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SCRIPTURE

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SCRIPTURE

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- The Trinity is the central mystery of Christian faith and life.
- Virtue is the habit of doing good. The theological virtues of faith, hope, and love are gifts from God.

SCRIPTURE

The Baptism of Jesus

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SCRIPTURE

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- The Great Commandment states that you will love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, soul, and mind.
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SCRIPTURE

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- Jesus proclaimed the kingdom of God through his actions and parables.

SCRIPTURE

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SCRIPTURE

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- As members of the Church, we are all united in living out the mission of Christ.
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SCRIPTURE

Built of Living Stones

1 Peter 2:4-5

11 The Teaching Church 127

- The Apostles proclaimed God's good news and brought the reign of God toward its fullness.
- Under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, the pope and the bishops continue the Apostles' mission to teach.

SCRIPTURE

Teach All Nations

Matthew 28:19-20

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- Canonization declares that a model Christian is enjoying eternity with God.

SCRIPTURE

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- Evil is the result of humans turning away from God's goodness.
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SCRIPTURE

New Life in Christ

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SCRIPTURE

Living for God

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SCRIPTURE

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- In the liturgical assembly, the Holy Spirit's grace of faith strengthens the community.

SCRIPTURE

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- The word of God is conveyed through Scripture and Tradition.
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SCRIPTURE

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SCRIPTURE

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- The Sacraments of Service are Holy Orders and Matrimony.

SCRIPTURE

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- Faith in the Resurrection is the source of hope in eternal life and happiness with God in heaven.
- The last rites of the Church include prayer, the Sacraments of Healing, and the Eucharist.

SCRIPTURE

The Judgment of the Nations

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- The Church's mission is to bring the good news to all people everywhere.
- Every baptized person has the responsibility of sharing the good news.

SCRIPTURE

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Unit 2 Trinity

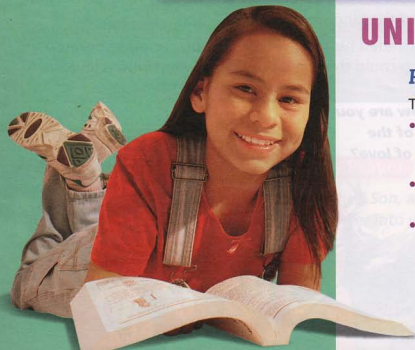
In this unit you will...

learn about the many ways you experience the mystery of God. When we follow the First Commandment, we live in relationship with the Blessed Trinity. We respond to God's love with prayer, with worship, and with practicing virtues in our everyday life.



What do you think you will learn in this unit about how God's people respond?

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UNIT 2 OPENER

Preview Unit Theme

Tell students that Unit 2 is about the Trinity

- Read aloud the text on page 66 of the student edition. Tell students they will learn more about these things in the next three chapters.
- Ask students what virtues they think they can practice every day.
- Invite volunteers to share how they live in relationship with the Trinity.

Overview

Faith Focus

- The Trinity is the central mystery of Christian faith and life. (CCC 234)
- Virtue is the habit of doing good. The theological virtues of faith, hope, and love are gifts from God. (CCC 1813)

Catechism Connection

The *Catechism* explains that the Trinity is a unity of distinct Persons who are each God, whole and entire. (CCC 253–255)

NDC Link

The Holy Trinity is the model for the human community. We are to enhance our communal, social natures by including all people and treating each member of the human family with dignity. (See NDC, 43.)

Resources

BOOK
Catholic Bible Stories for Children. * Ball, Ann with Will, Julianne M. Our Sunday Visitor. Stories of witness, worship, and tradition build on faith formation.

DVD/VHS
The Mystery of God, Vol. 1: Father (30 min.). Oblate Media. Shows how to recognize God's presence in the world.

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The Mystery of God

CATECHIST FORMATION



Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the holy Spirit.

