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SCRIPTURE

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SCRIPTURE

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SCRIPTURE

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SCRIPTURE

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SCRIPTURE

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SCRIPTURE

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- The assembly uses songs, prayer, and actions to worship.

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- We say what we believe about God and pray for the needs of the Church and the world.

SCRIPTURE

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- The Liturgy of the Eucharist is the second main part of the Mass.

SCRIPTURE

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- The gift of Holy Communion is received with reverence.

SCRIPTURE

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SCRIPTURE

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- The Eucharist is a sign of joy and of what heaven will be like.

SCRIPTURE

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Unit 2 Trinity

In this unit you will...

learn about each Person of the Holy Trinity. God the Father loves and cares for us as a faithful parent. We can trust and rely on God the Father. Jesus, the Son of God, sets an example for us with his life and teachings. God the Holy Spirit guides the Church and helps us to be holy.



What do you think you will learn in this unit about God?

God the Father



Let Us Pray

Leader: Loving Father, remember us always.

"As a father has compassion on his children,
so the LORD has compassion on the faithful."

Psalms 103:13

All: Loving Father, remember us always. Amen.

Activity

Let's Begin

Parents

Parents

Kind, patient,

Teaching, guiding, loving.

They're always there for me.

Friends.

- Who loves you? Tell about that person.

Care for God's Children



Focus How does God care for you?

This is a story about a priest. He made a home for children who had no parents to love and care for them.

A BIOGRAPHY

St. John Bosco

Lorenzo and Giovanni huddled alone in the shadows. They heard mothers and fathers calling for their children. Nobody called Lorenzo or Giovanni.

Father John Bosco found the boys cold and in the dark. He brought them home. They told Father John that many other children lived alone on the streets.

"I will start a home for the children of the streets. I will teach them how to read, fix things, and pray," said Father John.

Father John helped many children who were homeless to feel loved. He taught them that God is everyone's Father. After he died, he was named a **saint**.

? What do you think Father John's home for children was like?



God the Father

Father John Bosco treated the young children like they were his own. He showed them love and taught them about God, like Jesus did.

Jesus taught about his Father's great love. God cares for everything and everyone. God loves you as a good parent does.

SCRIPTURE

I will never forget you.
See, upon the palms of my hands
I have written your name.

Isaiah 49:15-16

? How do you know that God cares for you?

Residents of
Don Bosco Orphanage
in Los Palos, East Timor.



Activity

Live Your Faith

Think: What are some ways God cares for you?

Share: With a partner, talk about ways you can thank God.

Act: Trace the outline of your hand.
Write a thank-you prayer to God.

Words of Faith

A **saint** is a holy person who obeyed God and followed Jesus.

To trust is to believe in and depend on



The Father's Love


Focus
What does it mean to trust in God?

Jesus told people not to worry too much. He said that God the Father wants you to have everything you need.


SCRIPTURE
Matthew 6:25–32

Count on God

Do not worry about what you will eat or wear. Life is more important than food and clothing. Look at the birds in the sky. They do not plant their food, they do not gather grain, yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not more important than they? Learn from the way the wild flowers grow. They do not work or spin, but they are beautiful. If God so cares for grass of the field, how much more will he take care of you? Do not worry. Your heavenly Father knows what you need.

Based on Matthew 6:25–32

? What help do you need?



Trust in God

Jesus always called God “Father.” You call God “Father” because he created you and cares for you. Jesus told his followers to pray to the Father for whatever they might need. In your **prayer**, you will be speaking to God the Father as Jesus did.

Jesus knew that you can always **trust** God. You can be sure that God loves you and wants what is best for you. God, your loving Father, is always listening.

Words of Faith

Prayer is talking to and listening to God.

To **trust** is to believe in and depend on someone.

Activity

Connect Your Faith



Write An Asking Prayer Write down some of the things that you and others need.

God our Father,

Amen.



Asking Prayer



Let Us Pray

Gather and begin with the Sign of the Cross.

Leader: Let us pray for those who need God's help.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: For people who have lost their homes,
let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: For people who are far from their families,
let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: For help to care for others as Jesus did,
let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.



Sing together.

Jesus' hands were kind hands,
doing good to all,
healing pain and sickness,
blessing children small.
washing tired feet,
and saving those who fall;
Jesus' hands were kind hands,
doing good to all.

"Jesus' Hands Were Kind Hands"
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Review and Apply

- A Work with Words** Fill in the blank with the correct word from the Word Bank.

WORD BANK

trust
cares
Father
prayer
parent

- God _____ for everyone.
- Jesus taught you to call God the _____.
- God loves you like a good _____.
- You can always _____ God.
- _____ is talking to and listening to God.

- B Make Connections** Write one way that God takes care of people.
- _____
- _____
- _____

Activity

Live Your Faith

Make a Calendar Think about needs that you or others have. Make a one-week calendar. Write one need for each day. Each day, think of a need, then ask God for help.





Family Faith



Catholics Believe

- You can call God “Father” because he created you and cares for you like a good parent.
- You can trust in God because he loves you.



SCRIPTURE

In Matthew 6:19–21 you can read what Jesus teaches about real treasure.



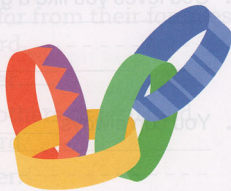
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Activity

Live Your Faith

Start a Prayer Chain Make strips of colored paper. Each day, choose something to give to God’s loving care. Write it on a colored strip, and attach it to the chain. The chain will remind you that your prayers are with God. So don’t worry!



People of Faith

Julian prayed to God as a Father and a dear Friend. She called God Mother and Brother, too. Julian said that the whole world was like a small hazelnut held in God’s hand. Everything would be just fine because God cares for everything and everyone. Julian spent her life in prayer, fasting, study, and counseling others. Her feast day is May 13.



▲ **Blessed Julian**
of Norwich,
1342–1420



Family Prayer

Blessed Julian, carry our prayer to God. He calls us by name. He holds us in the palm of his hand. Amen.

In Unit 2 your child is learning about the **TRINITY**.

Unit 2 Review

- A Work with Words** Complete each sentence with the correct letter of the words from the Word Bank.

WORD BANK

- a. Holy Spirit
- b. disciples
- c. Holy Trinity
- d. Father
- e. prayer

1. People who follow Jesus are called _____.
2. Jesus promised to send the _____.
3. Listening and talking to God is called _____.
4. Jesus taught us to call God _____.
5. The three persons in one God is called the _____.

- B Check Understanding** Complete each sentence in Column 1 with the letter of the correct words or words from Column 2.

Column 1

Column 2

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|---|----------------|
| 6. The third person of the Holy Trinity is the _____. | a. Mary |
| 7. The Mother of God's Son is _____. | b. John Bosco |
| 8. The first Person of the Holy Trinity is the _____. | c. Holy Spirit |
| 9. A saint who helped homeless boys is _____. | d. Jesus |
| 10. The second Person of the Holy Trinity is _____. | e. Father |