

Opening Lesson 1

Welcome to *Alive in Christ, Grade 6*. This chapter introduces you to the different parts of your book and invites you to learn, love, and celebrate your Catholic faith.

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- God reveals himself and his plan of salvation through Sacred Scripture, the inspired Word of God written by humans.
- A very important truth of both Sacred Scripture and Sacred Tradition is that God is faithful and wants you to live with him forever.
- It is important that we make the Bible a part of our daily life, devoting some time each day to prayer and reading the Bible.

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- The accounts of creation from the Book of Genesis reveal that God alone created the universe.
- God created man and woman in his own image to live in harmony with him for all eternity.
- Our actions must show respect to others because their dignity—their value and worth—comes from God.

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- God fully revealed his faithfulness to humans by sending his only Son, Jesus, to conquer sin and bring everlasting life.
- Humans have the ability to live in friendship with God.
- Living a faithful life begins with keeping your promise to live as a disciple of Jesus.

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- 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.
- Knowing and praying the different forms of prayer strengthens our faith life.

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Scripture His Mercy Endures *Psalms 118:1-5, 14* Moses *Exodus 1-3*
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- God rescued the Hebrews from slavery in Egypt and sent his Son to save all people from the power of sin and everlasting death.
- The Passover and the Eucharist celebrate God's saving actions.
- We rely on God's grace, especially in the Eucharist, to help us overcome temptation.

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Scripture Jesus Fulfills the Law *Matthew 5:17-19*
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- The Ten Commandments help you stay close to God and in right relationship with others.
- The Ten Commandments are the laws of God's covenant with the Israelites, which was revealed in its fullness in Jesus.
- Faith, obedience, respect, and trust are ways to respond to God's friendship and live out the first three Commandments.

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 Samuel Anoints David *1 Samuel 16:13*

- In Old Testament times, God chose leaders like Saul and David, who were anointed kings.
- God the Father anointed his Son Jesus with the Holy Spirit to be prophet, priest, and king.
- We honor Christ the King in many ways, including following his example, trusting his authority, and celebrating a special feast day.



Chapter 8: The Wisdom of God 161

Scripture Give Me Wisdom *2 Chronicles 1:10-12*
Solomon's Request *1 Kings 3:4-14* The Story of Job *Job 42:2-6*

- The wisdom tradition in the Bible teaches that true wisdom comes from trusting God and obeying his law.
- Jesus is the wisdom of God, sought in every age by those who are wise.
- Before making important decisions we seek God's wisdom by praying, reading Scripture, reflecting, and asking people we trust.

Chapter 9: Prophetic Promise 173

Scripture Emmanuel *Isaiah 7:14; 9:5b-6*
The Chosen One *Isaiah 9:5, Zechariah 9:9*

- Prophets are messengers from God who speak the truth and call the people to follow the laws of God's covenant and act with justice.
- We understand that Jesus is the Messiah described by the Old Testament prophets.
- As the prophets did, we are called to stand for God's truth in our words and actions.

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- The Gospels are called the Good News of Jesus because they proclaim his life and teachings.
- The Gospels are interpreted by the Church through Tradition and are the source of our belief.
- Living the Good News means being loving to others.

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Scripture Make Disciples of All Nations *Matthew 28:18-20*
The Coming of the Spirit *Acts 2:1-8*

- Jesus founded the Church through his life and teachings. He sent the Holy Spirit to help the Church fulfill her mission.
- The Holy Spirit continues to animate the Church today.
- We are called to be Jesus' witness in what we do and say in our daily life.

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Scripture The Communal Life *Acts of the Apostles 2:42-44*

- The Church is one, holy, catholic, and apostolic.
- The Church is a community of people, united in faith, working together to share the Gospel and become closer to God.
- The Epistles teach us many things about being the Church, such as worshipping God, loving one another, using our gifts, and being courageous in our faith.

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- Jesus brings a New Law of love and freedom rooted in the Great Commandment and Ten Commandments.
- The Beatitudes and the Precepts of the Church help the faithful live holy and dutiful lives.
- The Great Commandment calls us to love God first and above all else and to love our neighbors as ourselves.

Chapter 14: Justice and Peace 241

Scripture Make Justice Your Aim *Isaiah 1:17* The Beatitudes *Matthew 5:3-10* What the Lord Requires *Micah 6:8*

- God's grace makes it possible for us to live a life of virtue, respecting the human dignity of all.
- Justice is giving what is due to God and others. Where justice is absent, peace is not possible.
- When we respect and promote human dignity, we honor God, in whose image and likeness humans are created.

