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God's Gifts for Us

Let Us Pray

Leader: God, we thank you for all the wonderful gifts you give to us.

“O LORD our Lord,
how awesome is your name through
all the earth!” **Psalm 8:2**

All: Help us to see all your gifts. Amen.

God's Word

God created all the plants and flowers, all the animals that walk on the earth, fly in the sky, and swim in the waters. He said, “I created all kinds of food for you to eat.” And God was pleased with what he saw.

Based on Genesis 1:11-31

What Do You Wonder?

- How did God think of all the things he made?
- Why did God make bugs?

Gifts from God

What gifts has God given to us?

God gives you a very, very big gift.

Stretch your arms wide. God's gift is bigger than that!

God's gift is too big to wrap. It is so big that no ribbon can be tied around it.

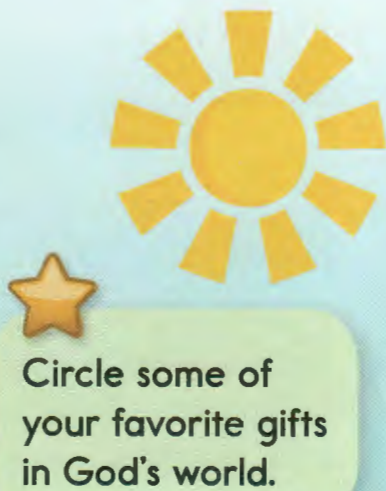
God gives you the world. He filled the world with many gifts! And his greatest gift is his Son, **Jesus**.

We **praise** God for these gifts.

Catholic Faith Words

Jesus the name of the Son of God who became man

praise giving God honor and thanks because he is God




God Made the World

God made many good things. Before God made Adam and Eve, he made the world. He made the world to show his love.

God's Word

The Story of Creation

Long ago, God made the sky, the earth and the seas. But the earth was empty. There were no trees to climb. No flowers swayed in the breeze. No birds to fly in the air.

So the Lord God created a beautiful world. God said: "Let the earth bring forth every kind of living creature: tame animals, crawling things, and every kind of wild animal." Then, birds flew in the sky. Many animals lived on the earth. And fish and whales swam in the seas. God saw that it was good. **Based on Genesis 1:6-25**



Share Your Faith

Think What are some of God's gifts that you would like to bring to your next class?

Share Talk about these gifts in a group.

Made to Help Us

How do God's gifts help us?

God made people to love. We can learn something about God's love for us by the things he made. He gives us what we need to live and be happy.

We use God's gifts to make other things we need. Wood for houses comes from trees. Food is made from animals or plants.



Trace the words that tell how God's gift of people helps the world.

God's Gifts Help the World

God's Gift

How It Helps



gives light at night



we make paper from it



makes the day bright



we love

Thank God

Everything around you is a gift from God. We can show God we are grateful for all he's given us. We call this **thanksgiving**.

- We can pray to show God thanks.
- We can remember that all we have comes from God.
- We take care of and share these gifts.
- We can tell our family and friends "thank you" for the things they do.

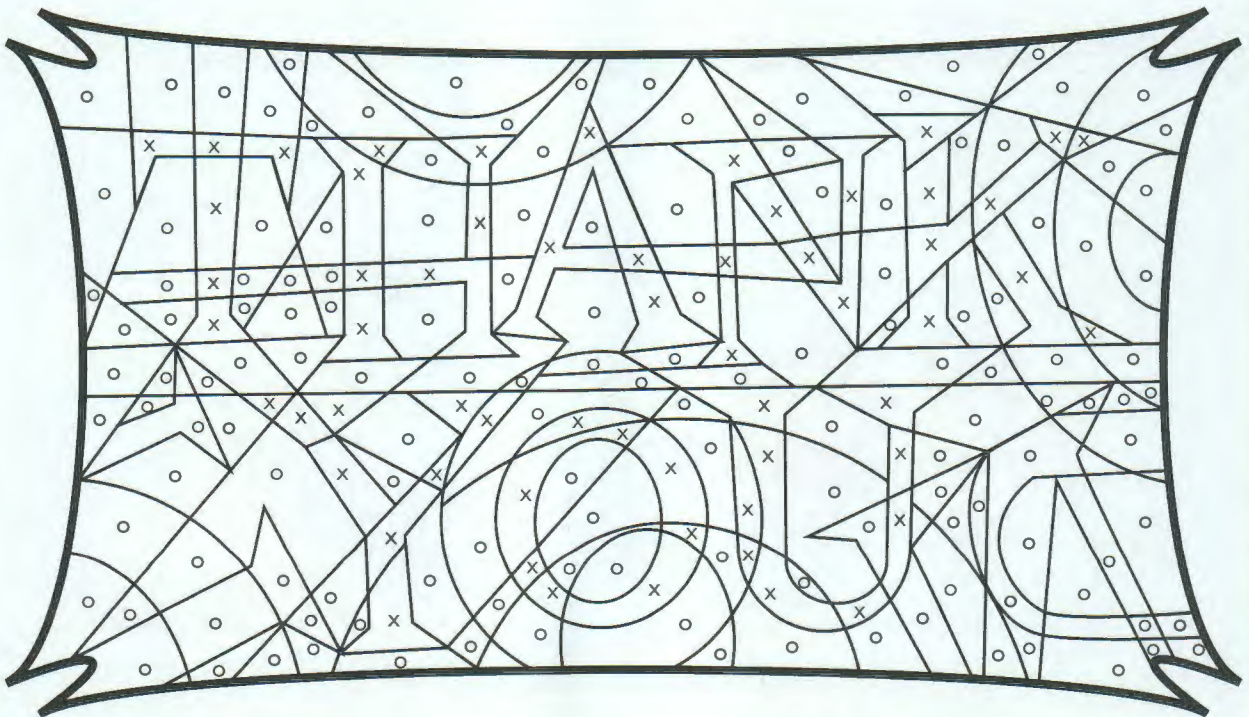


Catholic Faith Words

thanksgiving giving thanks to God for all he has given us

Connect Your Faith

Give Thanks Color the x's blue and the o's green to tell God something special.