Matthew 28:19

The Trinity Is Mystery

Christians could never have discovered for themselves that the God they worship is one God in three Persons. They know this central dogma of Christian faith and life only because Jesus revealed it to the Apostles during his life on Earth and because he sent the Spirit to confirm it after Jesus himself ascended to the Father. Even now, humans cannot imagine what the inner life of the Trinity is really like. It is a mystery “infinitely beyond all that we can humanly understand” (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 251).

The Communion of Love

The love among Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—so intense that the human mind cannot conceive it—is nevertheless the very love which you, by virtue of your Baptism, are invited to share. Throughout the process of creation and redemption, God’s ultimate goal has been that all humans would enjoy living in unity and love as in the communion of the Trinity. The communion of love that exists among the three Persons of the Trinity is the pattern on which God intends you to model your relationships with others. Although you may enjoy a foretaste of this communion here on Earth, it will be fully realized only in the fullness of the kingdom of God.

Jesus commanded his followers to love one another because only by loving could they be united with a God who is love.

Reflect How are you an example of the communion of love?



TEACHING CHAPTER 4

The Trinity

It is impossible to explain the mystery of the Trinity adequately. Discussing the Trinity with fifth graders presents special difficulties. Honesty demands that you tell the young people there are truths about God that surpass the human intellect. Try not to give them the false impression that adults know everything about God, but remember that talking about “the mystery of God” may also cause fifth graders to lose interest.

Fortunately, it is easy to awaken in fifth graders an interest in Christian art. A book of color reproductions of Renaissance or Baroque Church art will almost certainly include several paintings representing the Trinity. Many classic hymns devote a separate stanza to each of the Persons of the Trinity.

- Show students the paintings, and invite comments.
- Draw students' attention to prayers in which the three Persons of the Trinity are named (the Sign of the Cross, the Glory to the Father, the Gloria).
- Ask students to analyze the lyrics of a few hymns that include references to the Trinity.



Catechist's Prayer

O Holy Trinity, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, deepen my faith and guide me to enter into your mystery. Glory to you, now and forever. Amen.

FIFTH GRADERS SAY

Hands On

- I am full of energy. Help me use this energy in positive ways.
- I have lots of ideas. Allow me to use them in creative projects.
- I don't often think abstractly. Give me real-life examples to help me understand new concepts.

SUSTAINING YOUR SPIRIT








Engagement with Others

Blessed assurance in yourself is important. It is also important to experience significant and constructive engagement with others. Doing so enables you to

- see firsthand the goodness of others.
- recognize that sometimes a task is best addressed by a team.
- replenish your level of empathy.
- see that you can still benefit from different styles and approaches.

Engagement with others sustains your spirit by pulling you past your own limitations and by restoring your faith in yourself and others.

	Lone Ranger				Engaged with others	
Reflect	Rate yourself	1	2	3	4	5

	Objectives	Lesson Process	Materials
1 Invite	 <p>Page 67 Objective: To describe the greatness of God</p>	 <p>Let Us Pray: Job 37:4–5</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pray the Bible verse. • Sing the lyrics about God. • Think about God's greatness. 	
2 Explore	 <p>Pages 68–69 Objective: To explore the life and work of Saint Patrick</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Relate how Saint Patrick came to teach the Irish. • Discuss the story. <p>Activity Complete the Share Your Faith Activity.</p> <p>Words of Faith mystery</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Board or chart paper <input type="checkbox"/> Pencils or pens
	<p>Pages 70–71 Objective: To identify the three Persons of the Trinity</p>	 <p>Scripture: John 1:32–34</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proclaim the scripture story. • Lead the group activity. <p>Activity Complete the Connect Your Faith Activity.</p> <p>Words of Faith Holy Trinity, virtue, image of God</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Crayons or markers <input type="checkbox"/> Copies of Activity Master 4 on page 74A
3 Celebrate	 <p>Page 72 Objective: To affirm belief in the mystery of the Trinity</p>	 <p>Let Us Pray</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Come together as a community. • Invite volunteers to read. • Pray the Apostles' Creed. <p> Hymn: "Sing Praise to Our Creator"</p> <p>Activity Complete the Sign of the Cross Activity, page 238 and 239</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Hymnals <input type="checkbox"/> Music CD

Wrap Up

Review and Apply

Page 73

- Review the chapter concepts.
- Complete the Live Your Faith activity.

