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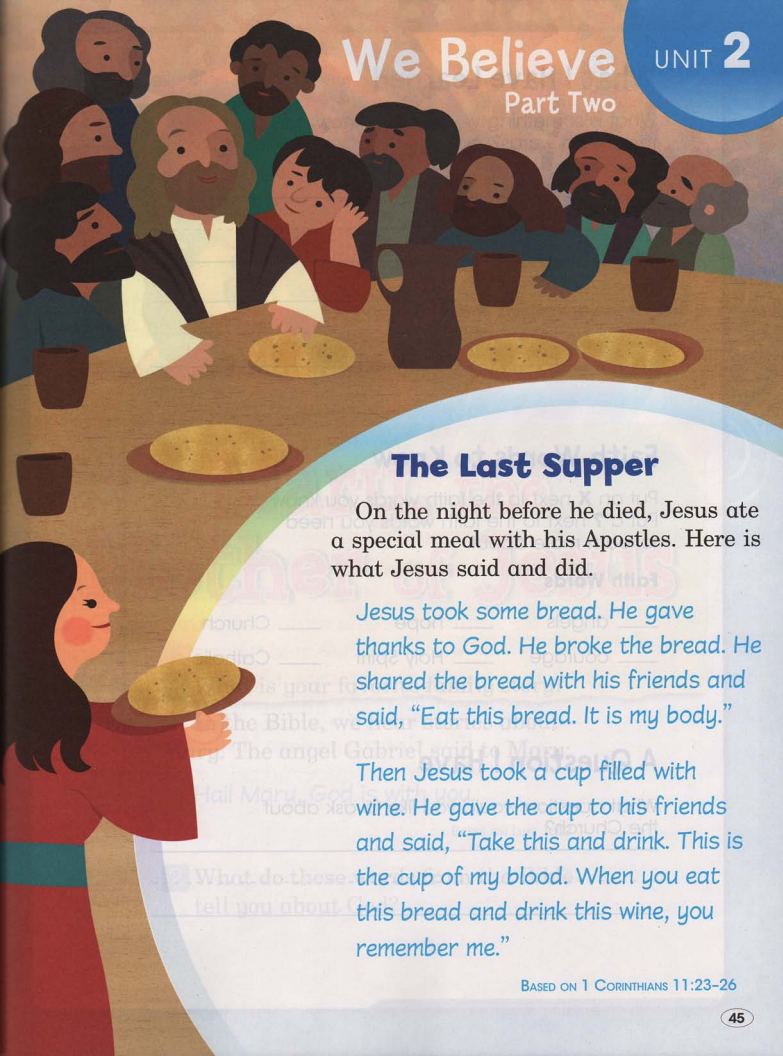
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We Believe

Part Two

UNIT 2



The Last Supper

On the night before he died, Jesus ate a special meal with his Apostles. Here is what Jesus said and did.

Jesus took some bread. He gave thanks to God. He broke the bread. He shared the bread with his friends and said, "Eat this bread. It is my body."

Then Jesus took a cup filled with wine. He gave the cup to his friends and said, "Take this and drink. This is the cup of my blood. When you eat this bread and drink this wine, you remember me."

BASED ON 1 CORINTHIANS 11:23-26

What I Have Learned

What is something you already know about these faith words?

Mary

The Holy Trinity

Faith Words to Know

Put an **X** next to the faith words you know.
Put a **?** next to the faith words you need to learn more about.

Faith Words

_____ angels	_____ hope	_____ Church
_____ courage	_____ Holy Spirit	_____ Catholic

A Question I Have

What question would you like to ask about the Church?





Mary, the Mother of Jesus

? What is your favorite family story?

In the Bible, we hear stories about Mary. The angel Gabriel said to Mary:

Hail Mary, God is with you.

BASED ON LUKE 1:42

? What do these words from the Bible tell you about God?



Disciple Power

Courage

The virtue of courage helps us to trust in God and live our faith.

The Church Follows
Jesus

Read
to Me

Saint Théodore Guérin

A long time ago, when Anne-Thérèse Guérin was a child, she wanted to serve God. When she was 25 years-old, Anne-Thérèse became a Sister of Providence and took the name, Sister Saint Théodore. She taught children and cared for the poor and sick in France.

After 16 years, a bishop in the United States needed some help. So Mother Théodore went with five nuns to America to build schools and orphanages.

At first, Mother Théodore and the nuns were cold and lonely. Over the years, people learned to trust the sisters. Like Mary, Mother Théodore lived a life of courage. She always trusted God.

The Church honors Mother Théodore Guérin as a saint and celebrates her feast day on October 3.

? How do you show that you trust God?



God Loves Mary

Angels are messengers of God. God sent the angel Gabriel to a young woman named Mary. The angel gave Mary this message from God. Gabriel said,

"You are blessed, Mary. The Holy Spirit will come to you. You will have a baby. The baby's name will be Jesus. He will be called the Son of God."