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Scripture Forgive Seventy-Seven Times *Matthew 18:21-22* The Parable of the Unforgiving Servant *Matthew 18:23-35*

- Your conscience helps you know when you have sinned.
- Through the Sacrament of Reconciliation, God forgives sins and restores us to his friendship.
- Informing our conscience helps us make good moral choices.

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Scripture You Have Been Called *1 Peter 2:21* Philip and the Ethiopian *Acts 8:26-39*

- The mission of the Church is to announce the Good News of God's Kingdom.
- Through the Sacraments of Initiation, Catholics are given new life and are called to spread the Good News.
- The Sacraments give us strength to carry out our mission of living out and sharing the truth about God's love.



Chapter 17: Lives of Service. 281

Scripture Serve One Another *1 Peter 4:10-11*

The Washing of the Disciples' Feet *John 13:1-15*

- All of the baptized are called to follow Christ by serving others.
- Ordained men serve God through preaching the Word and through celebrating the Sacraments.
- By praying, learning about Jesus, and looking at our gifts, we can discern how God calls us to serve him and others.

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Scripture One Flesh *Matthew 19:4-6*

The Wedding at Cana *John 2:1-10*

- Matrimony helps a man and woman grow in love and holiness and prepare a home for children.
- The Church celebrates marriage through the Sacrament of Matrimony.
- No matter what vocation we have, we are all required to live the virtues and to honor the Sixth and Ninth Commandments.

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Communal Life *Acts 2:42-47*

- Members of the Communion of Saints can intercede for others.
- The Communion of Saints includes all holy persons, both living and dead, who are united in the Eucharist.
- Offering intercessory prayer for others and their needs is a way to serve them.

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Scripture Unity of the Spirit *Ephesians 4:3-6*

The Prayer of Jesus *John 16:32-33, 17:11, 20-21*

- Catholics work toward the unity of all Christians, because God desires it.
- Today the ecumenical movement looks for ways to help all Christians work toward unity.
- We express our unity with other Christian Churches by joining together for prayer and other acts of service.

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Scripture Waiting for the Coming of the Day of God *2 Peter 3:11b-*

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- God will triumph over evil when Christ comes again in glory.
- In the new creation, God will reward good and punish evil.
- For Catholics, the great hope is that we will be with God in Heaven and enjoy life with him forever.

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Journeys of Faith

Let Us Pray

Leader: Lord of all faithfulness, keep us faithful to you.

“Trust in the LORD with all your heart,
on your own intelligence do not rely;
In all your ways be mindful of him,
and he will make straight your paths.”

Proverbs 3:5–6

All: Guide us, O God, on our pilgrimage of faith. Walk with us on our way. This we pray in Jesus’ name. In him, may our journey continue. Amen.

Scripture

Be strong and steadfast, for you shall bring this people into the land which the LORD swore to their ancestors he would give them ... It is the LORD who goes before you; he will be with you and will never fail you or forsake you. So do not fear or be dismayed. **Deuteronomy 31:7–8**

The Cathedral Basilica of Sts. Peter and Paul, consecrated in 1890, rises above Philadelphia.

What Do You Wonder?

- How is faith like a journey?
- What is your favorite way to pray?

Getting Started

In this chapter you will learn that God calls us on a journey of faith toward salvation. The path toward salvation is paved with prayer, which allows the Holy Spirit to lead us away from the slavery of sin. Prayer allows us to talk and listen to God anytime and anywhere.

Catholic Faith Words

Here are this chapter's vocabulary words.

- salvation
- Seven Sacraments
- faith



In the chart below write some ways that we are supported and helped during our faith journey.



Activity

Ready for the Journey Imagine that life is a journey that requires a backpack containing only five things. Think about the things you would pack. Then write a few sentences about a journey you once took with obstacles you had to overcome. Did you use any of the items you included in your backpack?

What five things would you pack?

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

What happened on your journey?



Abram and Sarai's Journey

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 he blessed them in many ways.