Family Faith

Page 74

- Introduce the page, and assign it as a family activity.
- Read about Saint Athanasius.

ACRE Connection, Domain 1—Trinity



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Chapter
4

The Mystery Of God

Invite



Let Us Pray

Leader: Almighty and powerful God, we are in awe of you.

“Again his voice roars—
the majestic sound of his thunder.
He does great things beyond our knowing;
wonders past our searching out.”

Job 37:4-5

All: Almighty and powerful God, we are in awe of you. Amen.

Activity

Let's Begin

How Great Thou Art

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy power throughout the universe displayed!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee;
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!

A selection from lyrics by Stuart K. Hine

- What things remind you of the greatness of God? **Responses will vary.**
- Complete this sentence in as many ways as you can: God is like . . . because . . . **Responses will vary.**

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1 Invite

Objective: To describe the greatness of God



Let Us Pray

Organize students in three groups to pray the scripture verse in the prayer space. In the space, have a crucifix and a Bible opened to the scripture passage. Proclaim each line of Scripture, and then have one of the groups pray it aloud in response.

Activity

- Introduce students to the hymn “How Great Thou Art.” You might teach them the tune and sing it with them, or you could play a recording.
- As an alternative, ask students to read silently the lines that appear in the text, and then invite a volunteer to read aloud these lines.
- Discuss the question following the lyrics.
- Encourage volunteers to share their responses to the second instruction.
- These responses might easily be turned into a spontaneous prayer service.

OPTIONAL ACTIVITY

Share Music Help students experience the beauty and power of the hymn “How Great Thou Art.” Invite one of the parish’s liturgical musicians or choir members to play or sing the hymn for the group.



Multiple Intelligence: Musical



CATECHIST BACKGROUND

Hymn The lyrics to “How Great Thou Art” were written in 1885 by a young Swedish Lutheran minister, Carl Boberg, who was caught in a thunderstorm when walking home from church.

- The majesty of the storm inspired him to write.
- People began to sing Boberg’s lyrics to an old Swedish melody.
- These lyrics are a translation of Boberg’s poem by Stuart K. Hine.

2 Explore



Explore

Objective: To explore the life and work of Saint Patrick

Focus

What gift did Patrick bring to the Irish people? List students' responses on the board or on chart paper.

More Than Can Be Known

Invite a volunteer to read aloud the first paragraph.

- Ask students for examples of blessings in the form of hardships.
- Offer personal examples.

Kidnapped

Ask students to explain what the illustration depicts.

- Read aloud the story with enthusiasm to help students sympathize with Patrick's plight.
- Ask them to listen for reasons for Patrick's anger with God.
- Have students discuss the question in pairs.
- Invite volunteers to share their thoughts with the group.



REACHING ALL LEARNERS

Tell a Story As you present a story, engage students with learning disabilities in a dialogue.

- After each paragraph, have them retell the story.
- Ask "Who?" "Where?" and "What happened?"
- This can improve comprehension.



More Than Can Be Known



Focus What gift did Patrick bring to the Irish people?

We can't always see God's plan for us. Blessings often come in the form of hardships. The following story shows how this was true for one Christian.

