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GRADE 1

Jesus Christ

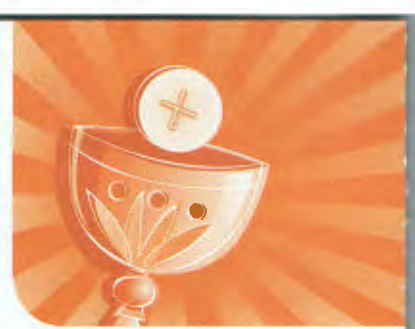
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**Our Sunday Visitor**

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# Sacraments



## Our Catholic Tradition

- In the Bible, God tells us about his great love for us. (CCC, 231)
- The Seven Sacraments are special signs and celebrations that Jesus gave his Church. The Sacraments allow us to share in the life and work of God. (CCC, 1131)
- The Church celebrates the Seven Sacraments as signs of God's love and life. (CCC, 1116)
- Grace means sharing in God's help and life so that we may grow as his children. (CCC, 1996)

How does the grace we receive from the Seven Sacraments help us to grow closer to Jesus?





# Jesus the Savior

## Let Us Pray

**Leader:** Thank you for saving us, Jesus.

“LORD, I call to you; hasten to me;  
listen to my plea when I call.” **Psalm 141:1**

**All:** Thank you for saving us, Jesus. Amen.

## God's Word

“Then the angel said to the women in reply, ‘Do not be afraid! I know that you are seeking Jesus the crucified. He is not here, for he has been raised just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay.’” **Matthew 28:5-6**

### What Do You Wonder?

- Where is Jesus?
- When will you talk with Jesus?



# Adam and Eve

## Why did God's people need to be saved?

### Catholic Faith Words

**Original Sin** the first sin committed by Adam and Eve and passed down to everyone



Underline what God wanted Adam and Eve to do.

God created the first people to be like him. He made them happy and gave them a garden to care for. Then Adam and Eve made a bad choice. They disobeyed God and brought sin into the world. This is called **Original Sin**.

## God Loves

Adam and Eve were no longer the kind of people God wanted them to be.

They broke their friendship with him. They suffered, and they missed God.

But God did not stop loving them. He wanted them to love him.





