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SCRIPTURE

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SCRIPTURE

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- The commandments tell you ways to love God and others.

SCRIPTURE

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- Each person has a soul that will live forever.

SCRIPTURE

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- No one can believe alone, just as no one can live alone.

SCRIPTURE

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SCRIPTURE

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- The Beatitudes show you how to live and act as a follower of Jesus.

SCRIPTURE

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Matthew 5:1-10

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- The Great Commandment is to love God with all your heart, strength, and mind, and to love your neighbor as yourself.
- The Great Commandment sums up all the teachings of the Ten Commandments.

SCRIPTURE

The Rich Young Man

Matthew 19:16-22

9 Honoring God 109

- The first three commandments teach you to honor God above all else, respect his name, and worship him on Sunday.
- These commandments tell you believe in, trust, and love God.

SCRIPTURE

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- Every person is called by God to a vocation.
- Through your vocation, you can help God increase his reign.

SCRIPTURE

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- The Church's holiness shines in the saints. All who live their love of God are saints.
- Mary is the perfect model of holiness, and she is called the Mother of the Church.

SCRIPTURE

Mary's Song

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SCRIPTURE

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- The Fourth, Sixth, and Ninth Commandments provide basic laws of family love and respect.

SCRIPTURE

Jesus and His Family

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SCRIPTURE

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SCRIPTURE

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- The seasons of the liturgical year include Advent, Christmas, Lent, Easter, and Ordinary Time.

SCRIPTURE

The Right Time

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- The Sacrament of the Eucharist is at the heart of Christian life.

SCRIPTURE

The Last Supper

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- The Sacraments of Reconciliation and the Anointing of the Sick celebrate God's healing love.

SCRIPTURE

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- The commandments call you to be generous and to have the right attitude toward possessions.
- The goods of the earth are meant for the benefit of the whole human family.

SCRIPTURE

The Widow's Contribution

Mark 12:41–44

20 The Church in the World..... 205

- The mission of the People of God is to proclaim the gospel and to work for the good of all people.
- The Church is made up of people from many cultures, but all are united by their belief in Christ.

SCRIPTURE

Go Forth

Matthew 28:18–20

21 I Want to See God..... 213

- The Church teaches that at the end of time, all will be raised from the dead.
- After being raised from the dead, all will come into the presence of Christ to be judged.

SCRIPTURE

The Last Judgment

Matthew 25:34–40

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Unit 2 Trinity

In this unit you will...

learn that you are made in God's image and likeness and are to live and love in community. Showing love to others is a way we reflect the love of the Holy Trinity. Sin is the failure to do so. You will learn that Persons of the Trinity help you to do good and avoid evil. You do this by using your free will and following your conscience.



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What do you think you will learn in this unit about faithful people?

In God's Image



Let Us Pray

Leader: God, we give you praise and thanks for all creation.

“When you send forth your breath, they are created,
and you renew the face of the earth.”

Psalm 104:30

All: God, we give you praise and thanks for all creation. Amen.

Activity

Let's Begin

Me I Am

There is no other ME I AM
who thinks the thoughts I do;
the world contains one ME I AM,
there is no room for two.
I am the only ME I AM
this earth shall ever see;
that ME I AM I always am
is no one else but ME!

A selection from the poem by Jack Prelutsky

- What is the best thing about being you?

An Image of Love



Focus

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



Faith Fact

James Augustine Healy was the first African American Catholic bishop in the United States. He was named bishop of Portland, Maine, in 1875.