Our Catholic Life

How do people use the things God made?

God gave people many gifts to use. People use God's gifts to make other things they need.

You can use God's gifts to make the food you eat.



Pancake mix is made from flour.



Milk comes from a cow.



Eggs come from a chicken.



All together they make yummy pancakes!

People of Faith

Saint Nicholas, 270–310

Saint Nicholas was a bishop. One night he went to the house of a poor family and threw a bag of gold coins in an open window. The family wanted to thank Nicholas, but he told them to thank God instead. Nicholas liked giving gifts in secret. People still give gifts on his feast day. Saint Nicholas is the patron Saint of children.



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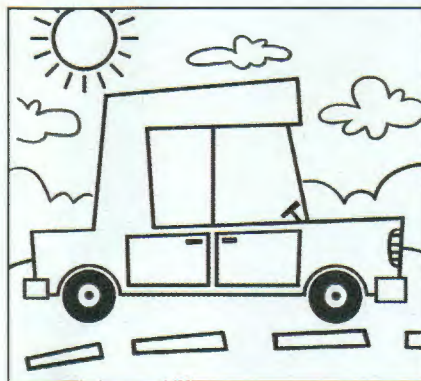
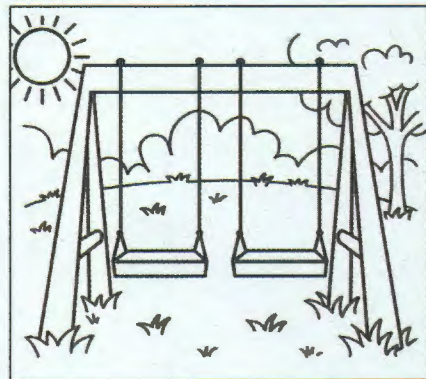
Discuss: What gift can you give to your family and friends today?



Learn more about Saint Nicholas at aliveinchrist.osv.com

Live Your Faith

Thank You, God Color the places where you can say thank you to God this week for giving us so many gifts.





Let Us Pray

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Gather and begin with the Sign of the Cross.

Leader: Let us give thanks to God for all his gifts.

All: For your gift of the Earth,
Thank you, God.

For your gift of plants and trees,
Thank you, God.

For your gift of animals, Thank you, God.

For your gift of food, Thank you, God.

For your gift of people, Thank you, God.

For your gift of me, Thank you, God.

For your whole-wide-world of gifts,
Thank you, God.



Sing "And It Was Good"

And it was good, good, very, very good,
and it was good, good, very, very good,
and it was good, good, very, very good,
it was very, very, very good.

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YOUR CHILD LEARNED >>>

This chapter explores how God gives us what we need to live and be happy. We can thank God for his gifts in many ways.

God's Word



Read **Genesis 1:11–31** to find out about the many gifts God created for us to enjoy

Catholics Believe

- God's world is a gift to you.
- You can learn about God and his love by looking at the world he made.

To learn more, go to the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* #315, 319 at uscgb.org.

People of Faith

This week, your child met Saint Nicholas. Saint Nicholas spent his life helping the needy and is the model for our Santa Claus.

CHILDREN AT THIS AGE >>>

How They Understand God's Creation First graders are very concrete thinkers—they know and understand the things they perceive with their senses. For this reason, many children understand God in the context of what he has made. Knowing that God made the trees, flowers, animals, oceans, people, and everything in the world teaches them that God is very big and powerful. God's identity is still a mystery for them, but creation becomes for them the "evidence" that God is real.



CONSIDER THIS >>>

Have you ever had the feeling that someone should be thanked?

There are moments of awe in everyone's life that break through the "ordinary." At these moments we have a sense of the transcendent. "Augustine tells us that God spoke with a vigorous voice. 'You called, you shouted, and you broke through my deafness. You breathed your fragrance on me. . . . I have tasted you, now I hunger and thirst for more' (*The Confessions*, bk. 10, no. 27)" (*USCCA*, p. 346).

LET'S TALK >>>

- Ask your child to name one way we use some of the things God made.
- Talk about a time you were really thankful for God's action in your life. What are some ways people in your family show they are thankful?

LET'S PRAY >>>



Saint Nicholas, help us give generously to the poor like you 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 2 Review

A Work with Words Fill in the circle beside the correct answer.

1. Showing God you are grateful for what he has given us is called ____.
 thanksgiving happiness
2. God created the world to ____.
 do some work show his love
3. The name of the Son of God who became man is ____.
 Jesus John
4. Giving God honor and thanks because he is good is called ____.
 prayer praise

B Check Understanding Draw one thing that God created.

5.