# God's Promise

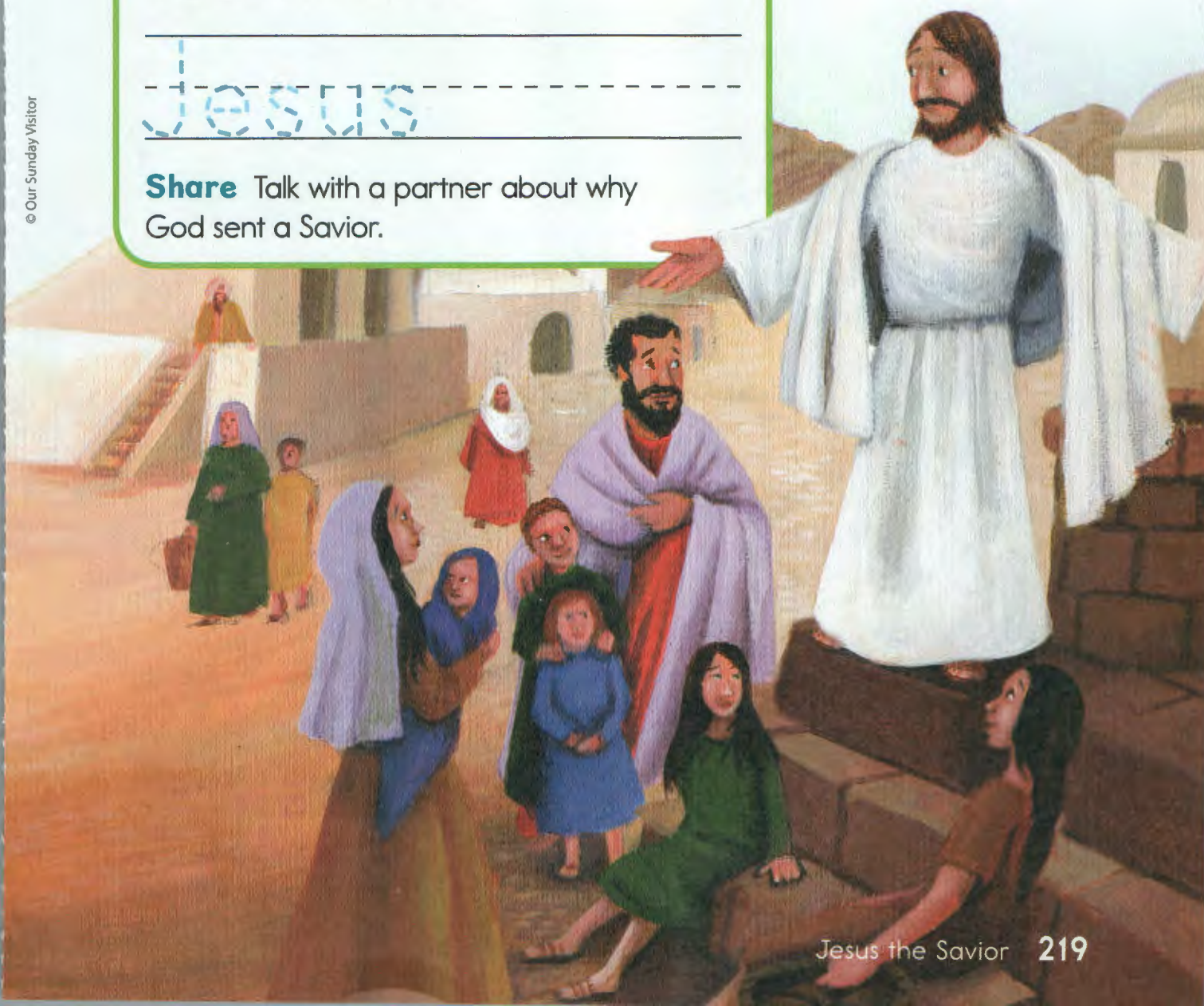
God said, "I love you always. I will show you how much I love you. I will send a Savior to bring you back to me." God kept this promise. He sent his Son, Jesus, to us. Jesus saves all people from sin. He is our Savior.

## Share Your Faith

**Think** Trace the name of the Savior whom God the Father sent to us.

Jesus

**Share** Talk with a partner about why God sent a Savior.





# New Life with God

## How did Jesus save us from sin?

Jesus saved people from the power of sin. He also brought them back to God. Jesus is the Savior.



Underline what the two angels said.



## God's Word

### Jesus Lives

Some people did not believe that Jesus was God's Son. He was arrested and nailed to a Cross, where he died. His friends laid his body in a cave and blocked it with a large stone.

Some holy women went to visit the cave where Jesus was laid. The large stone was rolled away. The cave was empty. Two angels said, "Jesus is not here. He is risen from the dead!"

Then Jesus appeared to his followers.

Based on Luke 23-24



# Jesus Saves

Jesus' name means, "God saves." He died for all people to save them from their sins. Jesus gave his life so that people could have new life with God.

Jesus being raised from the dead to new life is called the **Resurrection**. He was raised to new life by God the Father through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Jesus being raised to new life is a holy mystery. The Church celebrates the Resurrection in a special way on Easter.

➔ How do you celebrate Easter?

