

ALIVE IN CHRIST

GRADE 2

Sacraments of Penance and Eucharist

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Trinity

Our Catholic Tradition

- There are three Divine Persons in the Holy Trinity. (CCC, 253)
- God the Father loves and cares for us. (CCC, 239)
- We can trust and rely on God the Father. (CCC, 322)
- Jesus, the Son of God, sets an example for us with his life and teachings. (CCC, 561)
- God the Holy Spirit guides the Church and helps us to be holy. (CCC, 747)

How does the Sign of the Cross remind us of the Holy Trinity?



God the Father

Let Us Pray

Leader: God, you call us to be your children.

God said to me: “You are my child;
today I have created you.” **Based on Psalm 2:7**

All: God, please bless us today and every day. Amen.

God's Word

“...do not seek what you are to eat and what you are to drink, and do not worry anymore. All the nations of the world seek for these things, and your Father knows that you need them. Instead, seek his kingdom, and these other things will be given you besides.” **Luke 12:29–31**

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What Do You Wonder?

- How do you know God?
- Why do we call God our Father?



Care for God's Children

How does God care for you?

This is a story about a priest who made a home for children in need.

Catholic Faith Words

Saint a hero of the Church who loved God very much, led a holy life, and is now with God in Heaven

God the Father the First Divine Person of the Holy Trinity

Saint John Bosco

Lorenzo and Giovanni huddled alone in the shadows. They heard mothers and fathers calling for their children. Nobody called their names. Father John Bosco found the boys cold and in the dark. They told Father John that many other children lived alone on the streets.

“I will start a home for the children of the streets. I will teach them how to read, fix things, and pray,” said Father John.

Father John helped many homeless children to feel loved. He taught them that God is everyone's Father. He led a holy life and after he died, he was named a **Saint**.

➔ What do you think Father John's home for children was like?

God the Father

Father John Bosco treated the young children like they were his own. He showed them love and taught them about God, like Jesus did.

Jesus taught about his Father's great love. You call God "Father" because he created you and cares for you. He cares for everyone. **God the Father** loves you as a good parent does.

"I will never forget you.
See, upon the palms of my hands
I have engraved you." **Isaiah 49:15-16**

Share Your Faith

Think Trace the outline of your hand. Write one way that you know God cares for you.

Share With a partner, talk about ways you can thank God.

The Father's Love

What does it mean to trust in God?

Jesus told people not to worry too much. He said that God the Father wants you to have everything you need.

God's Word

Rely on God

Do not worry about what you will eat or wear. Life is more important than food and clothing. Look at the birds in the sky. They do not plant their food; they do not gather grain, yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not more important than they? Learn from the way the wild flowers grow. They do not work or spin, but they are beautiful. If God cares so much for the grass of the field, how much more will he take care of you? Do not worry. Your heavenly Father knows what you need. **Based on Matthew 6:25-32**



1. Color the flowers and the birds.
2. Draw yourself into the picture.

Turn to God in Prayer

Jesus told his followers to pray to the Father for whatever they might need. In your **prayer**, you will be talking to and listening to God the Father as Jesus did. Sometimes we say God or Lord when we pray to God the Father.

Jesus knew that you can always **trust** God. You can always depend on God and know that he wants what is best for you. God, your loving Father, is always listening.

Catholic Faith Words

prayer talking to and listening to God

trust to believe in and depend on someone

Connect Your Faith

Pray to God Unscramble the words below to find the first lines of the prayer Jesus taught us.

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Our Catholic Life

What does it mean to have trust?

When you love or respect someone, you trust in him or her. You believe that the person will do what is best for you. You know you can depend on that person in good times and bad times.

Sometimes, people you trust may let you down, even though they do not mean to. That is because we are human. But you can always depend on God. You are his child. He is with you every day. You can trust God to love you and care for you.



Match the people on the left with one thing you can trust them to do.

People in Your Life

Family Members



Friends



Teachers



Crossing Guards and Police Officers



Members of Your Parish Family



You Can Trust Them

to protect you

to love you and take care of you

to help you grow closer to God

to help you learn

to play fair and treat you kindly

People of Faith

Blessed Julian of Norwich, 1342–c.1430

Blessed Julian lived in a town in England called Norwich. She loved to pray. She prayed by talking to God like she talked to her mother or father. Julian said that the whole world was like a little nut in God's hand. When we pray, we don't have to worry because God will always take care of us. Even when we are unhappy, God watches over us. Julian said that we should ask God for help in all we do. She was the first woman to write a book in English. It was about God's love.



May 13

Discuss: How does God care for you?



Learn more about
Blessed Julian at
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Live Your Faith

Find the Message Circle the red letters. Then copy the circled letters in order on the lines below for a special message.

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 CVGLLO ZADRTW VMISSL NLLRST CBAMMK
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Name one person you can share this message with.

 Let Us Pray

Asking Prayer

Gather and begin with the Sign of the Cross.

Leader: Let us pray for those who need God's help.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: For people who have lost their homes, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: For people who are far from their families, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: For help to care for others as Jesus did, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayers.



Sing "People Worry"

People worry about this and that.
 People worry about this and that!
 But Jesus tells us, "Don't worry.
 Don't worry about this and that!"

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YOUR CHILD LEARNED >>>

This chapter explores God the Father's love and the importance of prayer to deepen our relationship with him.

God's Word



Read **Luke 12:29–31** and see why God doesn't want us to worry.

Catholics Believe

- God is our Father who created us and cares for us.
- We can trust in God because he loves us.

To learn more, go to the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* #322, 2780–2782 at usccb.org.

People of Faith

This week, your child met Blessed Julian of Norwich who said that all "shall be well" for those who trust in God.

CHILDREN AT THIS AGE >>>

How They Understand God the Father God reveals himself as a loving father. Second-graders who have good fathers at home will be able to relate to this and connect it with an understanding of God's love for us. Alternatively, if a child has no father in the home, or if they have had negative experiences with a father figure, they might have difficulty integrating the concept of God as a father. Knowing how God intends for parents to care for their children can help with this understanding, and knowing God as a perfect Father can become a particular source of comfort and hope to these children.



CONSIDER THIS >>>

How important is trust in a relationship?

Without trust there is not even the possibility of relationship. Throughout the Old Testament there is a growing understanding of the special relationship between God and the Israelites as they learn to trust ever more deeply in the providential care of God. "Jesus' revelation of God as his Father flows from a profound awareness not only of that same providential care but also of an indescribable intimacy" (cf., e.g., Jn14) (USCCA, p. 484–485).

LET'S TALK >>>

- Ask your child to name people your family trusts. Discuss why.
- Share a time when you knew God was really there for you. Talk about how depending on and trusting in God made a difference for you or the family.

LET'S PRAY >>>



"All shall be well and all shall be well and all manner of thing shall be well." (Prayer of Blessed Julian of Norwich)



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

Chapter 4 Review

A Work With Words Fill in the blank with the correct word from the Word Bank.

1. God _____ for everyone.
2. Jesus taught you to call God the _____.
3. _____ God.
4. _____ is talking to and listening to God.
5. You can always _____ on God.

Word Bank

trust
cares
Father
depend
prayer

B Check Understanding Complete each sentence in Column A with the letter of the correct word or words in Column B.

Column A

6. A is a holy person who obeyed God.
7. Jesus told people not to .
8. Jesus taught about .
9. We love and the people we trust.
10. God loves you and wants what is .

Column B

- a. respect
- b. his Father's great love
- c. Saint
- d. best for you
- e. worry too much

