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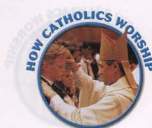
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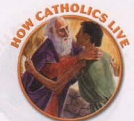


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Jesus Is the Son of God

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2

Through his life and teaching, Jesus showed us what it means to be made in the image of God. Through his Death and Resurrection, Christ gave us a share in his divine life forever.

*Father, forgive them, they
know not what they do.*

Luke 23:34



This embroidery on a priest's chasuble shows the Via Dolorosa, the street along which Jesus carried the cross.

Blest Are They

Matthew 5:3-12, Adapted by David Haas

Music by David Haas

VERSE

1. Blest are they, the poor in spir - it,
 2. Blest are they, the low - ly ones,
 theirs is the king - dom of God.
 they shall in - her - it the earth.
 Blest are they, full of sor - row,
 Blest are they, who hun - ger and thirst,
 they shall be con - soled.
 they shall have their fill.

REFRAIN

Re - joice and be glad!
 Bless - ed are you, ho - ly are you!
 Re - joice and be glad!
 Yours is the king - dom of God!

3. Blest are they who show mercy,
 mercy shall be theirs.
 Blest are they, the pure of heart,
 they shall see God!
Refrain

4. Blest are they who seek peace;
 they are the children of God.
 Blest are they who suffer in faith,
 the glory of God is theirs.
Refrain

5. Blest are you who suffer hate,
 all because of me.
 Rejoice and be glad,
 yours is the kingdom; shine for all to see.
Refrain

Getting ready for Chapter 5

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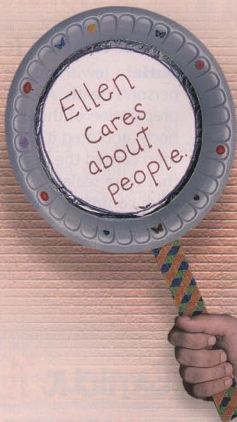


Jesus, the Image of God

Mirrors give us a representation of ourselves. They reflect back our physical appearance. We speak of Jesus being a “true mirror” of God. Jesus in his words and actions is the true Revelation of God. Jesus makes known to us what God is like and what God expects of us. In following Jesus, we are called to be true images of what God is like.

ACTIVITY

Mirror Message Make a mirror out of a piece of silver paper or aluminum foil. In the center, write how someone in your family reflects God’s image. Give it to that person as a gift!



WEEKLY PLANNER

On Sunday

Remember that Jesus is our true friend and role model. Listen to the words of the Scripture readings at Mass that illustrate Jesus’ role in our lives.

On the Web

blestarewe.com



Visit our Web site for the saint of the day and the reflection question of the week.

Saint of the Week



Saint Catherine of Bologna (1413–1463)

Saint Catherine of Bologna traded in a courtly life to join the Poor Clares religious community. She was known for her holiness, piety, and charity. Saint Catherine was also a painter and manuscript illuminator.

Patron Saint of: artists
Fest Day: March 9



A Prayer for the Week

Jesus, we thank you for your example. Like Saint Catherine of Bologna, help us to use our talents, to always give praise to you, our perfect role model. Amen.

Getting ready for Chapter 5

Take Home



✚ Scripture Background

In the Time of Jesus

Burial Jewish burials usually took place within a day after the person's death. An important part of the burial custom was the preparation of the body. Family members and friends washed the body, anointed it with spices, and wrapped it in linen. The mourners then carried the body in a procession to the tomb. Rock-cut tombs that were sealed with large stones were common burial sites. After Jesus died on the cross, his body was placed in this type of tomb.

Read about Jesus' Crucifixion in Luke 23:33–56.



OUR CATHOLIC TRADITION

in America

City Names Saints are people who have tried to live like Jesus. They are examples for us, as Jesus was an example. They showed us how to be human and also images of God. In our country we have many cities that have been named after saints, for example: St. Louis, San Francisco, St. Paul, and Santa Barbara. They are daily reminders of saints in our midst.



Golden Gate Bridge, San Francisco, CA



5 Jesus, the Image of God



Whoever has seen me has seen the Father.

John 14:9

Share

In His Image



There are people in our lives who set a good example for us by being kind, helpful, and loving as Jesus was. We call these people role models. Role models show us how to bring God's goodness into our world. We admire them and try to follow in their footsteps.

Activity

Who do you think is a good role model in your life? On the lines below, write the name of your role model. Then write how this person is kind or helpful.