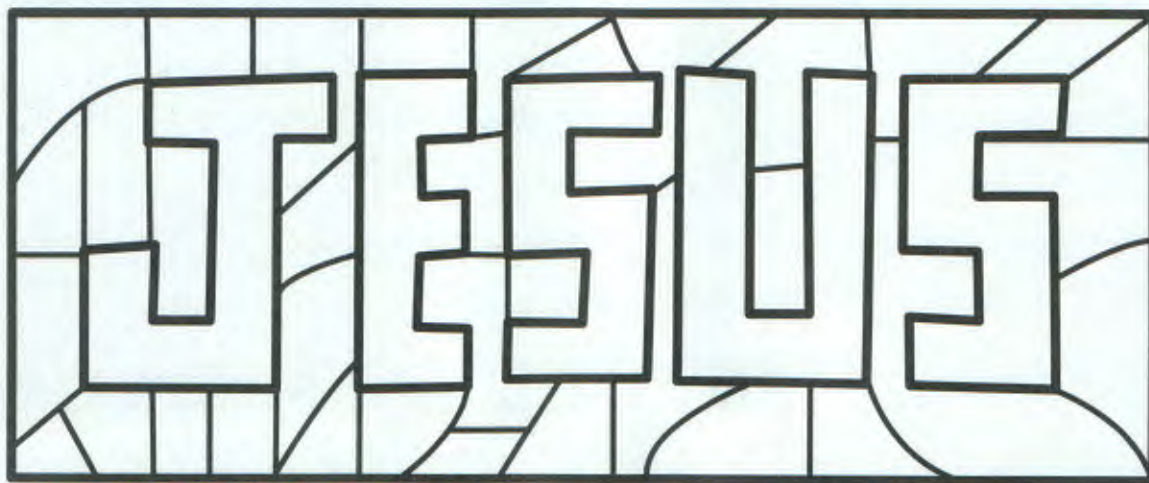
## Catholic Faith Words

**Resurrection** the event of Jesus being raised from Death to new life by God the Father through the power of the Holy Spirit



## Connect Your Faith

**Make Stained Glass** Color the letters blue and the surrounding shapes different colors to find who died to save us from our sins.



# Our Catholic Life

## How can you share the Good News of God's love?

After Jesus rose from the dead, he sent his friends to tell everyone the Good News of God's love.

Jesus wants you to share the Good News, too. You can share the Good News by what you say and how you act.

Here are some ways you can share Good News.



Add a "T" next to the things you will try to do this week.

### Share the Good News

- Tell someone about Jesus.
- Invite a friend to come to Mass or a church event with you.
- Write a note or draw a picture to cheer up someone who is sad.
- Treat all people with kindness.
- Help someone make a good choice.
- Forgive someone who is sorry for hurting you.



# People of Faith

## Saint Josephine Bakhita, 1869–1947

Josephine (Giuseppina) Bakhita was born in Africa. At twelve, she was kidnapped and made a slave. She was a slave for many years. When she grew up, she stayed in a convent in Italy. She learned about Jesus there. She discovered that God loves us so much he died for us and wanted to help other people learn about Jesus, too. She became a religious sister and helped prepare missionaries to go to Africa.



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**Discuss:** How can you let someone know more about Jesus?



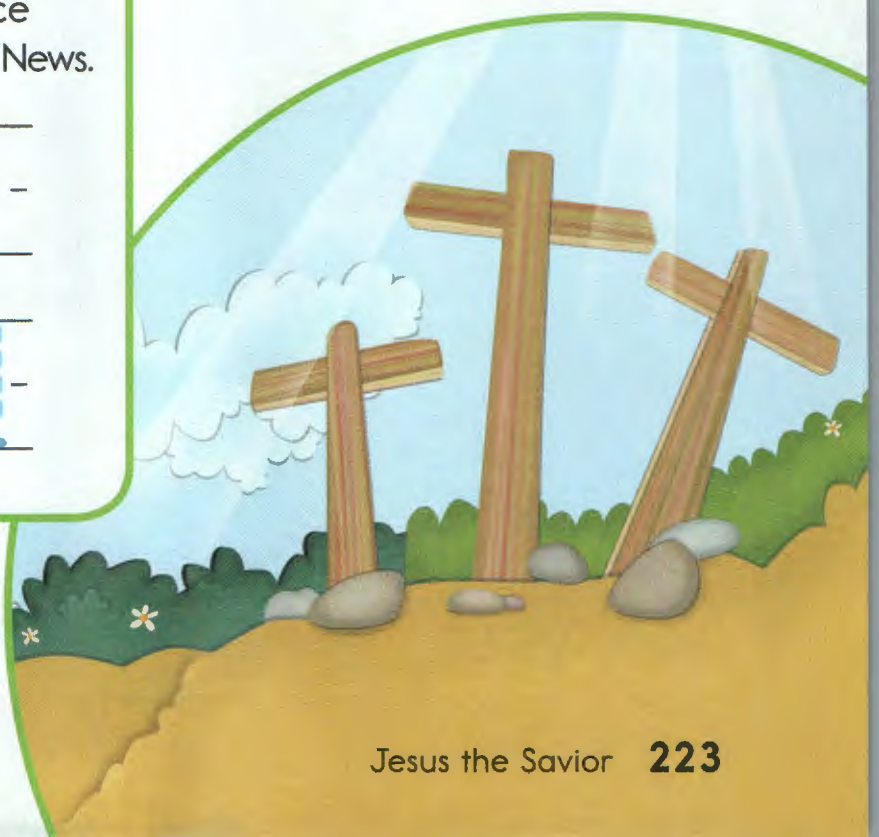
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## Live Your Faith