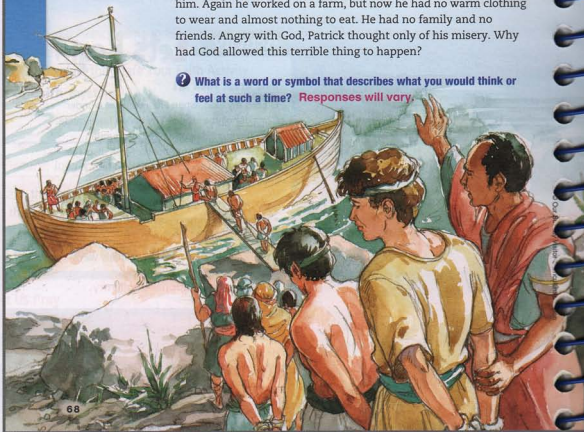
BIOGRAPHY

Kidnapped

Patrick, the son of a Roman official, lived on the western coast of Britain. While working on his father's farm one day, he was seized by a group of raiders and sold as a slave.

Patrick was taken away to Ireland, a place completely new to him. Again he worked on a farm, but now he had no warm clothing to wear and almost nothing to eat. He had no family and no friends. Angry with God, Patrick thought only of his misery. Why had God allowed this terrible thing to happen?

- ?** What is a word or symbol that describes what you would think or feel at such a time? **Responses will vary.**



JUSTICE AND PEACE

Slavery Today Catholic social teaching stresses the sanctity of life and dignity of humans.

- In spite of a two-hundred-year-old international campaign to abolish slavery, this great injustice still exists today.
- At least 27 million people, mostly children, are enslaved.

Catholic Social Teaching: Life and Dignity

The Mystery Unfolds

As time went by, Patrick began to realize that despite his harsh life, the lives of his Irish masters were even harder because they did not know Jesus. They did not know the Christian faith, which is full of hope and love. Patrick began to pray with all his heart, turning his life and his future over to God. After six years, he escaped and made the long, hard journey home. His parents were overjoyed to see him. They hoped that he would never leave them again.

But Patrick kept thinking about the Irish people he had left. He never stopped wondering about the mystery of his life and what good might come from his time among these people. One night he dreamed that they were calling him. All at once it became clear to him that because he knew their language, he could bring them the Christian faith. Although the studies were hard for him, Patrick prepared to become a priest. In time, he became a bishop and returned to Ireland. When the Irish people heard Patrick speak, great numbers of them asked to be baptized. Because of his great holiness and love for God, the Church made Patrick a saint.

Experience taught Patrick that the mysteries in human life experience toward the **mystery** of God, who is so much more than they can ever grasp.

- ❓ What are some things about your own life that cause you to wonder as Patrick did?

Responses will vary.

Words of Faith

A **mystery** is a truth of faith that you cannot fully understand but that you believe because God has shown it to people in Scripture, in the life of Jesus, or in the teachings of the Church.

The Mystery Unfolds

Read aloud the rest of the story.

- Have pairs of students retell the story to each other.
- Have volunteers share their responses to the question.
- Call attention to Words of Faith.

Activity

- Have students work in pairs.
- Allow time for students to think of questions and write them.
- Write volunteered questions on the board or on chart paper.
- Discuss some of the questions.

Quick Review

Patrick learned the language of the Irish people when he was a slave. As a result, he was able to preach the gospel in that language. Christians are called to lives of trust. God is with his people even when their lives take unexpected turns.

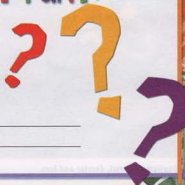
Activity

Share Your Faith

Reflect: If you could ask God any questions about the mysteries in your life, what would they be?

Share: Share your questions with a partner.

Act: Write one question here. Pray to God for your understanding of this mystery.



OPTIONAL ACTIVITY

Draw Symbols Invite students to express in drawings their ideas about the mystery of God.

- Have each student draw a response to this phrase: God is like ____.
- Invite volunteers to explain their drawings.



Multiple Intelligence: Visual/Spatial

2 Explore

Objective: To identify the three Persons of the Trinity

Focus

Who is the Holy Trinity? List students' responses on the board or on chart paper.

