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Revelation



Our Catholic Tradition

- Divine Revelation is the way God makes himself and his plan known. God reveals himself through Sacred Scripture and Sacred Tradition. (CCC, 82)
- We can discover God by reflecting on the gifts of his creation. We use his gifts in the Seven Sacraments. (CCC, 1692)
- God puts longings in our hearts for him, and our response is faith. (CCC, 27)
- One way we respond to God's invitation to know him and be in his presence is by our worship and participation in the Seven Sacraments. (CCC, 356)

How does God communicate with us?



God's Plan for All Creation

Let Us Pray

Leader: Wonderful God of all, you have made us and all things.
You have blessed us with life and love. Accept our
song of praise.

“I will sing to the LORD all my life;
I will sing praise to my God while I live.”

Psalm 104:33

All: Blessed be the Lord our God! He is worthy of all
glory, honor, and praise! Amen.

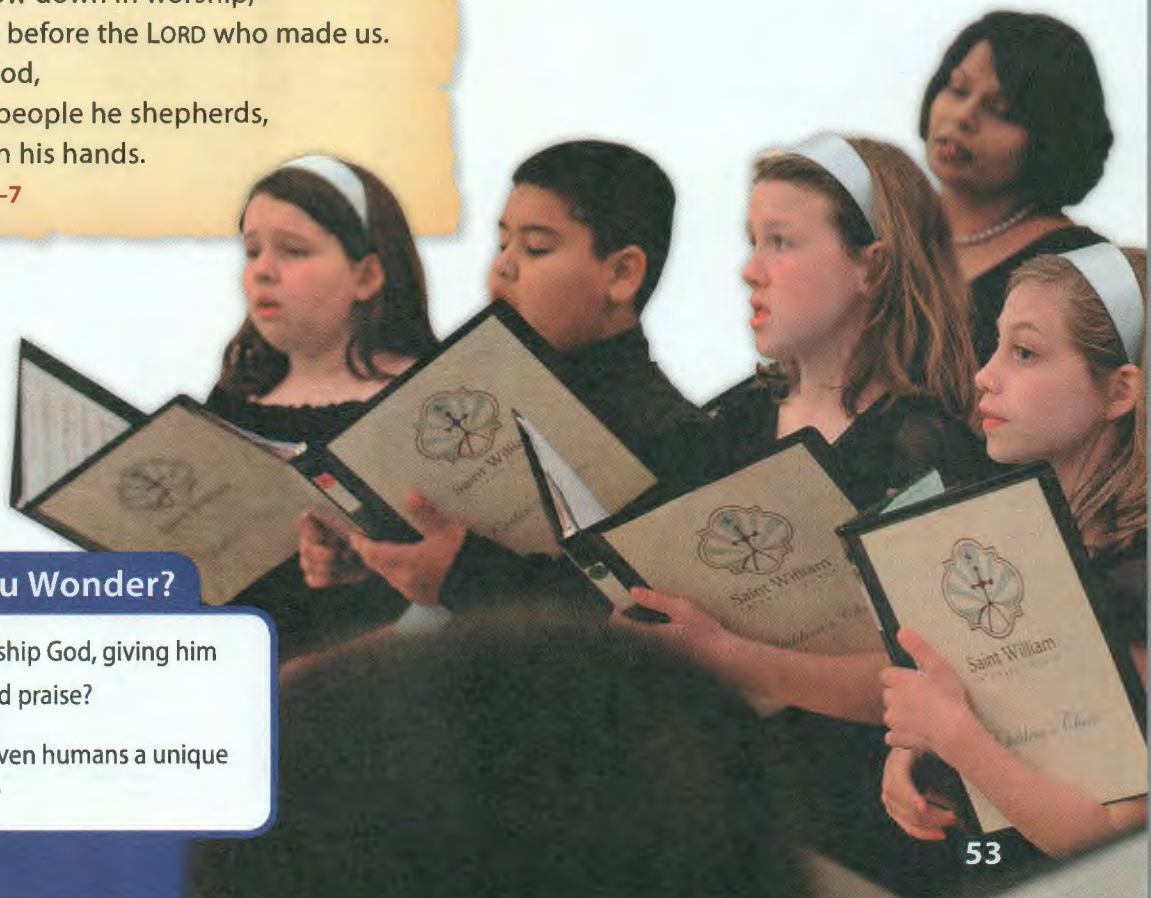
Scripture

Come, let us sing joyfully to the LORD;
cry out to the rock of our salvation.
Let us come before him with a song of praise,
joyfully sing out our psalms.
Enter, let us bow down in worship;
let us kneel before the LORD who made us.
For he is our God,
we are the people he shepherds,
the sheep in his hands.

Psalm 95:1-2, 6-7

What Do You Wonder?