Scripture

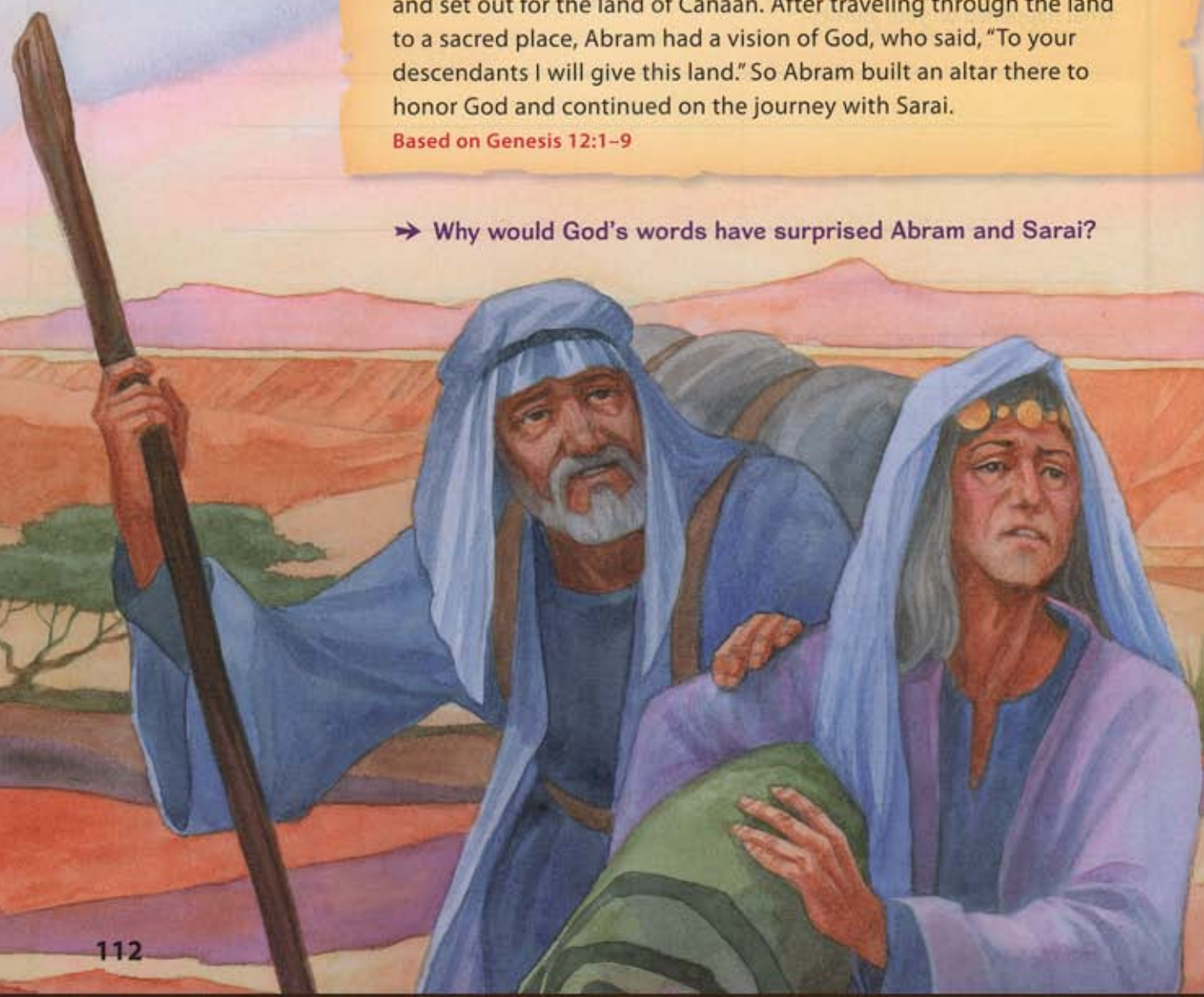
Abram's Call

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

Based on Genesis 12:1-9

➔ 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 still 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 he made with them.

Scripture

Abraham's Visitors

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 18:1–14; 21:1–6**

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

Activity

Reflect Think about important virtues that people of faith share. Unscramble the letters below to discover three of them.

1. F I T A H _____ 2. O P E H _____ 3. V E L O _____

Share With a classmate, talk about how Abraham and Sarah showed these virtues. Choose one and write one way this virtue is important to us today.

God's Plan of Salvation

What does it mean to have faith?

The journey that began with Abraham continued with his son Isaac and Isaac's son Jacob. These three men are the patriarchs, the male ancestors of Israel who appear in the Book of Genesis both before and after the flood. It is from Jacob that the nation of Israel would take its name. In Genesis, Jacob was renamed *Israel* after wrestling with an angel. The name means "one who struggles with God."

Catholic Faith Words

salvation the loving action of God's forgiveness of sins and the restoration of friendship with him brought by Jesus

Seven Sacraments effective signs of God's life, instituted by Christ and given to the Church. In the celebration of each Sacrament, there are visible signs and Divine actions that give grace and allow us to share in God's work.

faith the theological virtue that makes it possible for us to believe in God and the things that he has revealed to us. Faith leads us to obey God. It is both a gift from him and something we choose.