The Mystery Beyond Words

Review the definition of *mystery*.

- Use the graphic organizer to summarize the text.
- First, point out the symbol of the Trinity.
- Then, write the words *Holy Trinity* in the center of the triangle and *Father*, *Son*, and *Holy Spirit* on the sides.
- Emphasize that the Trinity is three distinct Persons, yet only one God.

The Baptism of Jesus

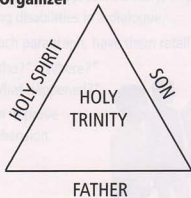
Ask a volunteer to proclaim the scripture passage.

- Have students read silently.
- Answer any questions they have about the passage.
- Pause for discussion of the question.



QUICK TIP

Graphic Organizer



The Mystery Beyond Words

Focus Who is the Holy Trinity?

Like Patrick, people today wonder about the mystery of God and the way God works in their lives. God wants to be known, yet he is greater than anyone can tell or understand.

From earliest Old Testament times, the Israelites learned through revelation that God is one, unfailing in truth and love. Jesus revealed a deeper level of this mystery, showing that the one God is three Persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—the **Holy Trinity**. Patrick emphasized and honored the Trinity in all his teaching. Jesus and his followers invite you into a deeper understanding of the mystery of the God you cannot see.



SCRIPTURE

John 1:32–34

The Baptism of Jesus



The Baptism of Christ, Carrier and Ives

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John the Baptist testified that Jesus was the Son of God, sent by the Father and filled with the Holy Spirit:

"I saw the Spirit come down like a dove from the sky and remain upon him. I did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water told me, 'On whomever you see the Spirit come down and remain, he is the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.' Now I have seen and testified that he is the Son of God."

John 1:32–34

Whenever the Church baptizes, the names of the three Persons in the Holy Trinity are used. Those who are baptized enter into the very life of God, who is love. All of the sacraments offer a share in God's life and into the mystery that is God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

? What are some ways in which you experience the love of the Holy Trinity in your life? Responses will vary.



SCRIPTURE BACKGROUND

Images of the Spirit For centuries, the standard symbol of the Holy Spirit in Christian art has been a dove.

- This scripture passage reveals why.
- All four Gospels report that when Jesus was at the Jordan River with John, the Spirit of God was seen to descend on Jesus in the shape of a dove.

Living Your Faith

The Sign of the Cross helps you recall that the Trinity is with you, protecting and guiding you to live as Jesus did. When you renew your baptismal promises, you are reminded that the Trinity gives you new life that never ends.

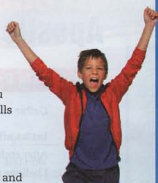
The first commandment is this: I am the Lord your God; you shall not have strange gods before me. This commandment calls you to believe in God, to hope in him, and to love him above everything else. In obeying this commandment, you live in relationship with the Trinity.

A **virtue** is a habit of doing good. The virtues of faith, hope, and love are called theological virtues because they are gifts from God.

- Faith is the virtue by which you freely choose to respond to God's invitation and say "yes" to all that he has revealed.
- Hope is your desire and expectation that God will grant you eternal life with the Trinity and give you the grace to attain it.
- Love, or charity, is the virtue by which you love God above all things and others for the love of God.

All people are made in the **image of God** because they are created by God. If you try, you can see traces of the Trinity reflected in every person. When people love one another, they reflect the communion of the three Persons in one God.

? How do some of the people you know show themselves as images of God? **Responses will vary.**



Words of Faith

The **Holy Trinity** is the mystery of one God in three Persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

A **virtue** is a habit of doing good that helps you grow in love for God.

Image of God means the divine likeness in each person, the result of being created by God.

Activity

Connect Your Faith

Discover Symbols of the Trinity Legend says that Patrick used the shamrock as an image for the Trinity. How could the shamrock be useful in explaining the Trinity? What other images would help explain the Trinity? Draw one or more of them in this space.