- Why do we worship God, giving him glory, honor, and praise?
- Why has God given humans a unique role in creation?



God Reveals Himself

In what ways does God reveal himself to us?

We know that God is all-good, that he loves all of us, and that he wants us to be saved. He is eternal, just, merciful, and all-powerful. We know these things because God told us about himself through a process called **Divine Revelation**.

Catholic Faith Words

Divine Revelation the way God makes himself, and his plan for humans, known to us

Sacred Scripture another name for the Bible; Sacred Scripture is the inspired Word of God written by humans

Sacred Tradition God's Word to the Church, safeguarded by the Apostles and their successors, the bishops, and handed down verbally—in her Creeds, Sacraments, and other teachings—to future generations

Learning about God

We can learn about God in many ways, including through all that he has created. However, God has revealed himself to us in a unique way through **Sacred Scripture** and **Sacred Tradition**.

Sacred Scripture is the collection of inspired writings also known as the Bible. God, the Bible's author, inspired its human writers, giving them the gift of the Holy Spirit to write about his saving truth. Scripture tells the story of God and his People in the two parts of the Bible, the Old and New Testaments.

Sacred Tradition is God's Word to the Church, beginning with what was passed down from the Apostles. Guided by the Holy Spirit, popes, bishops, members of councils, and scholars have safeguarded these teachings about God and what he has made known for future generations.

➔ **What are some things you have learned about God from Sacred Scripture and Sacred Tradition?**



In God's Image

We also learn about God through his creation. The beauty of the desert, the majesty of mountains, and the complexity of animals all tell us something about God and his ways. The vastness of space gives us a glimpse of eternity.

People are God's most magnificent creation. God created us in his own image and likeness. The marvels within our bodies show us how much he cares about us.

Human beings, unlike the rest of creation, can think and choose. God created us with free will, or the ability to choose between good and evil. We are able to recognize and respond to God's goodness. We were also created with the desire to be in relationship with other people. As we relate to one another, we are revealing God to others.

God has given humans a unique role in creation. We are to respect and care for one another and for all of the rest of creation. Part of God's plan is for humans to live in communities that show that respect and care.



Underline what makes humans different from the rest of God's creation.

Share Your Faith

Reflect Think about the ways that we use our unique human abilities to learn about God. Write your thoughts below.

Share With a partner, discuss how humans can fulfill our unique roles in creation.

Catholic Faith Words

providence God's loving care for all things; God's will and plan for creation

stewardship the way we appreciate and use God's gifts, including our time, talent, and treasure, and the resources of creation

Praise God's Work

How are stewardship and God's providence connected?

Creation is all things that exist, made by God from nothing and held together by his love. The world was made for the glory of God, and the wonders of creation never cease to praise their Creator. In return, God in his **providence** cares for all he has created. This is one of many psalms that praise God, the Creator.

Scripture

The Coming of God

Shout with joy to the LORD, all the earth;
break into song; sing praise.
Sing praise to the LORD with the lyre,
with the lyre and melodious song.
With trumpets and the sound of the horn
shout with joy to the King, the LORD.
Let the sea and what fills it resound,
the world and those who dwell there.
Let the rivers clap their hands,
the mountains shout with them for joy,
Before the LORD who comes,
who comes to govern the earth,
To govern the world with justice
and the peoples with fairness. **Psalm 98:4-9**

➔ What are some ways in which God in his providence cares for humans?



Creation and the Sacraments

When Jesus wanted to create ways for humans to celebrate his presence after he returned to his Father, he thought of the works of his Father's creation. Jesus used gifts from God, such as water, oil, wheat, and grapes, to perform his saving works. When these created things are used in the Seven Sacraments, they remind you of God's creative power and make God's power present to you now. Strengthened by the Sacraments, you can continue Jesus' work in the world. Work and worship become one.

When you choose to care for creation, you help the world achieve its purpose: to praise God and show God's goodness. Caring for creation is a way to praise God through your actions.

In God's plan, the goodness of creation unfolds through time. All humans have a choice to help or harm the world during



their lives. You are the crown of God's creation, created in his image and likeness. The divine likeness of all human beings is the result of being created by God. Jesus invites you and all other people to reflect God's image by practicing **stewardship** of all God's gifts—time, talent, treasure, and the resources of creation.

➔ **What are some practical examples of stewardship?**

Connect Your Faith

See Signs of God's Love How are each of these gifts of creation used in the Sacraments as signs of God's presence?









Our Catholic Life

What is your role in the stewardship of God's creation?

When you care for any part of God's creation, you are sharing in his plan. What you do will echo his glory. Here are some ways to make sure that your stewardship of God's creation will be successful.