Scripture

The Story of Joseph

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 reunited with Joseph, who forgave them and invited them to settle there.

Based on Genesis 37-45



The twelve tribes of Israel are often represented by symbols in art.

God Invites

As seen through the faith stories of Abraham, Sarah, and their descendants, God keeps his promise of **salvation**, of forgiveness of sins and restoration of friendship with him.

You encounter God today through the Bible, the **Seven Sacraments**, and the Church. God's Son, Jesus, is the way of salvation for you. Jesus sent the Holy Spirit to 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 he 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 pray at any time.

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



Activity

Map Your Journey On the path below, describe, with words or images, some key events in your life of faith. Include people who helped you, special memories, and when they happened.

Our Catholic Life

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 Catholic. The following examples of prayer will help strengthen your relationship with God and your faith life.

Our Catholic Tradition

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In the space provided, tell when each prayer form is used during the Mass.

Forms of Prayer

Praise Through this form of prayer, you acknowledge that God is God, giving glory not for what he does, but simply because he is.

- When you praise God, in prayer and in song, you give glory to God as his children.
- 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 ask God to help someone else.
- You intercede on behalf of others as Jesus intercedes for you with his Father.
- _____

Petition In times of need, you turn to God, ask for 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 all of God's gifts to us.
- 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.
- _____



People of Faith

August 27

Saint Monica, c. 331–387

Saint Monica lived in North Africa. She was a woman of great faith, and many members of her family became Christian because of her example. Monica had a son named Augustine. In his youth, Augustine led a disgraceful life. Monica wanted him to be baptized, but he refused. For many years, Monica prayed constantly for his conversion. Finally, after much persistence, her prayers were answered. Augustine realized the truth of Christianity and turned his life around. He became a priest and then a bishop as well as one of the great teachers of the faith. Both he and his mother are honored as Saints.



Discuss: Talk about a time when God answered your prayer.