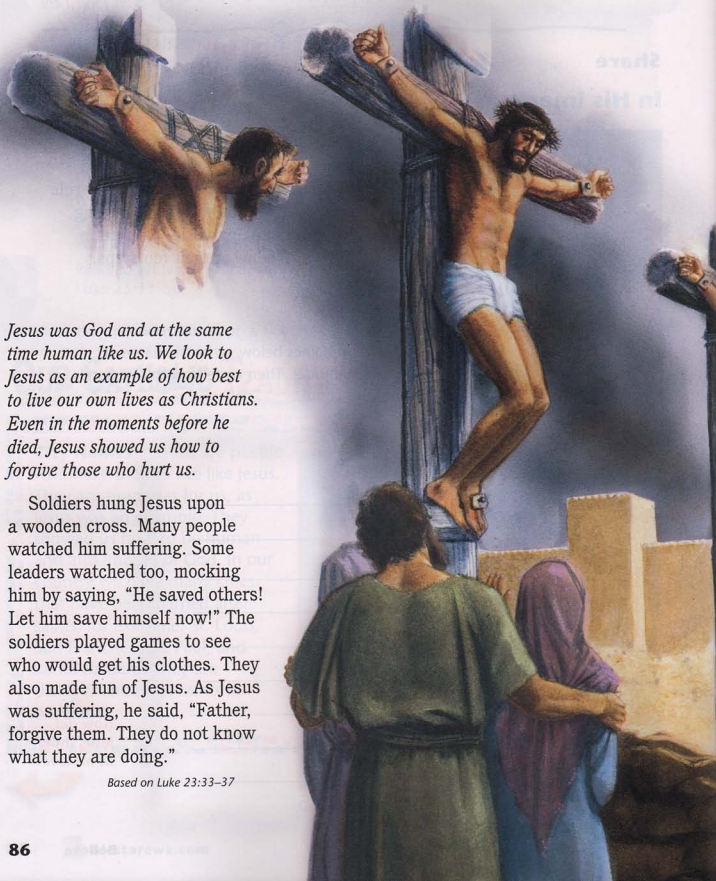
My role model is: _____

This person is a role model for me because: _____

How did
Jesus show
us his love?

Hear & Believe

Scripture The Crucifixion



Jesus was God and at the same time human like us. We look to Jesus as an example of how best to live our own lives as Christians. Even in the moments before he died, Jesus showed us how to forgive those who hurt us.

Soldiers hung Jesus upon a wooden cross. Many people watched him suffering. Some leaders watched too, mocking him by saying, "He saved others! Let him save himself now!" The soldiers played games to see who would get his clothes. They also made fun of Jesus. As Jesus was suffering, he said, "Father, forgive them. They do not know what they are doing."

Based on Luke 23:33-37

Jesus Is God's Divine Son

Jesus was sent by God to live among us. Being a man, he experienced pain, suffering, and death.

Jesus is also the Second Divine Person of the Holy Trinity. He is **divine** because he is God's Son. Jesus saved us from our sins by his life, Death, Resurrection, and **Ascension** into Heaven. This is known as the **Paschal Mystery**. The Paschal Mystery is the greatest way Jesus could show God's deep love for each of us. We celebrate the Paschal Mystery and our new life with Jesus every Sunday at Mass.

Activity

Below are two examples of how we should live as Jesus did. Write four other words to describe followers of Jesus. Then circle the word that is the most difficult for you. On the lines below, write a sentence telling why.

considerate _____

forgiving _____

Faith Words

divine

The word *divine* means "of God." Jesus Christ is both human and divine—that is, he is both true man and true God.

Ascension

The Ascension is the moment when Jesus, in his resurrected body, entered Heaven.

Paschal Mystery

The Paschal Mystery is the life, Death, Resurrection, and Ascension of Jesus Christ.

Who is our
role model?

Hear & Believe

Mrs. Griffin Helps Others

Jackie was excited as she waited for Mrs. Griffin to arrive at Holy Cross School. Mrs. Griffin was a volunteer for Jackie's class. She came every week to help Jackie's class with special projects. Jackie also saw Mrs. Griffin every Sunday at Mass. Mrs. Griffin was active in the Church, giving of her time to help others. Jackie knew that Mrs. Griffin visited patients in the hospital and made telephone calls to elderly people who were homebound with no family nearby.

Jackie really liked Mrs. Griffin because she was such a kind and giving person. Mrs. Griffin made Jackie feel important, especially when she complimented her artwork. "You have a very special talent," Mrs. Griffin always told Jackie.