Mary listened carefully to the angel Gabriel. Then she said to Gabriel, "Yes, I will do what God wants me to do."

BASED ON LUKE 1:28, 31, 35, 38

Activity

Find a partner. Act out what happened when the angel Gabriel gave Mary the message from God. One of you will take the part the angel. One of you will be Mary.



Faith Focus

What does the Bible tell us about Mary?

Faith Word angels

Angels give honor and glory to God. They are God's messengers and helpers.



Faith-Filled People

Saint Juan Diego

Juan Diego walked many miles to Mass everyday. One day, Mary appeared to him on Tepeyac Hill. She told Juan to build a church on this site and sent him to the bishop. Soon a church was built. People from all over the world visit Mary's church.

Say Yes to God

Mary said yes to God. Mary had faith in God and trusted him. Mary loved God with her whole heart.

God asks us to have faith in him too. God asks us to trust him and to love him with our whole heart.

We have faith and trust that God will always be with us. We trust that God always loves us. We show we love God when we say yes to him as Mary did.

Activity

Check (✓) ways you can say yes to God. I say yes to God when I

- | | |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pray every day. | <input type="checkbox"/> Share my toys. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Act mean. | <input type="checkbox"/> Play fairly. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Help at home. | <input type="checkbox"/> Say "Thank you." |



God Chose Mary

God chose Mary to be the mother of Jesus. Mary cared for Jesus. We call Mary the Mother of God. Mary is very special.

Jesus wants Mary to love and care for us, too. He gave her to us as our special mother. Mary prays for us.

We celebrate the feast of Mary, the Mother of God on January 1. She prays to her son, Jesus, for us.

? Why is Mary our special mother?



Catholics Believe

Feast Days

The Church honors and shows our love for Mary on special days each year. These are called feast days. Each year on January 1 we celebrate the feast of Mary, the Mother of God. This is a holy day of obligation. We have the responsibility to take part in the celebration of Mass.

I Follow Jesus

Mary showed her faith and love for God. Courage can help you show your faith in God. You show your faith and love for God by what you say and what you do.

Activity

I Trust in God

Choose one way you can show your courage as a follower of Jesus. Draw or write about it in this space.

My Faith choice

This week I will show my faith and love for God. I will



Pray, "Thank you, God, for helping me to show my faith and love for you."

Chapter Review

Complete the sentences. Color the ○ next to the best choice.

1. Mary said, "____" to God.

☒ Yes

☐ No

2. Courage helps us to ____ God.

☐ trust

☐ know

3. Saint Juan Diego walked to ____ every day.

☐ school

☐ Mass

Psalm Prayer

Psalms are prayers in the Bible. We pray a psalm during Mass. Pray together:

Leader

We listen to God's Word, like Mary.

*Happy are the people who listen
to God's Word.* BASED ON PSALM 1:1-2

All

**Happy are the people who
listen to God's Word.**

Leader

We say yes to God, like Mary.

All

**Happy are the people who
listen to God's Word.**

TO HELP YOU REMEMBER

1. God chose Mary to be the mother of Jesus.
2. The Bible tells us about Mary's faith in God.
3. Mary love and trusts God.



With My Family

This Week ...

In **chapter 5**, "Mary, the Mother of Jesus," your child learned:

- ▶ The Gospel account of the Annunciation tells us about the angel Gabriel announcing to Mary that God had chosen her to be the mother of Jesus.
- ▶ Mary is the mother of Jesus, the Son of God. Mary is the Mother of God.
- ▶ The Gospel account of the Annunciation shares with us Mary's faith and trust in God and her love for him.
- ▶ Courage helps us trust in God and live our faith, even in difficult times.

For more about related teachings of the Church, see the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 484–507, and the *United States Catholic Catechism for Adults*, pages 141–149.

Sharing God's Word

Read together Luke 1:26–38, the Gospel account of the Annunciation. Or read the adaptation of the story on page 48. Emphasize Mary's faith and trust in God and her love for him.

We Live as Disciples

The Christian home and family is a school of discipleship. Choose one or more of the following activities to do as a family or design a similar activity of your own.

- ▶ Teach your child the Mass responses "Thanks be to God" and "Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ." Guide your child to use these responses properly when your family takes part in the celebration of the Mass.

- ▶ Courage is the virtue that helps us trust God and live our faith. Help your child to recognize the ways your family is living this virtue. Remind them that when they say yes to God, they are living as disciples of Jesus.

Our Spiritual Journey

The Psalms are a confession of faith in song. From the times of David until the present, the praying of the Psalms has nourished the faith of the People of God. Such prayer is both personal and communal. Memorize psalm verses such as the one on page 53 and integrate praying them spontaneously to respond to the various circumstances of your life.



For more ideas on ways your family can live as disciples of Jesus, visit

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