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Revelation



Our Catholic Tradition

- God gave us many gifts. His gifts tell us about what he is like. (CCC, 41)
- We can learn about God's gifts and his love from the Bible. (CCC, 105)
- Adam and Eve turned away from God. God continued to love them anyway. (CCC, 410)
- Jesus, God's only Son, is God's greatest gift. He is our Savior. He brings us back into friendship with God the Father. (CCC, 430, 452)

How does Jesus help us find our way to God his Father?

Learning more about God through his gifts of creation.



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God's Gifts

Let Us Pray

Leader: God, we thank you for all that you have made.

The earth and all that is in it belong to God;
the world and all who live in it are God's.

Based on Psalm 24:1

All: Thank you, God, for creating each of us.
Amen.



God's Word

Many have worked to write about the events that have happened among us just as those who were there at the beginning have handed the events and stories down to us.

Based on Luke 1:1-2

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What Do You Wonder?

- What stories do we have about Jesus and his family?
- How do stories teach us to care for the things God has given us?

Praise and Thanks

What is most special about God's creation?

David was a shepherd a very long time ago. He became a king of God's People. He wrote poems of praise and thanks and prayers to God. Many of David's poems are part of the Bible. They are called **psalms**. Sometimes you hear the psalms at Mass.

David often watched the sheep in the fields at night. He was amazed by the wonders of the night sky. As he looked at everything in **creation**, he praised God for his gifts.

David was grateful, most of all, that people had been made in God's own image. This means people can think and love and make choices. Nothing else God made can do these things.



Underline the things that make people different from the rest of God's creatures.



In God's Image

Humans are the most special part of God's creation. God wants you to take care of the many gifts of creation. Here is one of David's psalms about humans.

God's Word

The Creator and Humans

"O LORD, our Lord, how awesome is your name through all the earth!... You have given [man] rule over the works of your hands, put all things at his feet: All sheep and oxen, even the beasts of the field, the birds of the air, the fish of the sea, and whatever swims the paths of the seas." **Psalm 8:2, 7-9**

Catholic Faith Words

psalms poems and prayers from the Bible; they can be said or sung

creation everything made by God

Share Your Faith

Think Write or draw one way you take care of creation.

Share Talk with a partner about these things.

The Son of God

Why is Jesus God's greatest gift?

David knew that God is the Creator of everything that is good. But David was born too soon to know about God's greatest gift.

God's greatest gift is his Son, Jesus. Jesus is man and God, human and divine. He was human, just like all of us, except in one way. He never disobeyed God the Father. Jesus did not commit **sin**.

Jesus learned about his Jewish faith and how to pray from his family. He listened to Mary, his Mother, and Joseph, his foster father. Jesus did what they asked him to do.

➔ **What are some other things that Jesus might have done that you also do?**

Catholic Faith Words

sin a person's choice to disobey God on purpose and do what he or she knows is wrong. Accidents and mistakes are not sins.

Son of God a name for Jesus that tells you God is his Father. The Son of God is the Second Divine Person of the Holy Trinity.



Alike But Different

While he was on Earth, Jesus saw interesting things every day, just as you do. He enjoyed the flowers, the birds of the air, and the fruit trees. He learned to do new things, just like you.

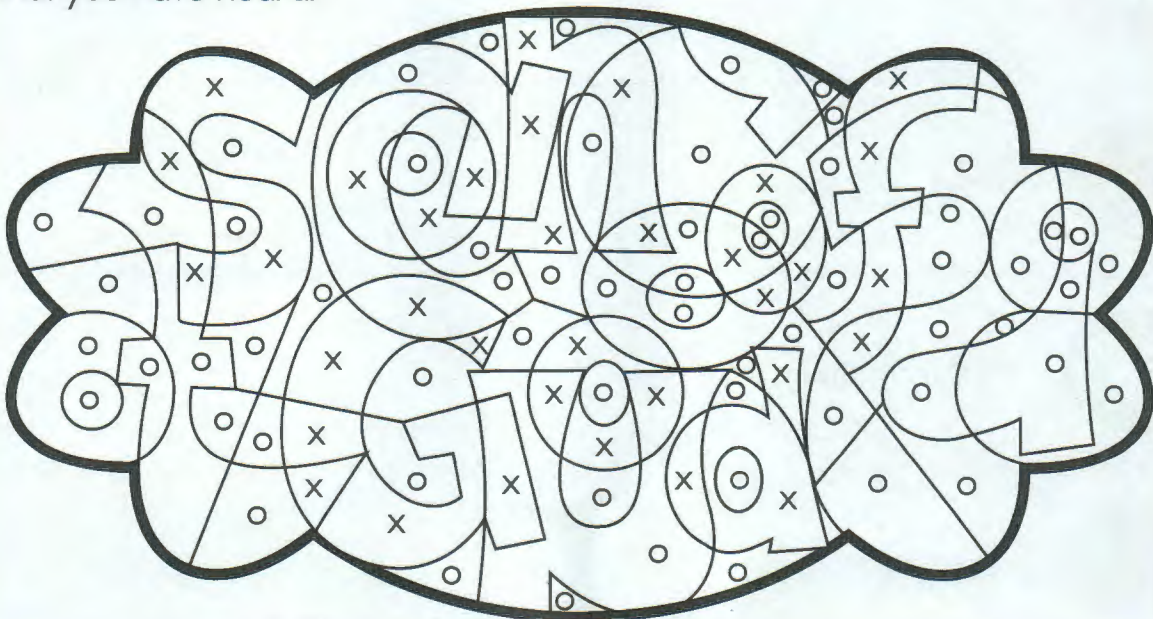
Jesus is human. He is also divine, which means he is God. Jesus is the **Son of God** who became man. That is why you look to Jesus to learn more about God his Father.

