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Jesus Christ

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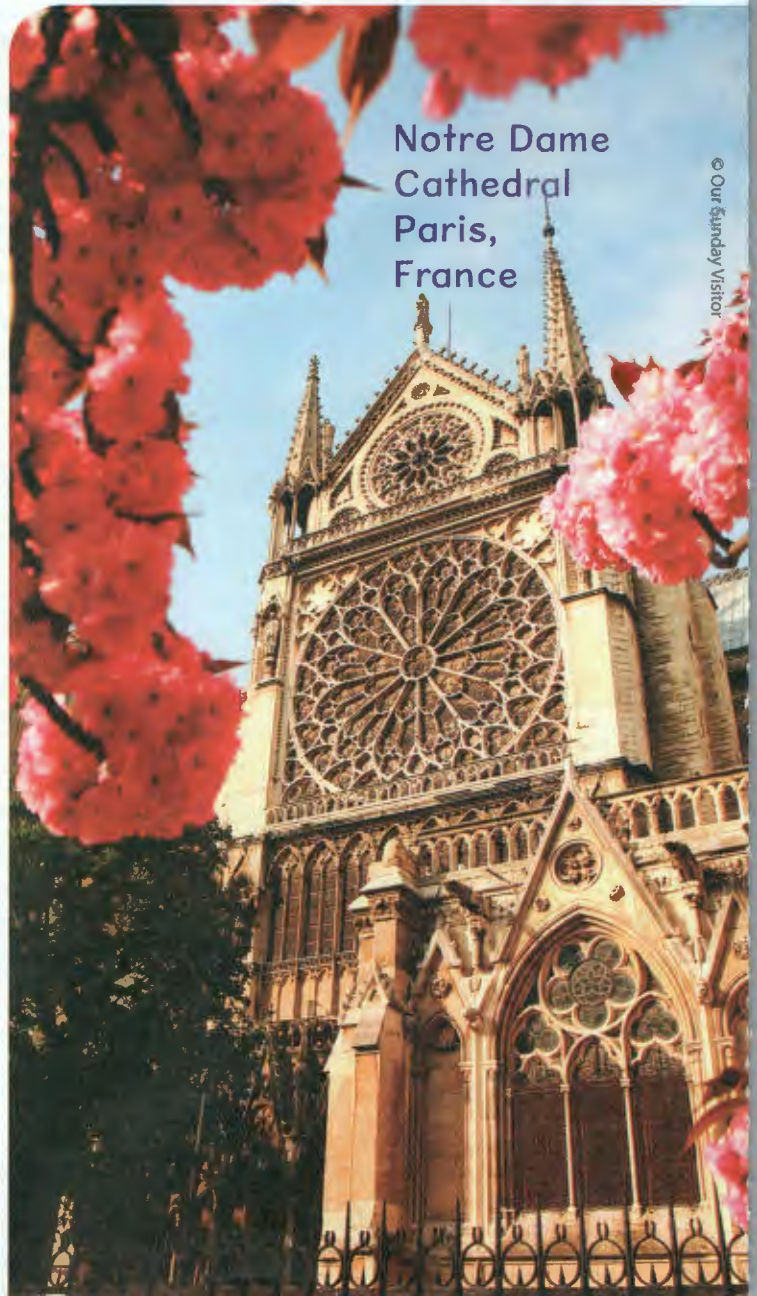
The Church



Our Catholic Tradition

- The Church is made up of the baptized people who believe in God and follow Jesus. (CCC, 751–752)
- We say “yes” to Jesus and as his Church share his message of God’s Kingdom. (CCC, 763)
- God the Holy Spirit is at work with God the Father and God the Son in the whole world. (CCC, 686)
- The Holy Spirit guides people in the Church to live holy lives like the Saints. (CCC, 736)

How does the Holy Spirit help us to live as holy people?



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Responding to God

Let Us Pray

Leader: God, you are always faithful to us, help us to be faithful to you.

“I will praise you among the peoples,
Lord;
I will chant your praise among
the nations.” **Psalm 57:10**

All: Dear God, help us to always say “yes” to you. Amen.

God's Word

“By faith Noah, warned about what was not yet seen, with reverence built an ark for the salvation of his household...he...[Noah] inherited the righteousness that comes through faith.” **Hebrews 11:7**

What Do You Wonder?

- What does faithful mean?
- How does God speak to us today?

Trust in God

What did God promise Noah?

The story of Noah is in the Old Testament. Noah said “yes” when God asked him a very big question.