A knock at the door interrupted Jackie's thoughts. Mrs. Griffin entered along with a lively black puppy named Gabe. Mrs. Griffin told the class how she was helping to train the little Labrador puppy. "When this puppy is older, he will become a friend and guide for a person who is blind," Mrs. Griffin said. She explained how she brings Gabe to places such as parks or stores. Mrs. Griffin said, "It's important for him to feel comfortable around people."

As Jackie listened, she thought about what a caring person Mrs. Griffin was.



Jesus, Our Role Model

We are special because we are created in the image of God. If we live the way Jesus taught us to live, we will be showing God's goodness to others.

Jesus is our role model. During his life on earth, Jesus showed us how to treat others with respect and to care for God's world. God wants us to follow the example of Jesus.

Our Church Teaches

Jesus is God's Son. He is both human and divine. He was born to Mary by the power of the Holy Spirit. During his life, Jesus showed God's love to others. We try to live as Jesus did.

Jesus died and then rose from the dead to save us from our sins and to give us new life. Jesus is present in our lives today in Scripture, the Sacraments, and through the witness of the Christian community. We celebrate the Paschal Mystery each week at Mass.

We Believe

Jesus is our role model. As God's divine Son, he shows us how to love others as God loves us.

Activity

Write the names of two people who give their time to help others. How do they help others? What sacrifices will you make?

How do I follow Jesus?

Respond

Saint Catherine of Bologna and Seeing the Face of God

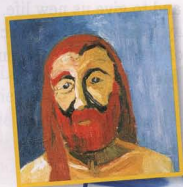


Catherine de'Vigri was born in Bologna, Italy, on September 8, 1413. When she was eleven, she learned to paint tiny statues. A few years later, Catherine became a religious sister.

One Christmas Eve night, she had a vision of Mary holding Baby Jesus. In the vision, Mary let Catherine hold Jesus in her arms. This vision has been painted by many artists.

Catherine led a group of religious women that became part of the community of sisters called the Poor Clares. She once wrote that she would do her very best to follow Jesus.

Catherine is known today as Saint Catherine of Bologna. She is honored as the patron saint of artists. We celebrate her feast day on March 9.



Activities

1. Many artists have tried to paint the face of Jesus. What do you think Jesus looked like?

Draw your own picture of the face of Jesus.

2. Read each story. Rewrite the part that is underlined. Keep in mind what Christ, our role model, might say.



- a. Megan's team is playing basketball and the score is tied. During the last minutes of play, her teammate Dina, passes the ball to her. Megan misses the pass, and the other team gets the ball and scores. The game ends with the other team winning by a point. Dina yells at Megan and calls her names. She shouts, "How could you miss such an easy pass?"
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- b. Every day Jessica practices on her clarinet. She has a solo part in the spring concert. On the night of the concert, Jessica is very nervous. As she walks on stage, she trips and falls. Although Jessica is embarrassed, she walks to her seat and plays her piece beautifully. After the concert her classmate, Tim, says, "I can't believe how clumsy you are!"
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3. Find a word hidden in the line of letters. Then complete the message.

M T R S G X U Q F O L L O W D C G T M

Jesus says, " _____ me."

Based on Mark 1:17

How do we see
the image of
God in others?



Prayer Celebration

A Prayer of Reflection

Leader: Each of us is called to follow Jesus' example and continue doing God's will. Look at the picture that you drew of Jesus. Use it to help you pray. Think about what Jesus said: "Whoever has seen me has seen the Father" (John 14:9).

Reader: Christ has no body now on earth but yours.
No hands but yours. No feet but yours.
Christ must look out on the world with your eyes.
He needs to move around doing good things by
using your feet. And he uses your hands to bless
his people.

Based on the Prayer by Saint Teresa of Ávila

Leader: Jesus, teach us to speak kind words. Teach us to do good deeds. Help us to follow you.





divine

Ascension

Son

Trinity

respect

attitude



A Complete each statement about Jesus by choosing one of the words above. You will not have to use all the words.

1. Jesus Christ is both human and _____.
2. Jesus is the Second Divine Person of the Holy _____.
3. The moment when Jesus, in his resurrected body, entered Heaven is known as his _____.
4. Jesus is God's _____.
5. Jesus showed us how to treat others with _____.

B Match column A with column B by writing the correct number in the space provided.