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Living Your Faith

Organize students in groups.

- Assign each group a paragraph.
- Tell students to discuss what the paragraph means to a fifth grader.
- Have each group report their findings.
- Tell students to define the Words of Faith to one another.
- Elicit responses to the question.

Activity

- Read aloud the directions.
- Ask students why a triangle is a good symbol for the Trinity. **An equilateral triangle is made up of three distinct sides that are perfectly equal.**
- Invite students to draw their images.
- Have volunteers explain their images.

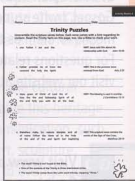
Quick Review

Jesus revealed the fullness of the mystery of God in the Trinity. Jesus' baptism expresses the triune presence of God in the sacraments.

OPTIONAL ACTIVITY

Activity Master 4: Trinity Puzzles Distribute copies of the activity on catechist page 74A.

- Pass out Bibles to help students complete the activity.
- As an alternative, you may wish to send this activity home with students.



▲ Activity Master 4



Objective: To affirm belief in the mystery of the Trinity

Let Us Pray

Tell students that they will affirm their faith by praying the Apostles' Creed.

Apostles' Creed

Prepare

Tell students that an affirmation of faith is a way to tell God of our trust in his love for us. Point out that the wording of the Apostles' Creed changed slightly when the English translation of the Third Edition of the Roman Missal was implemented in November 2011.

- Appoint four readers.

Use the *Call to Faith 5* CD, track 4, to rehearse the suggested song.

Gather

Make sure that students are seated comfortably in the prayer space.

Pray

- Follow the order of prayer on page 72.

Pause for discussion of the question.

Apostles' Creed

Let Us Pray

Gather and begin with the Sign of the Cross.

- Leader:** Let us affirm what we believe.
After each reader, say: I do believe!
- Reader 1:** I believe in God,
the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son,
our Lord,

At the words that follow, up to and including the Virgin Mary, all bow.

- Reader 2:** who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended into hell;
on the third day he rose again
from the dead;
- Reader 3:** he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand
of God the Father almighty;
from there he will come to judge
the living and the dead.
- Reader 4:** I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting. Amen.



O most holy Trinity,
Undivided unity;
Holy God, mighty God,
God immortal be adored!



LITURGY LINK

The Nicene Creed At Sunday Mass, the congregation generally recites the Nicene Creed.

- This is a statement of the Trinitarian dogmas defined by the councils of Nicea, Constantinople, and Chalcedon.
- Explain that the wording of the Creed changed slightly when we began to implement the English translation of the Third Edition of *The Roman Missal* in November 2011.



LECTIONARY LINK

Break Open the Word Read last week's Sunday Gospel. Invite students to think about what the reading means to them as they try to follow Christ's example. For questions related to the weekly Gospel reading, visit our website at www.osvcurriculum.com.



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Review and Apply

A Check Understanding Circle True if a statement is true, and circle False if a statement is false. Correct any false statements.

1. Faith in God means that God is not a mystery.

True False Faith is saying "yes" to all that God has revealed.

2. The mystery of God in three Persons—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—is called the image of God.

True False It is the Trinity.

3. Jesus reveals to people the God they cannot see.

True False

4. Those who are baptized are baptized into the very life of God.

True False

5. When he baptized Jesus, Patrick learned more about the mystery of God.

True False John, not Patrick, baptized Jesus.

B Make Connections What does it mean to be created in the image of God?

The divine likeness in each person is the result of being created by God.

Activity

Live Your Faith

Imagine Create a scene for a movie. In your scene, one character has just challenged another person's faith in God. Tell how the other character responds.

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Wrap-Up

Review and Apply

Use the Quick Review statements from the catechist Explore pages to review the lesson concepts.