1. Circle any of these steps that you have followed in the past for a project.
2. Draw a star next to a step you want to try in the future.

10 Steps to Successful Stewardship of Creation

1. Choose a small project that will improve the environment. Find something you can do in your neighborhood, so that you can see results.
2. Work for changes that will last. If you can discover the cause of a problem, work on solving it.
3. Work with others who have experience. Often you can volunteer your time to groups. They will teach you what needs to be done.
4. Respect the feelings, rights, and property of others. Another person may not agree with your opinions.
5. Be aware of how your actions will affect others. Remember that you are helping solve a problem, not blaming anyone.
6. Create feelings of cooperation and goodwill. Always ask for permission and thank those who help you.
7. Ask yourself: How does my plan help? Who or what might my plan hurt?
8. Finish what you start. You will gain respect and more cooperation from others in the future.
9. Follow up and evaluate. Plan a way to learn whether your action accomplished its purpose.
10. Ask God to bless what you have done.

 Let Us Pray

Psalm of Praise

Gather and begin with the Sign of the Cross.

Leader: Sisters and brothers, let us give thanks to God who made the universe.

Reader 1: We see your glory in the heavens above.

All: Praise to you, Creator God!

Reader 2: The moon and stars you have put in place.

All: Praise to you, Creator God!

Reader 3: You made the birds in the sky and all the ocean creatures.

All: Praise to you, Creator God!

Reader 4: You have made humans little less than a god.

All: Praise to you, Creator God!

Leader: God, you have given us every good thing. Teach us your tender care for creation!

All: Amen. **Based on Psalm 8**



Sing "Jubiláte Deo"

Jubiláte! Jubiláte Deo!

Jubiláte Deo! Jubiláte Deo!

Omnis terra, jubiláte Deo!



YOUR CHILD LEARNED >>>

This chapter examines Divine Revelation, God's providence, and the role humans play in stewardship of God's creation.

Scripture



Read **Psalm 95:1–2, 6–7** to find out why we give glory, honor, and praise to God.

Catholics Believe

- Divine Revelation is the process by which God makes himself, and his plan for humans, known to us.
- Humans share in the Creator's loving plan by caring for creation.

To learn more, go to the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* #302, 303, 307, 339, 2415 at usccb.org.

People of Faith

This week, your child learned about Saint Hildegard of Bingen. Saint Hildegard was known for her love for God's creation.

CHILDREN AT THIS AGE >>>

How They Understand Stewardship of God's

Creation Fifth-graders often learn a great deal about science and nature in their classes at school. Many become quite concerned when they hear about endangered species and other crises in the environment. Their sense of purpose and autonomy increases when they know small, practical things they can do to make things better. And there is no better time than when we are young to get into good habits of environmental stewardship.



CONSIDER THIS >>>

Do you think global warming is fact or fiction?

Regardless of your opinion on the matter or the science that supports the theory, as Catholic disciples, we are called to care for all creation. As Catholics, "we show our respect for the Creator by our stewardship of creation. Care for the earth ... is a requirement of our faith. We are called to protect people and the planet, living our faith in relationship with all of God's creation" (*USCCB, Excerpts from Sharing Catholic Social Teaching: Challenges and Directions [Washington, DC: USCCB, 1998]*).

LET'S TALK >>>

- Ask your child to explain providence as God's loving care for all things.
- Share how your family lives as good stewards of God's creation.

LET'S PRAY >>>



God, help us to always see your love for us in the world around us as Saint Hildegard did. May we always do our part to help take care of your world. Amen.



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Chapter 1 Review

A **Check Understanding** Fill in the circle next to the correct response.

- You share in God's _____ by caring for creation.
 - power to create
 - plan
 - Sacraments
 - knowledge
- When you care for creation, you are _____.
 - praising God
 - being selfish
 - committing a sin
 - earning money
- You should care for yourself and others because you are made _____.
 - in God's image
 - with one purpose only
 - of flesh and blood
 - humble by it
- God's loving care and will for creation is called _____.
 - grace
 - providence
 - stewardship
 - divine blueprint
- The way we appreciate and use God's gifts is _____.
 - a Sacrament
 - providence
 - loyalty
 - stewardship
- _____ is the inspired Word of God written by humans.
 - Sacred Scripture
 - Sacrament
 - Sacristy
 - Stewardship
- God makes himself and his plan known to us through _____.
 - the Sacraments
 - stewardship
 - Divine Revelation
 - providence
- The _____ begins with the creation of the world.
 - Old Testament
 - New Testament
 - Psalms
 - Creed
- God makes his power present in the Sacraments through _____.
 - our work
 - stewardship
 - created things
 - his mercy
- _____ are God's most magnificent creation.
 - Birds
 - Mountains
 - People
 - Oceans