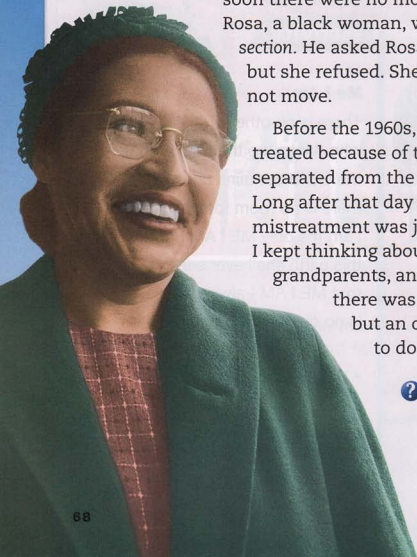
A BIOGRAPHY

Rosa Parks

On the evening of December 1, 1955, Rosa Parks boarded a public bus in Montgomery, Alabama, and took a seat in the *white* section. The bus filled quickly, and soon there were no more seats. The driver noticed that Rosa, a black woman, was not sitting in the *colored* section. He asked Rosa to move to the back of the bus, but she refused. She did not argue. She simply did not move.

Before the 1960s, African Americans were unjustly treated because of their skin color. They were separated from the rest of society in many ways. Long after that day on the bus, Rosa Parks wrote, "Our mistreatment was just not right, and I was tired of it. I kept thinking about my mother and my grandparents, and how strong they were. I knew there was a possibility of being mistreated, but an opportunity was being given to me to do what I had asked of others."

- ?** When have you observed that someone was being treated in a certain way simply because of the color of his or her skin?



Created with Dignity

Rosa Parks was a true hero of the struggle for human rights in the United States. Yet she began by doing one simple thing on a day when she was tired. Rosa expressed the very basic Christian belief that all people have **dignity** because they are created in God's image.

SCRIPTURE

God created man in his image;
in the divine image he created him;
male and female he created them.

Genesis 1:27

God made you with a human body, and you have a **soul** that will live forever. God gave you the ability to think, to love, and to make choices. You can make choices for human dignity every day.



Activity

Share Your Faith

Reflect: Think of a time when you or someone you know showed respect or treated someone with dignity.

Share: Tell a partner what happened.

Act: List some ways you can protect the dignity of others.

Words of Faith

Dignity is self-worth. Every human is worthy of respect because he or she is made in the image of God.

Soul is the spiritual part of a human that lives forever.

Made to Love



Focus

What is sin?

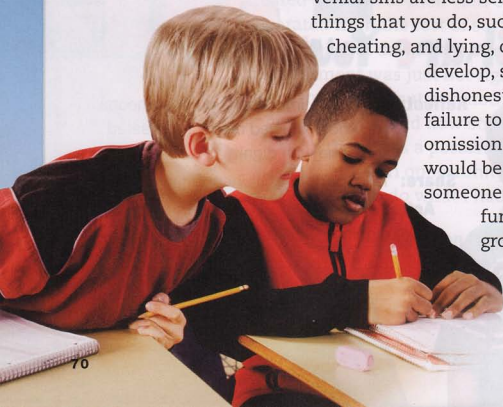
God created you to be united to him and to all people. Every time you act in a loving way, you deepen your connection to God and to the members of the Church, the Body of Christ. When you choose to treat someone badly, you hurt this person and the whole community of faith. You choose not to show love and respect.

Failure to Love

Sin is always a failure to love. A sinful thought, word, or act also hurts your friendship with God. Sin affects you, too, and keeps you from becoming the person God wants you to be.

There are two kinds of personal sin—mortal and venial. Serious sins, such as murder, are called mortal sins. They destroy the friendship a person has with God and with others. In order for a sin to be mortal, the act must be seriously wrong, you must know that it is seriously wrong, and you must freely choose to do it anyway.

Venial sins are less serious sins. They are things that you do, such as disobeying, cheating, and lying, or bad habits that you develop, such as being lazy or dishonest. Sometimes sin is a failure to act. This is a sin of omission. An example of this would be to remain silent when someone tells a joke that makes fun of another person or group. Venial sin hurts your friendship with God and others, but it does not destroy it.



Love and Respect

Social sin refers to the results of sin that can build up over time in a community or nation. One example of social sin is not allowing someone of a certain race or group to buy a house in a certain neighborhood. Rosa Parks acted against inequality and social sin. She defended her own dignity and the dignity of others.

