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Unit 2 Trinity

In this unit you will...

learn that God invites all humans on a journey of faith. The Old Testament reveals the way God's people experienced his saving actions on their faith journey. God the Father continued his saving work by sending his Son, Jesus. Jesus teaches us to love as he loves. He establishes a new covenant at the Last Supper, and by his life, death, Resurrection, and Ascension he fulfills the covenant first established with the Israelites.



Faith in Action!

Catholic Social Teaching Principle:
Life and Dignity of the Human Person

Invitation to Faith



Let Us Pray

Leader: Faithful God, thank you for caring for us.

“My travels and my rest you mark;
with all my ways you are familiar.”

Psalm 139:3

All: Faithful God, thank you for caring for us. Amen.

Activity

Let's Begin

● **A Journey** Traveling can be fun. You may be going to see friends or family members whom you have not seen in a long time. You may be taking a train or flying for the first time.

Taking a trip can also be unsettling. You may not know what to pack because you don't know what the weather will be like, or you may be afraid that you will not be able to find the place that you plan to visit.

Your journeys through life can be both exciting and scary. Journeys include both changes and challenges. Because there are often many unknowns, a journey can also include taking some risks.

Now think about how faith is like a journey.

Imagine that life is a journey that requires a backpack containing only five things. What five things will you pack?



Write a Story On a separate sheet of paper, write a story about a journey with obstacles.

Abram and Sarai's Journey



Focus Who is Abraham?



The risks involved in a journey are not so scary if you know that God is with you. Abram and Sarai learned that God was with them always. They remained faithful to God, and God blessed them.



SCRIPTURE

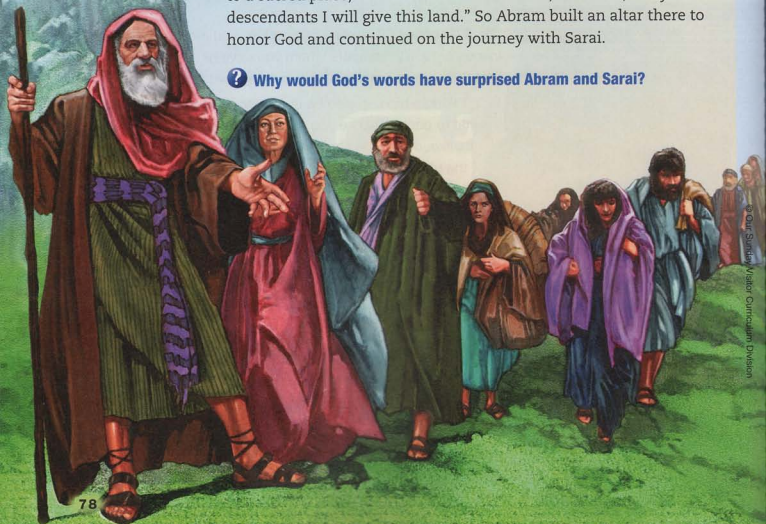
The Book of Genesis

Abram's Call

Abram and Sarai were getting old and had no children. One day God said to Abram, "Go forth from the land of your kinsfolk and from your father's house to a land that I will show you. I will make you a great nation, and I will bless you."

As God directed, Abram and Sarai took all of their possessions and set out for the land of Canaan. After traveling through the land to a sacred place, Abram had a vision of God, who said, "To your descendants I will give this land." So Abram built an altar there to honor God and continued on the journey with Sarai.

? Why would God's words have surprised Abram and Sarai?



The Journey Continues

God appeared again to Abram and told him that his descendants would be as numerous as the stars in the sky and that they would have a land of their own. Although he had no children, Abram put his faith in God. God changed Abram's name to Abraham and Sarai's name to Sarah as a sign of the covenant.

One day three men visited Abraham and Sarah. The couple quickly prepared a meal for their guests. The men told Abraham that Sarah would have a son, as God had promised. Sarah was listening and laughed to herself because she was too old to have children. But within a year Sarah did give birth to a son and named him Isaac, which means "one who laughs."

Based on Genesis 12:1-9; 15:1-6, 18; 17:4-5, 15-16; 18:1-14; 21:1-6

? How did God keep his promise to Abraham and Sarah?

Activity

Share Your Faith

Reflect: Think about important qualities that believers share, and unscramble the letters below to discover three of these qualities.

Share: With a partner, share examples of how Abraham and Sarah showed these qualities.

Act: Write one example of each quality from today's world, and present your examples to the class.

1. fitah

2. opeh

3. velo

God's Plan of Salvation


Focus
What does it mean to have faith?

The faith journey that began with Abraham continued with his son Isaac and Isaac's son Jacob. It is from Jacob that the nation of Israel would take its name.