➔ In what ways are you and Jesus alike? How are you different?



Connect Your Faith

Find the Hidden Word Color the X's red. Color the O's blue, green, or yellow to find a name for Jesus that you have heard.



Our Catholic Life

How do people use what God has created?

God created everything from nothing. He shared with us the ability to make things to use and enjoy.



Fill in the blanks with things that can be made from the gifts of God's creation.



Making Use of God's Gifts

Gift of Creation

Things We Make From It



wood from trees

houses, paper,



cotton

clothing,



wheat

bread, cereal,



wool from sheep

sweaters, coats,



cacao beans

cocoa,

People of Faith

Blessed Virgin Mary, first century

Mary was a special gift from God. God chose Mary to be the Mother of Jesus, his Son. When the Angel Gabriel told her she would be the Mother of Jesus, he said, "Blessed are you!" Mary is also the Mother of the Church. That means that she is our Mother, too. The Hail Mary is the most well known prayer about the Mother of God. We pray the Hail Mary when we pray the Rosary.



January 1

Discuss: What can Mary help you do today?



Learn more about Mary at aliveinchrist.osv.com

Live Your Faith

Tell What gift of God's creation do you see in the picture? How do we take care of this gift of creation?



Write the name of one person or thing that you can take care of.



Let Us Pray

Blessing Prayer



Gather and begin with the
Sign of the Cross.

Leader: Bless God

All: Oh, God, bless

Leader: The wonderful Earth where we live and play.

All: Bless God

Leader: The sun and moon that light our way.

All: Bless God

Leader: The trees and plants both large and small.

All: Bless God

Leader: The birds that fly, the fish in the sea.

All: Bless God

Leader: The people just like you and me.

All: Bless God

Leader: The gift of Jesus, your own Son.

All: Bless God

Leader: Sent to bless us, everyone.



All: Sing "God Is a Part of My Life"

God is a part of my life.

God is a part of my life.

God is a part of my life;

I rejoice, I rejoice, I rejoice.

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YOUR CHILD LEARNED >>>

This chapter is about God's gift of creation and the special place humans have in it because we are made in the image and likeness of God.

God's Word



Read **Luke 1:1–2** to learn more about those who have worked to tell God's story.

Catholics Believe

- God is the Creator of all that is good.
- Jesus is God's greatest gift. Jesus is the Son of God.

To learn more, go to the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* #256, 319, and 454 at usccb.org.

People of Faith

This week, your child met the Blessed Virgin Mary who we honor as the Mother of God and the Mother of the Church.

CHILDREN AT THIS AGE >>>

How They Understand God's Creation Most second-graders have a strong sense of cause and effect. This makes it natural for them to believe in a Creator when they see the created world. They also have a strong sense that everything has a purpose. For this reason, it is an excellent time for them to learn that everything in the natural world is a gift from God and has a God-given role or meaning.



CONSIDER THIS >>>

When was the last time that God's creation amazed you?

Do you realize creation is one of the many ways God shows himself to you? God... "is living and personal, profoundly close to us in creating and sustaining us. Though he is totally other, hidden, glorious, and wondrous, he communicates himself to us... in Jesus Christ, whom we meet in the Church, especially in Scripture and the Sacraments. In these many ways, God speaks to our hearts where we may welcome his loving presence" (*USCCA, p. 51*).

LET'S TALK >>>

- Ask your child to talk about God's gifts. Which is his greatest? (Jesus)
- Talk about ways your family uses God's gifts of creation in your daily routines.

LET'S PRAY >>>



Mary, Mother of God, pray for our family and help us always love your Son, Jesus. 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 Write the correct words from the Word Bank to complete each sentence.

1. All that God has made is called _____.
2. You can _____ for creation.
3. Jesus did not _____.
4. David wrote _____ of praise and thanks to God.
5. Jesus is God's greatest _____.

Word Bank

creation

psalms

gift

sin

care

B Check Understanding Draw a line from the words ending in Column A to the best ending in Column B.

Column A

6. Jesus is human and
7. The name Son of God tells you that
8. God created everything from
9. David knew that God is the
10. Jesus learned how to pray from

Column B

- God is the Father of Jesus.
Mary and Joseph.
Creator.
the Son of God.
nothing.