A

B

- | | |
|----------------|--|
| 1. role models | _____ We celebrate our new life with Jesus at every _____. |
| 2. image | _____ Jesus died and rose from the dead to save us from our _____. |
| 3. of God | _____ We are special because we are created in God's _____. |
| 4. Mass | _____ People who show us how to live like Jesus are called _____. |
| 5. sins | _____ The word <i>divine</i> means _____. |

C Circle the letter of the best answer.

1. Saint Catherine of Bologna had a vision of Mary

_____.

- a. on the cross c. before Jesus's birth
b. holding the Baby Jesus d. at the Resurrection

2. The life, Death, Resurrection, and Ascension of Jesus Christ is known as the

_____.

- a. mystery of Christ c. Paschal Mystery
b. Holy Trinity d. human mystery

3. Jesus was born to Mary by the power of the

_____.

- a. covenant c. Communion of Saints
b. holy Catholic Church d. Holy Spirit

4. As Jesus suffered on the cross he said, "Father,

_____."

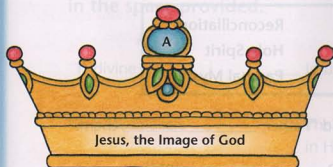
- a. forgive them c. give me strength
b. remember me d. be with me

D Respond to the following.

1. Explain why we call Jesus our role model.

2. Write about one way someone you know has been a role model as a follower of Jesus.

Match the verse or phrase that best goes with each crown.



- 1 _____ Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven (Matthew 5:3).
- 2 _____ The last will be first, and the first will be last (based on Matthew 20:16).
- 3 _____ I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit (*Rite of Baptism*).
- 4 _____ Whoever has seen me has seen the Father (John 14:9).

A Complete the sentences with words from the box.

Beatitudes

mourn

Reconciliation

merciful

respect

Holy Spirit

forgive

Initiation

Paschal Mystery

1. As Jesus suffered on the cross, he said "Father, _____ them."
2. Jesus taught, "Blessed are those who _____, for they will be comforted."
3. The _____ are the teachings of Jesus about finding real happiness.
4. Jesus was born to Mary by the power of the _____.
5. Blessed are the _____, for they will be shown mercy.
6. Jesus showed us how to treat others with _____.
7. Baptism is the first Sacrament of Christian _____.
8. We celebrate the _____ at every Mass.

B Choose one of the Beatitudes. What can someone do to live this Beatitude?

Think about the many people who make it possible for you to enjoy all that you have. Write down the names of the people who help you in your life. Who would you like to thank? What would you like to do for them? Write down the names of the people who help you in your life. Who would you like to thank? What would you like to do for them?

Name/Job Title: _____

1. _____

2. _____

C Match column A with column B by writing the correct number in the space provided.

A

B

- | | |
|-------------------|---|
| 1. divine | _____ Jesus is the Second Divine Person of the _____. |
| 2. peacemakers | _____ The return of the resurrected Jesus to his Father in Heaven is known as the _____. |
| 3. righteousness | _____ Blessed are the _____, for they will see God. |
| 4. Original Sin | _____ Blessed are the _____, for they shall inherit the land. |
| 5. goodness | _____ In the Lord's Prayer, when we pray "thy kingdom come," we ask for God's _____. |
| 6. clean of heart | _____ Being _____ means that the baptized person receives God's grace to continue to spread God's goodness. |
| 7. Holy Trinity | _____ Jesus Christ is both human and _____. |
| 8. anointed | _____ Through Baptism, _____ is wiped away. |
| 9. meek | _____ Blessed are the _____, for they will be called children of God. |
| 10. Ascension | _____ Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for _____, for they will be satisfied. |

D Explain how Jesus is our role model.

E Circle the letter of the best answer.

1. At Baptism, a sign that the baptized will be a light to the world is the _____.
 - a. white garment
 - b. lighted candle
 - c. water
 - d. Chrism
2. Wearing a _____ is a sign of starting a new life as a follower of Jesus.
 - a. white garment
 - b. oil of chrism
 - c. cross
 - d. white flower
3. At Baptism, a sign that the baptized will continue Jesus' mission is the _____.
 - a. white garment
 - b. candle
 - c. water
 - d. Sacred Chrism
4. Being _____ is a sign of Jesus' death and Resurrection.
 - a. immersed in water
 - b. save us from our sins
 - c. signed with a cross
 - d. called by name

F Respond to the following.

1. What does the Holy Spirit do for us through Baptism?

2. What is something you can do to spread Christ's message?