God's Word

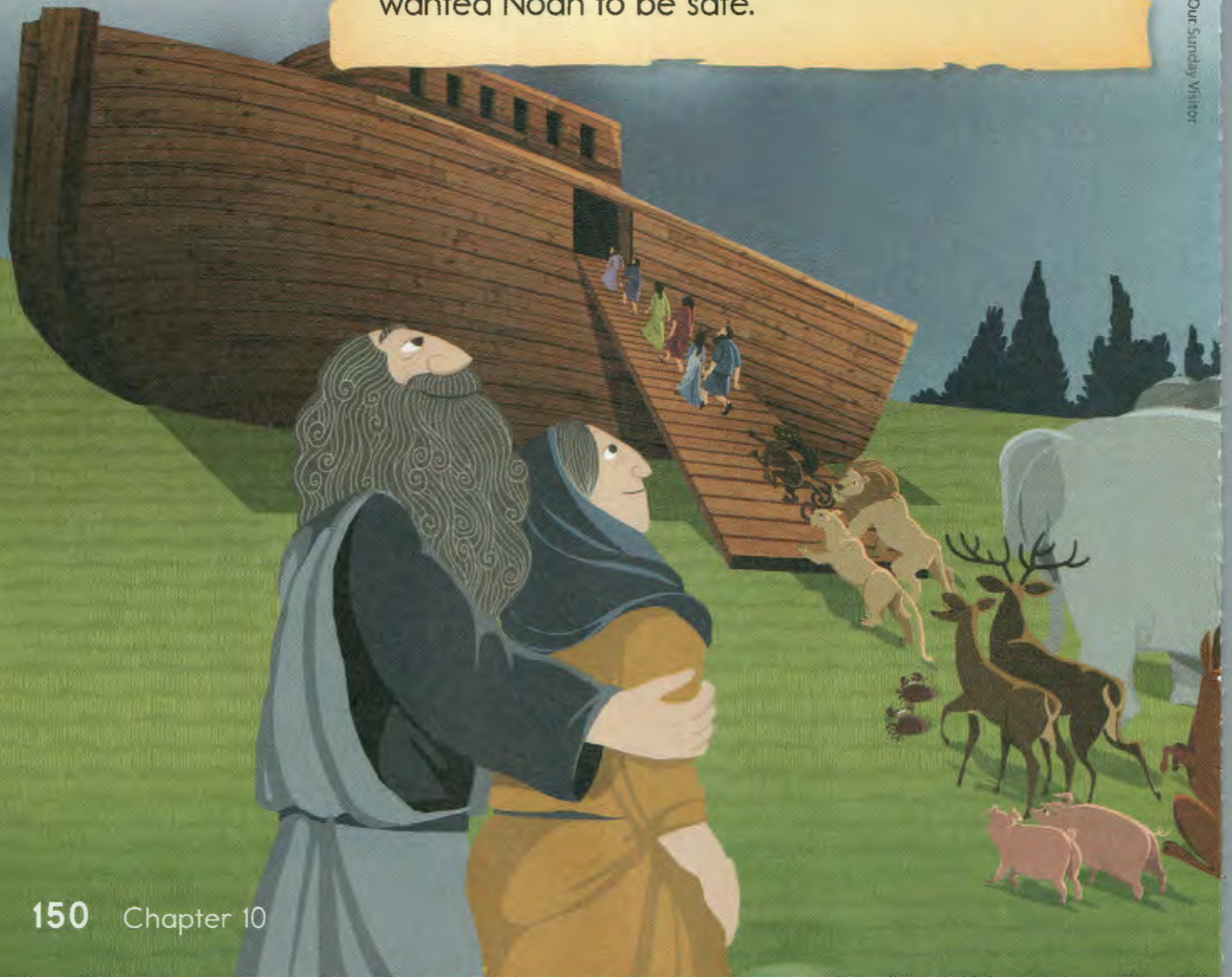
Noah Says “Yes”

Noah was a good man. God told Noah to build an ark, or very large boat.

God said it was going to rain for forty days and forty nights. There would be a flood. God wanted Noah to be safe.



Underline what God told Noah to do.



Noah said "Yes, I will!" He built the ark even though he saw no rain anywhere.

God told Noah to take his family and two of each kind of animal into the ark. Noah said, "Yes!" and did as God said.

Then the rains came. The rivers swelled until they flooded all the Earth. Noah, his family, and all the animals stayed dry in the ark.

After forty days, the rain stopped. God promised that water would never flood the whole Earth again.

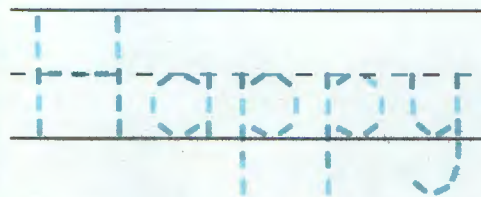
God gave Noah and his family a sign of his promise. God put a rainbow in the sky.

Based on Genesis 6:14-22, 7:1-10, 9:17



Share Your Faith

Think Trace the word that tells how Noah felt when he saw God's rainbow.



Share Talk with a partner about God's promise.



All Are Invited

How do you say “yes” to God?