SCRIPTURE
The Book of Genesis

The Story of Joseph

*I*n the Book of Genesis, Jacob was renamed *Israel* after wrestling with an angel. The name means “one who struggles with God.”

Jacob became the father of twelve sons, but Joseph was his favorite. Joseph's brothers were jealous of him and plotted to get rid of him. They sold him to a caravan of travelers, and Joseph became a slave. Because he could interpret dreams, Joseph saved Egypt from starvation during a great famine. Joseph's brothers arrived in Egypt to buy food and were united with Joseph, who invited them to settle there.

Based on Genesis 37–45

? If Joseph's story were made into a movie, what might the title be?



God Invites

As seen through the faith stories of Abraham, Sarah, and their descendants, God keeps his promise of salvation.

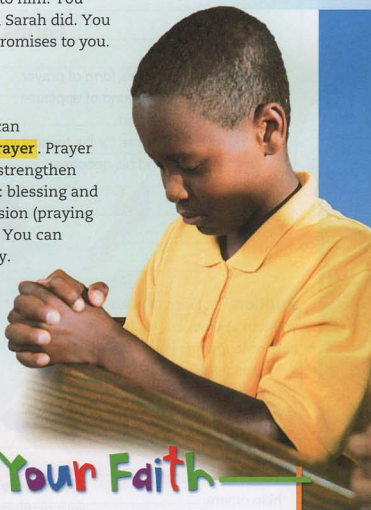
You encounter God today through the Bible, the sacraments, and the Church. God's Son, Jesus, is the way of salvation for you. The Holy Spirit, whom Jesus sent, will help you on your faith journey. Wherever you go, God the Father is with you.

God invites you to respond to him in the same way that Abraham and Sarah did—with **faith**. This means that you freely choose to believe in God and all that God has revealed. When you respond to God with faith, you offer your heart and mind to him. You begin your own journey of faith, as Abraham and Sarah did. You have faith that God will guide you and keep his promises to you.

Faith and Prayer

God still speaks to people today, and people can communicate with God. This is done through **prayer**. Prayer begins and ends with listening to God. You can strengthen your faith with prayer, using one of these forms: blessing and adoration, petition for your own needs, intercession (praying for the needs of others), thanksgiving, or praise. You can take time to pray at any time throughout the day.

- ? When and where are you most comfortable praying?
- ? What helps you listen for God's voice?



Words of Faith

Faith is believing in God and all that God has revealed. Faith is both a gift from God and a free choice.

Prayer is raising your mind and heart to God. In prayer, you both listen and talk to God.

Activity

Connect Your Faith

Choose Gestures Write the names of the five prayer forms on this page. Choose a prayerful gesture for each form, and share it with your class.



Prayer



Focus

What are some ways to develop your prayer life?

An important way to develop your prayer life is to pray the types of prayers found in the Bible. Because the Bible is God's word to humans, it contains teaching on prayer that will help you grow as a Christian. The following examples of prayer will help strengthen your prayer life.

Forms of Prayer

Praise Through this form of prayer, you give God a big round of applause just because he is God.

- You give God praise for his friendship, his kindness, and his goodness.

Intercession You use this form of prayer to pray for the Church or the whole world.

- You also ask God to help someone.
- You intercede on behalf of others as Jesus intercedes for you with his Father.

Petition In times of need, you turn to God, ask his help, and acknowledge that you need him.

- You might pray for God's mercy, forgiveness, and guidance when you are sad, sick, troubled, confused, or in a state of sin.
- You also ask God to help others.

Blessing and Adoration

- You bless God who blesses you. You also bless others who are made in God's image.
- A blessing is a prayer of response to God's gifts.
- Adoration is giving respectful homage to God by honoring the greatness of the Lord.

Thanksgiving You express your gratitude to God for the good things in your life.

- When you experience some special cause for rejoicing, such as good grades or restored health or a wonderful day, you thank God for it.



When are the different prayer forms used during the Mass?

Celebration of the Word



Let Us Pray

Gather and begin with the Sign of the Cross.



Sing together.

My shepherd is the Lord,
nothing indeed shall I want.

"Psalm 23: My Shepherd is the Lord"
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Leader: The story of the Good Shepherd celebrates the care that Jesus gives to those who say "yes" to a journey of faith with him. We pray that our faith will continue to grow as he leads us.

Reader 1: A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

Read *John 10:14–18*.

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Reader 2: My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish. No one can take them out of my hand.

Reader 3: My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one can take them out of the Father's hand.

John 10:27–29

Leader: Let us pray.

Bow your heads as the leader prays.

All: Amen.