**Tell the Good News** Trace the words that tell the Good News.

Jesus

is risen!





 Let Us Pray

# Prayer of Praise

Gather and begin with the Sign of the Cross.


**All:** Jesus is Savior. Alleluia!

**Leader:** Save us, Savior of the world,  
for by your Cross  
and Resurrection,  
you have set us free.  
**Mystery of Faith**

**All:** Jesus is Savior. Alleluia!

Sing and sign a favorite Alleluia.

**All:** Jesus is Savior. Our hearts are filled  
with thanks.

 Sing "Savior of the World"  
Save us, Lord, for you are  
the savior of the world.

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## YOUR CHILD LEARNED >>>

This chapter explains Original Sin and the need for a Savior. It covers Jesus' Death and Resurrection and explains Jesus' sacrifice as a gift of love.

### God's Word



Read **Matthew 28:5–6** to find out what the angel said to those looking for Jesus.

### Catholics Believe

- Even though humans sinned, God continued to love us and sent his Son to save us.
- Jesus died and rose to new life, bringing us back to his Father.

To learn more, go to the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* #639–642 at [usccb.org](http://usccb.org).

### People of Faith

This week, your child met Saint Josephine Bakhita, a former slave from Africa who became a religious sister in Italy.

## CHILDREN AT THIS AGE >>>

**How They Understand Jesus as Savior** Children in first grade will have difficulty understanding the idea that Jesus gave his life as a sacrifice for us. However, they can understand that Jesus loved us so much that he wanted to show us how to live even though it meant he would die. First-graders are just beginning to grasp the permanence of death, making them particularly open to the Gospel message, which says that death could not hold Jesus, and he is risen.



## CONSIDER THIS >>>

Have you ever thought about how the way you live your daily life is connected to Jesus' sacrifice?

It can be hard to grasp the importance of what Christ did for us, even for adults. It may seem impossible to live your life in a way that lives up to Jesus' sacrifice. Through our lives, our sufferings, our prayer and work, we are united with Christ. The important sacrifices that we make for each other and for God in our individual lives remind us of the importance of his sacrifice. "In a self-centered culture where people are taught to extend themselves only for something in return, the sacrifices each of us make, following the example of Jesus, who freely sacrificed his life in love for all, point to the reality and power of God's love for us" (*USCCA*, p. 221).

## LET'S TALK >>>

- Talk about the ways we celebrate Jesus' Resurrection.
- Ask your child what he or she thinks about Jesus' sacrifice for us.

## LET'S PRAY >>>



Dear God, help us to share your love with everyone we meet, like Saint Josephine did. Amen.



For a multimedia glossary of Catholic Faith Words, Sunday readings, seasonal and Saint resources, and chapter activities go to [aliveinchrist.osv.com](http://aliveinchrist.osv.com).



# Chapter 16 Review

**A Work with Words** Complete each sentence with the letter of the correct word or words from the Word Bank.

1. Adam and Eve  God.
2. God always  his People.
3. The  is the name for Jesus' being raised from Death to new life.
4. Jesus is the .
5. God made people to be  with him.

## Word Bank

- a. loves
- b. Savior
- c. disobeyed
- d. happy
- e. Resurrection

**B Check Understanding** Circle the correct answers.

6. Adam and Eve disobeyed God and committed \_\_\_\_.  
a kind act                      Original Sin
7. Jesus wants you to share \_\_\_\_.  
the Good News                  sin
8. Jesus saves people from \_\_\_\_.  
work                                  the power of sin