Jesus told a story about God’s care for all people. In the story, everyone is invited into the **Kingdom of God**.



Underline what the rich man said when no one showed up for the party.



God’s Word

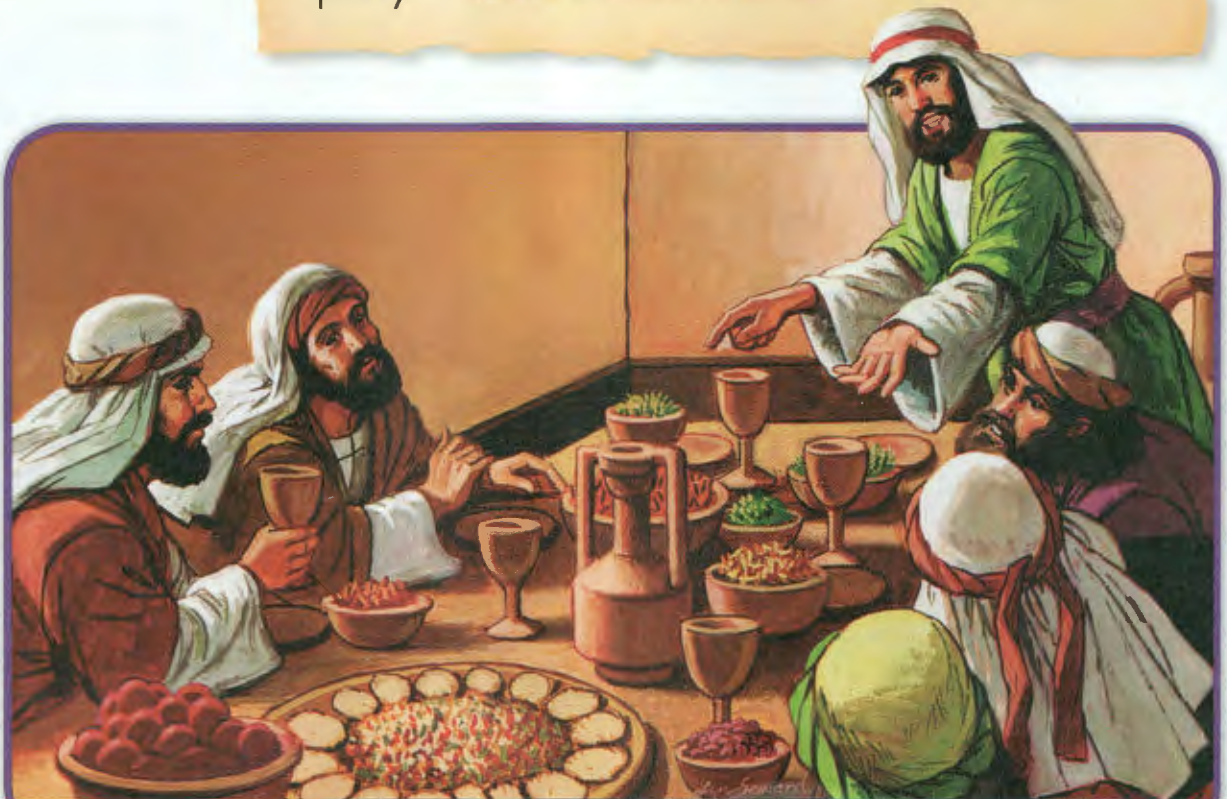
The Parable of the Great Feast

A rich man gave a big party. He invited many people. No one came.

The rich man spoke to his servants. “Go out and invite those who are poor, blind, and lame.”

The servants did as the man asked. Soon the house was filled with happy people. There still was room for more people.

The rich man said, “Go and find people anywhere you can. Ask them to come to my party.” **Based on Luke 14:16–23**



The Church

The **Church** shares Jesus' message about God's Kingdom.

You became a member of the Church when you were baptized. Your parents said "yes" to God for you. Now you can say "yes" to God for yourself.

You share love as a member of the Church. You work together with God as he builds his Kingdom.

You can invite others into God's Kingdom. You can ask them to say "yes" to God, too.



Catholic Faith Words

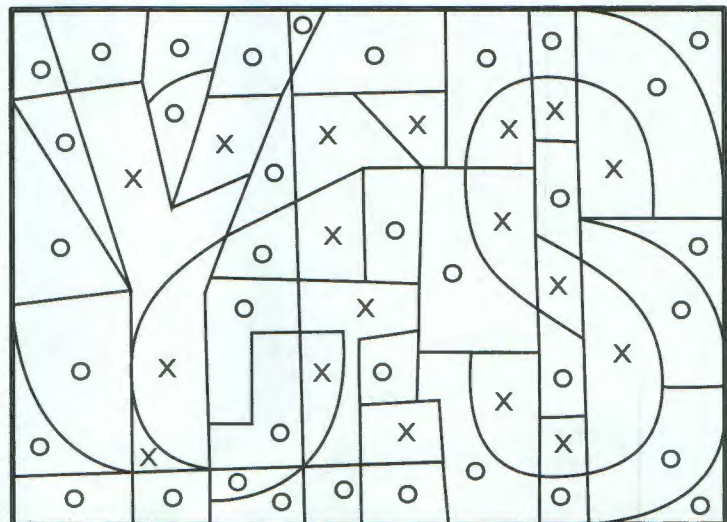
Kingdom of God the world of love, peace, and justice that is in Heaven and is still being built on Earth