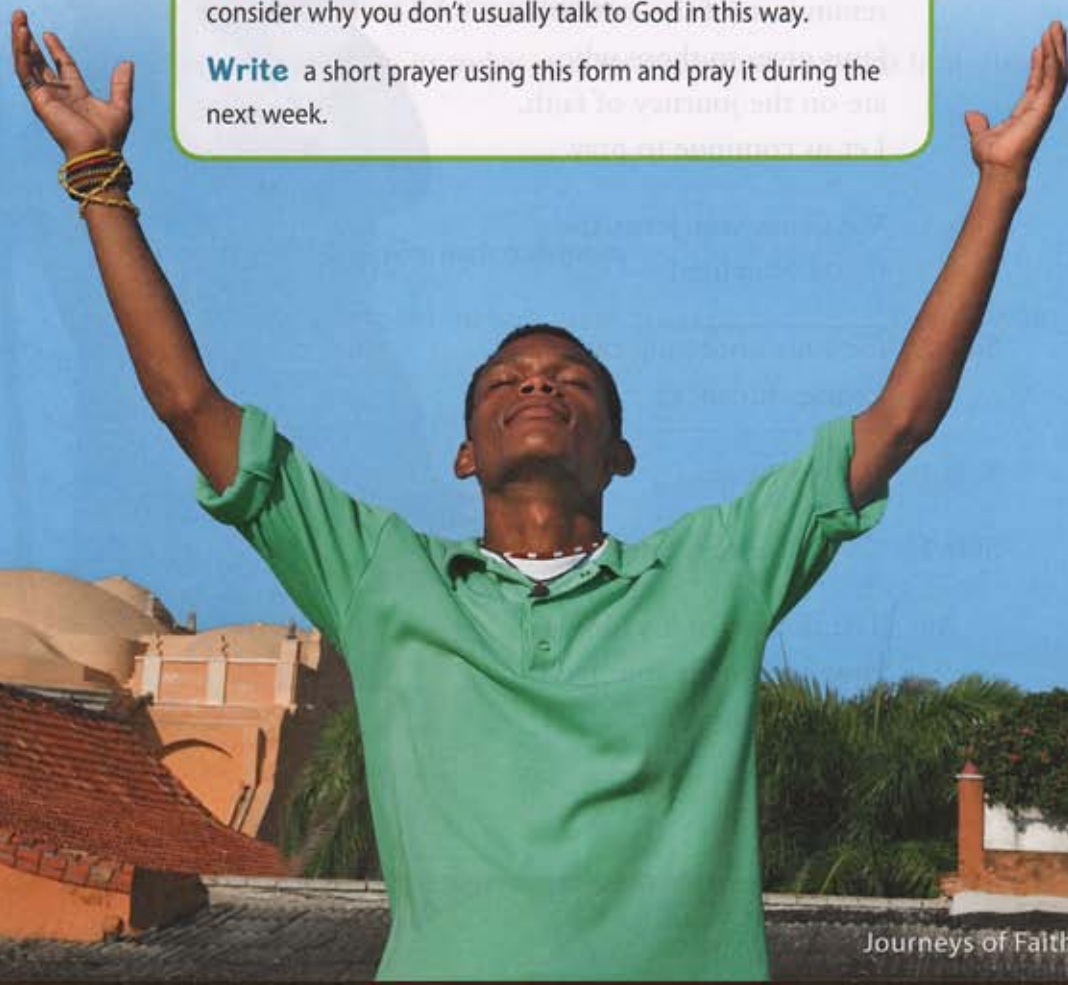


Learn more about Saint Monica at aliveinchrist.osv.com

Activity

Think about which type of prayer you don't pray often, and consider why you don't usually talk to God in this way.

Write a short prayer using this form and pray it during the next week.



Let Us Pray

Guided Reflection

This is a guided scriptural reflection, during which we remember an event in Jesus' life or one of his teachings. We can imagine ourselves in the story.

Gather and begin with the Sign of the Cross.

Leader: We gather today in prayer, attentive once again to God's Word.

Read John 10:14–17, 27–29.

The Word of God is a living word. Although it was written long ago, the Holy Spirit makes God's Word come alive in our own hearts this very day. And so we pray,

All: Holy Spirit, guide us.

Leader: Let us close our eyes, be very still, and imagine.

After the guided reflection:

This Scripture passage reminds us of the care that Jesus gives to those who are on the journey of faith. Let us continue to pray.

Side 1: We thank you, Jesus, the Good Shepherd,

Side 2: for your unceasing care and loving guidance.

Side 1: We trust you.

Side 2: We will always follow you.

All: Thank you for keeping us close to you, in your hands, as one family. Amen.



Chapter 4 Review

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

Word Bank

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faith	Rachel	twelve	salvation
covenant	prayer	Sarah	Benjamin
Jerusalem	Joseph	Sacraments	

1. Abraham's wife was named _____.
2. Of Jacob's twelve sons, _____ was his favorite and was a model of concern for others and forgiveness.
3. The Seven _____ are effective signs of God's life, instituted by Christ and given to the Church.
4. _____ is the theological virtue that makes it possible for us to believe in God and all that he has revealed.
5. God continues to speak to us today, and we communicate with him through _____.

- 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 loving action of God's forgiveness of sins and restoration of friendship with him is called _____.
10. Blessing and adoration, _____, intercession, thanksgiving, and praise are all forms of prayer.



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FAMILY+FAITH

LIVING AND LEARNING TOGETHER

YOUR CHILD LEARNED >>>

This chapter explains how prayer can deepen our faith, and help us trust in God during our journey, just as Abraham and Sarah did.

Scripture



Read **Deuteronomy 31:8** to find out who will walk with us on our faith journey.

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.

To learn more, go to the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* #176–184, 2558–2565 at usccb.org.

People of Faith

This week, your child learned about Saint Monica, whose persistent prayer eventually led to the conversion of her famous son, Saint Augustine.

CHILDREN AT THIS AGE >>>

How They Understand Prayer Your child is probably remarkably more verbally articulate than when he or she was younger, and more capable of true conversation. The implication of this for prayer is that children's ability to use spontaneous, conversational styles of prayer grows if they have been taught how to do this. Because prayer is essentially "conversation with God," children who have been well-formed in prayer can really grow in their prayer lives during this time.



CONSIDER THIS >>>

Where do you spend the most time in prayer: in thanksgiving, asking, or praise?

While we may find our prayer is frequently petition, or asking, prayer is necessary to grow in relationship with God. Using a variety of ways to pray, we can express to God what is in our hearts. As Catholics, we know "the Holy Spirit taught the Church the life of prayer and led her to deeper insights into basic ways of praying: adoration, petition, intercession, thanksgiving, and praise" (*USCCA* p. 467).

LET'S TALK >>>

- Have your child describe how prayer and the Sacraments are part of our faith journey.
- Share with your child an experience in your life that helped you grow in faith.

LET'S PRAY >>>



Saint Monica, help us follow your strong example of faith and constant, persistent prayer, especially for members of our family. Amen.



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