All people are equal. Every person has dignity and is worthy of respect because he or she is made in God's image. Because he is the Son of God, Jesus is the perfect image of God. You are called to become more like Jesus and to reflect the love and care that he shows all people.

Words of Faith

Sin is a deliberate thought, word, deed, or omission contrary to the law of God.

Social sin is a sinful social structure or institution that builds up over time so that it affects the whole society.



Activity

Connect Your Faith

Ask for Forgiveness Everybody sins, but not everybody asks for God's forgiveness. Write a personal prayer, asking God's forgiveness for some of your past actions.



Prayer for Dignity and Respect



Let Us Pray

Gather and begin with the Sign of the Cross.



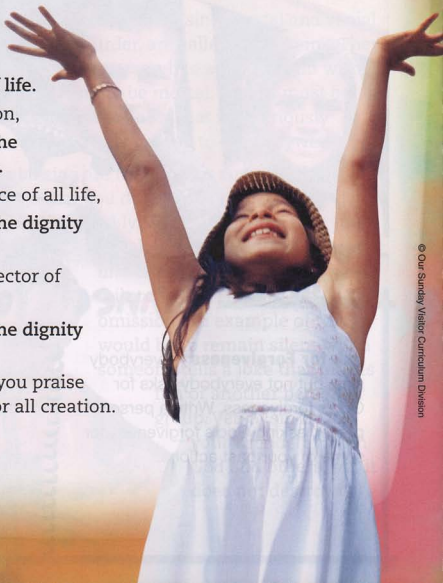
Sing together.

Behold, behold, I make all things new, beginning
with you and starting from today.

Behold, behold, I make all things new, my promise
is true, for I am Christ the way.

"Behold, I Make All Things New" © 1994, The Iona Community,
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- Reader:** God of life,
All: We pray for
the dignity of life.
- Reader:** God of creation,
All: We pray for the
dignity of life.
- Reader:** God, the source of all life,
All: We pray for the dignity
of life.
- Reader:** God, the protector of
all humanity,
All: We pray for the dignity
of life.
- Leader:** God, we give you praise
and thanks for all creation.
- All:** Amen.



Review and Apply

A Check Understanding

Mark each statement True or False.

Correct each false statement.

1. A bully can never reflect God's image.

2. God is with everyone at all times in all places.

3. You commit a mortal sin when you cheat on a spelling test.

4. Rosa Parks was a victim of social sin. _____
5. Each person is unique, created by God. _____

B Make Connections

Why are all people worthy of respect?

Activity

Live Your Faith

Show Respect Like Rosa Parks, some people or groups of people do not get the respect they deserve. What advice would you give to a person who is treating someone else with little or no respect?





Family Faith

Catholics Believe

- Every person is worthy of respect because he or she is created in God's image.
- Each person has a soul that will live forever.



SCRIPTURE

Read *Leviticus 19:1–18, 31–37* to learn other ways in which you can respect others and yourself and treat each person with dignity.



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Activity

Live Your Faith

Inside and Outside When we respect our own dignity and that of others, we give honor to God, who has created us in his image. Gather some paper bags and magazines. Find pictures that show how you think others see you. Glue the pictures on the outside of a bag. Then find and place pictures inside the bag that show what God sees in you. Invite each person to share the contents of the bag if he or she wishes.



▲ Saint Teresa Benedicta
1891–1942

People of Faith

Saint Teresa Benedicta was a teacher, a convert, and a Carmelite nun. Born Edith Stein, she lived during the first part of the twentieth century and took the name Teresa Benedicta. Her life was dedicated to teaching, especially the teaching of young girls and women. During the Nazi persecution of Jews, Edith was arrested and executed at Auschwitz. She is a model of the importance of forgiveness and reconciliation during a time of great violence. Saint Teresa's feast day is August 9.



Family Prayer

Saint Teresa, may your life be a model. Pray for us that we might learn to forgive, even our enemies. Amen.

In Unit 2 your child is learning about the TRINITY.