Church the community of all baptized people who believe in God and follow Jesus

Connect Your Faith

Find the Hidden Word

Color the X's red and the O's blue, green, or yellow to find what you say when God calls you into his Kingdom.



Our Catholic Life

How did Mary answer God's question?

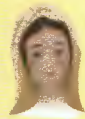
God asked Mary to do something special, just as he had asked Noah. Here is Mary's story.

Mary Says "Yes"

Key



angel





Mary




baby



question



One day  was praying. An  came to see her.

The  was God's messenger. The  told  that

God had a  for her.

He wanted  to have a . This  would be very

special. This  would be God's Son.  loved God very

much. The  asked  what he should tell God. And



said, "Tell God yes!"

People of Faith

Blessed Mary Theresa of Jesus Gerhardinger, 1797-1879

Caroline Gerhardinger was born in Germany. She was a teacher, but she believed Jesus was asking her to be a religious sister. She always said “yes” to Jesus, so she started the School Sisters of Notre Dame. Caroline’s new name was Mary Theresa of Jesus. She opened schools in Germany and the United States. She was happy to do what Jesus asked.



May 9

Discuss: Name one thing Jesus is asking you to do.



Learn more about Blessed Mary Theresa at aliveinchrist.osv.com

Live Your Faith

Draw a scene from the story of Mary saying “yes” to God.

 Let Us Pray

“Yes” Prayer

Gather and begin with the Sign of the Cross.

Leader: Lord, you ask us to be kind to our families.

All: We say “yes!”

Leader: You ask us to share what we have.

All: We say “yes!”


Leader: You want us to ask everyone to play.

All: We say “yes!”

Leader: Let us pray.

Bow your heads as the leader prays.

All: Amen.

 Sing “Saying Yes”

Saying yes, saying yes to our God.

Jesus, you’re my friend.

You are here with me.

I know you are always by my side.

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YOUR CHILD LEARNED >>>

This chapter examines the story of Noah and how Catholics say “yes” to God and describes the Kingdom of God as the world of love, peace, and justice that is in Heaven and is still being built on Earth.

God’s Word



Read **Hebrews 11:7** to learn why Noah was given the blessings that come to those who believe.

Catholics Believe

- God invites everyone into his Kingdom.
- The Church is the community of all baptized people who believe in God and follow Jesus.

To learn more, go to the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* #541–546 at usccb.org.

People of Faith

This week, your child met Blessed Mary Theresa of Jesus, the founder of the School Sisters of Notre Dame.

CHILDREN AT THIS AGE >>>

How They Understand Saying “Yes” to God God speaks to us in many ways. We simply need to learn to listen to his voice. Before first-graders can understand what it means to say “yes” to God, they must understand how to recognize the call of God. They can do this when adults in their lives help them to hear God’s Word in Scripture. Children also experience God’s call in their talents, dreams, and opportunities in their daily lives. As time goes on, your child will become better and better at answering the question, “What might God be saying to me right now?”



CONSIDER THIS >>>

When did you realize that your perspective was limited by your personal experience?

You may have realized this when you got married and your spouse’s family did things differently, or when you went to a foreign country, or made a friend from another place in the world. As human beings we are limited. We need God’s help to recognize what is truth. “...the Holy Spirit, dwelling in the Church, draws the whole body of the faithful to believe what truly belongs to the faith” (USCCA, 25).

LET’S TALK >>>

- Talk about the teacher who first taught you about God.
- Give an example of a time in your life when you’ve said “yes” to God.

LET’S PRAY >>>



Dear God, help us appreciate our parish workers and teachers. Thank you for the love they show. Amen.



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

Chapter 10 Review

A Work with Words Circle the correct word to complete each sentence.

1. Mary said ____ to God's invitation.

“yes”

“no”

2. God invites ____ people into his Kingdom.

all

some

3. Being ____ is a way of saying “yes” to God.

kind

unfair

4. The community of baptized people who believe in God and follow Jesus is called ____.

the Church

the class

5. God put a ____ in the sky as a sign to Noah.

bird

rainbow

B Check Understanding Mark an X in front of the ways to say “yes” to God.

6. Pray with your family.

7. Take care of a brother or sister.

8. Argue with your parents.