Jesus as the Good Shepherd,
Exeter Cathedral, England

A Work with Words Complete each sentence with the correct term from the Word Bank. Terms may be used more than once.

1. Abraham's wife was named _____.
2. Of Jacob's twelve sons, _____ was his favorite.
3. _____ was sold into slavery in _____ by his jealous brothers.
4. _____ means that you freely choose to believe in God and all that God has revealed.
5. God still speaks to people today, and people communicate with God through _____.

WORD BANK

faith
 covenant
 Jerusalem
 Rachel
 prayer
 Joseph
 twelve
 Sarah
 Egypt
 salvation
 Benjamin

B Check Understanding Complete each statement.

6. God promised that he would make a great _____ from Abram and his descendants.
7. Sarah gave birth to a son whose name was _____.
8. Jacob received the name _____, which means "one who struggles with God."
9. The journey that God calls you to make is a journey of _____.
10. Blessing and adoration, _____, intercession, thanksgiving, and praise are all forms of prayer.



Family Faith

Activity

Live Your Faith

Catholics Believe

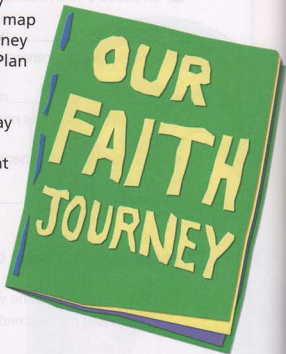
- God calls you on a journey of faith toward salvation.
- The path toward salvation is paved with prayer, which allows the Holy Spirit to lead you away from sin.



SCRIPTURE

Read *Romans 1:8–15* to learn about others who praised God for his assistance on their faith journey.

Plan Your Trip Each person has his or her own journey of faith toward salvation, but your family is also on a journey together. Create a map of your family journey for the next year. Plan some of the stops your family will make along the way on the journey of faith. Plot important events, such as birthdays and holidays, that you foresee along the way.



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▲ Saint Monica
c. 331–387

People of Faith

Monica, a woman of great faith, lived in North Africa. Through Monica's influence, both her husband and mother-in-law were baptized. Monica had a son named Augustine. In his youth, Augustine led a disgraceful life. For many years Monica prayed constantly for his conversion, and her prayers were answered. With God's help, Augustine turned his life around and became a great bishop, writer, and teacher. Today the Church honors him and his mother as saints. Saint Monica's feast day is August 27.



Family Prayer

Saint Monica, pray for us that we may follow your example of faithful prayer. Remind us to pray for our family members. Amen.

*Image of the Great St. Raphael,
Trinity Cathedral, England*

In Unit 2 your child is learning about the TRINITY.

UNIT 2 REVIEW

A Work with Words Complete the following statements.

1. The laws that God first gave to Moses are called the _____, or the Ten Commandments.
2. The Jewish holy day that celebrates God's leading the Israelites out of slavery in Egypt is called _____.
3. _____ is both a gift from God and a free choice.
4. During the _____, Jesus turned the bread and wine into his Body and Blood.
5. Directed and accomplished by God, the _____ is the Israelites' journey from slavery in Egypt to freedom in the promised land.

B Check Understanding Circle the letter of the choice that best completes each sentence.

6. The ritual meal first shared at the Last Supper is the _____.
 - a. Mass
 - b. Eucharist
 - c. Passover
 - d. Great Feast
7. The natural moral law is based on _____.
 - a. the human heart
 - b. the Scriptures
 - c. God's eternal law
 - d. common sense
8. The Sabbath was made for _____.
 - a. man
 - b. all creatures
 - c. God
 - d. priests
9. The name *Israel* means _____.
 - a. "one who laughs"
 - b. "one who struggles with God"
 - c. "one who leads"
 - d. "one who loves God"
10. On the night of the Passover, the people of Israel ate bread without _____.
 - a. water
 - b. butter
 - c. yeast
 - d. any other food

Match each description in Column 1 with the correct name in Column 2.

Column 1

- _____ 11. raised in a palace in Egypt
- _____ 12. laughed when promised a son
- _____ 13. interpreted dreams
- _____ 14. had twelve sons
- _____ 15. taught a new law of love

Column 2

- a. Joseph
- b. Moses
- c. Jacob
- d. Jesus
- e. Sarai



Make Connections Write a response to each question or statement.

16. List three ways that you can be faithful to God in your everyday life.

17. What might you pray for using each of the five forms of prayer?

18. What are some things you can do to respond to God's love?

19. Give an example of how God protected you from evil and what you learned from that experience.

20. What do you think your reaction would be if God called you to serve him far away from home as he called Abraham and Sarah?