- A Check Understanding** Tell students to circle the correct choice. Remind them to correct any items that are false.
- B Make Connections** Read aloud the question, and tell students to write their responses in complete sentences.
- When students have completed the review, go over the responses for Part A to be certain that all students know the correct responses.
 - Invite volunteers to share their responses to Part B.

Activity

- Organize students in small groups. Read aloud the directions for the activity, and allow students adequate time to compose their scenes.
- Invite volunteers to act out their material.



CULTURAL AWARENESS

Media and Faith Some African people tend to view faith as a communal journey towards God. The Church in Africa spreads the gospel using means that respect this communal orientation.

- African Church leaders draw from the cultural richness of their people and combine this heritage with various means of social communication, such as songs, posters, pictures, fine art, sculpture, and film documentaries, in order to evangelize.



Family Faith

Remind students to discuss the Family Faith page at home. Encourage students to read the passage from the Letter to the Corinthians.

Activity

- Explain the activity by giving examples of ways to show love.
- For fifth graders, showing love for their families can be as simple as doing chores or getting up on time.

People of Faith

Tell students about Saint Athanasius.

- Explain that the false teachings against which Saint Athanasius defended the Church are called heresies.
- Remind students to add Saint Athanasius to their People of Faith albums. Encourage them to pray the prayer at home with their families.



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Family Faith

Catholics Believe

- The Trinity is the central mystery of Christian faith and life.
- Virtue is the habit of doing good. The theological virtues of faith, hope, and love are gifts from God.

SCRIPTURE

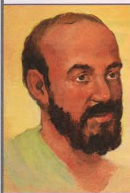
Read 1 Corinthians 13:1–13 to learn how Saint Paul describes love.

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Activity

Live Your Faith

Make a Symbol Love is one of the virtues talked about in this week's lesson. Love is the glue that holds a family together. The love within a family is meant to reflect the love of the Holy Trinity. Create a symbol that represents how your family shows God's love to others. If someone in your family is skilled with art or fabric, you can help that person make a more permanent symbol to display in your home.



▲ Saint Athanasius
c. 295–373

People of Faith

Athanasius became the bishop of Alexandria in Egypt at the age of thirty. He lived at a time when many people were supporting a false teaching that Jesus was not really the Son of God. As bishop, Athanasius defended the doctrine of the Trinity. Because of his outspokenness, he was sent into exile—not once, but five times over the course of his life. During these times he lived in hardship but spent his time writing, praying, and encouraging other Christians. The Church celebrates his feast day on May 2.

In Unit 2 your child is learning about the Tenets.

74 See Catechism of the Catholic Church 234, 1812, 1813 for further reading on chapter content.

Family Prayer

Saint Athanasius, pray for us that we may know and love the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit as you did. May we also follow your example and uphold our convictions even when it is difficult to do so. Amen.



HOW DID I DO?

My session was

- one of the best ever! pretty good. in need of improvement.

In what discussions and activities were students most interested?

What activity did I most enjoy teaching?

In what area do I need to improve?

Name _____ Date _____

Trinity Puzzles

Unscramble the scripture verses below. Each verse comes with a hint regarding its content. Read the Trinity facts on this page, too. Use a Bible to check your work.

1. one Father I are and the

HINT: Jesus said this about his relationship with God. *John 10:30*

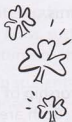
2. Father promise he of from the
received the holy the Spirit

HINT: This is the promise Jesus received from God. *Acts 2:33*



3. Jesus grace of Christ of Lord the of
love the the and fellowship Spirit of of
the and holy you with be all the God

HINT: This blessing is used in worship.
2 Corinthians 13:13



4. therefore make Go nations disciples and all
of name Father the them of in the holy
of the and of the and Spirit Son baptizing

HINT: This scripture verse contains the words of the Sign of the Cross.

Matthew 28:19

- The word *Trinity* is not found in the Bible.
- One of the symbols of the Trinity is three interlinked circles.
- The word *Trinity* comes from the Latin word *trinitas*, meaning “three.”

