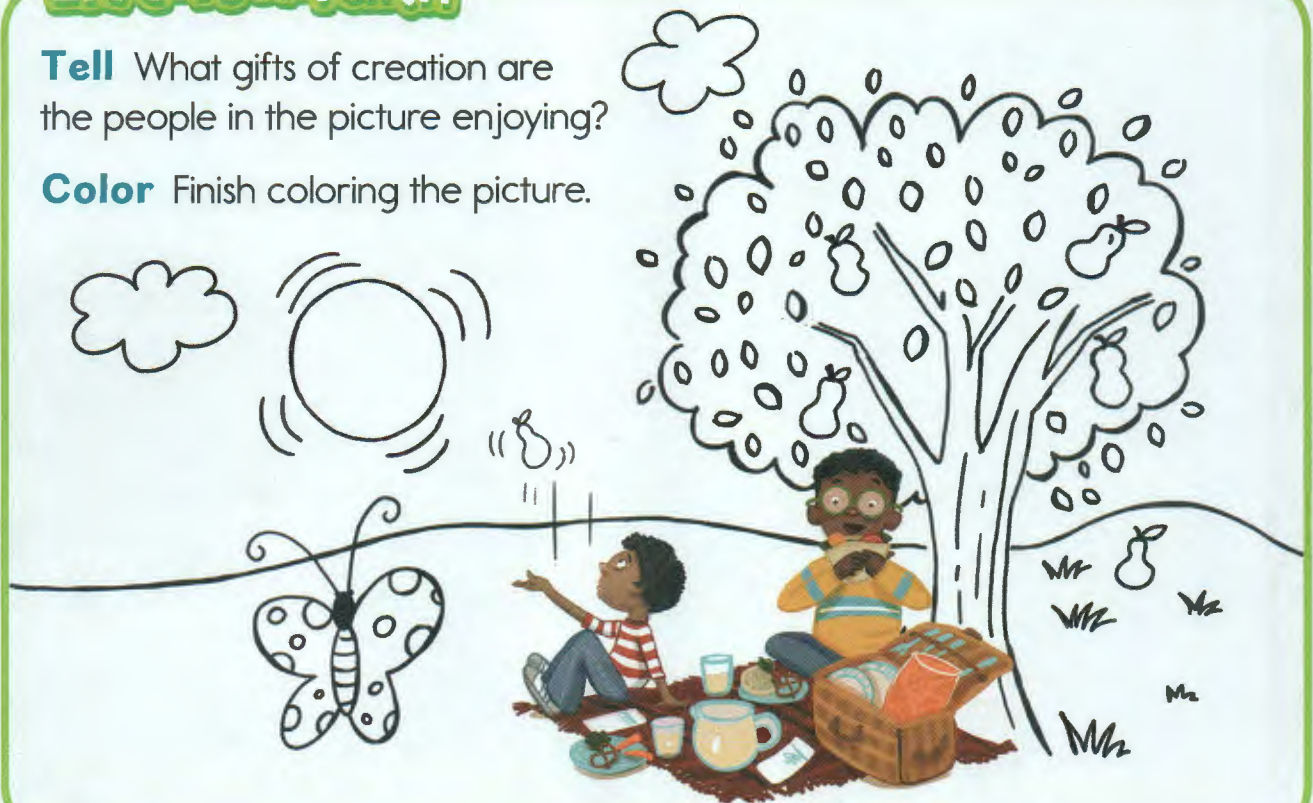


Learn more about Blessed Fra Angelico at aliveinchrist.osv.com

Live Your Faith

Tell What gifts of creation are the people in the picture enjoying?

Color Finish coloring the picture.



 Let Us Pray

Prayer of Praise

Gather and begin with the Sign of the Cross.

Leader: For the sun and the moon way up
in the sky,

All: Praise God!

Leader: For flowers that grow, for birds
flying by,

All: Praise God!

Leader: For trees and for fruit that is yummy
to share,

All: Praise God!

Leader: For children and families who show
love and care,


All: Praise God!

Leader: For all the great things God's love
made to be,

All: Praise God!

Leader: For all of creation and that
includes me,

All: Praise God!

 Sing "God Is a Part of My Life"



YOUR CHILD LEARNED >>>

This chapter teaches about God's gift of creation and his love for us. He made us to know and love him.

God's Word



Read **Psalm 139:13–15** to find out how each one of us is special to God.

Catholics Believe

- God created everything. All that he made is good.
- God knows and loves everyone.

To learn more, go to the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* #295, 299 at usccb.org.

People of Faith

This week, your child met Blessed Fra Angelico. He was an innovative painter who used his gifts and talents to honor God.

CHILDREN AT THIS AGE >>>

How They Understand Our Creation by God Many first graders have not yet asked themselves how they came to be. They know from photos and stories that they used to be babies, but it is difficult for them to picture a time when they did not exist. For this reason, when they are taught that God made them, they might accept this idea without much thought. As they grow and learn more about how new life comes about, they will integrate this information through an understanding that people, like their parents, cooperate with God to bring new life into the world.



CONSIDER THIS >>>

Can you ever completely know someone?

No matter how long we know someone it would be foolish to say we know that person completely. God creates each of us with the capacity to know him. When we open our hearts we come to know him in many ways. "In the encounter of God with Moses, God reveals himself as 'I AM WHO I AM.' These words reveal... God...as the source of all that is, but who he is will be revealed still further as he continues his loving work for his people" (*USCCA, p. 13*).

LET'S TALK >>>

- Ask your child to name who made everything in creation.
- Share with your child your favorite part of God's creation.

LET'S PRAY >>>



Dear God, you show us your love when you make beautiful things. Help us to always love you, as Blessed Fra Angelico did. Amen.



For a multimedia glossary of Catholic Faith Words, Sunday readings, seasonal and Saint resources, and chapter activities go to aliveinchrist.osv.com.

Chapter 1 Review

A Work with Words Trace the letters to tell about God's gifts.

1. God made Adam

and Eve.

2. God created everything.

3. God loves me!

B Check Understanding Circle the word that finishes the sentence.

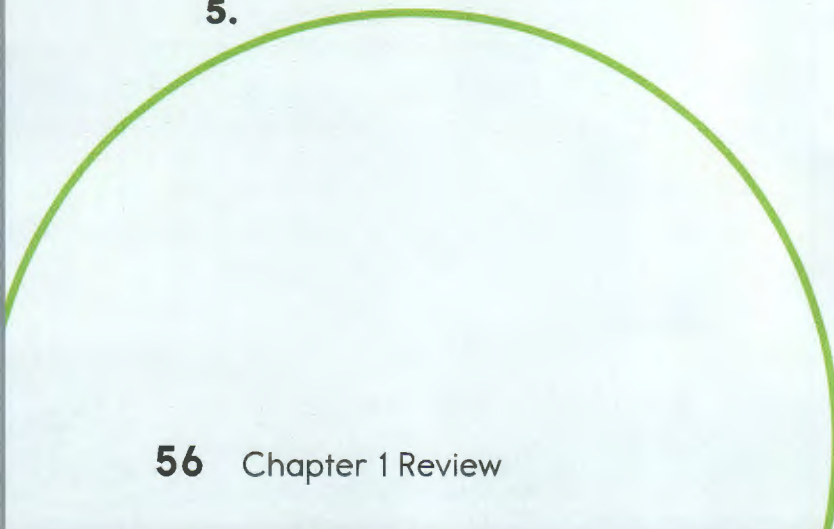
4. God is our ____.

Creator

pet

Draw your face in the circle. On the line, trace who made you.

5.



6.

God

