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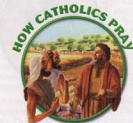
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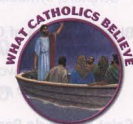
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Jesus Is the Son of God

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Through his life and teaching, Jesus showed us what it means to be made in the image of God. Through his death and Resurrection, Christ gave us a share in his divine life forever.

Father, forgive them, they know not what they do.

Luke 23:34



This embroidery on a priest's chasuble shows the Via Dolorosa, the street along which Jesus carried the cross.

Blest Are They

Matthew 5:3-12, Adapted by David Haas

Music by David Haas

VERSE



1. Blest are they, the poor in spir - it,
 2. Blest are they, the low - ly ones,



theirs is the king - dom of God.
 they shall in - her - it the earth.



Blest are they, full of sor - row,
 Blest are they who hun - ger and thirst,



they shall be con - soled.
 they shall have their fill.

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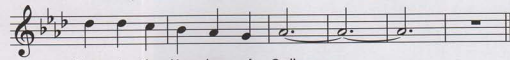
Re - joice and be glad!



Bless - ed are you, ho - ly are you!



Re - joice and be glad!



Yours is the king - dom of God!

3. Blest are they who show mercy,
 mercy shall be theirs.
 Blest are they, the pure of heart,
 they shall see God!
Refrain

4. Blest are they who seek peace;
 they are the children of God.
 Blest are they who suffer in faith,
 the glory of God is theirs.
Refrain

5. Blest are you who suffer hate,
 all because of me.
 Rejoice and be glad,
 yours is the kingdom; shine for all to see.
Refrain

Getting ready for Chapter 5

Take Home



Jesus, the Image of God

Mirrors give us a good representation of ourselves. They do, however, reverse things so that the left side appears as the right and the right side, the left. Recently, a “true mirror” has been invented that reflects you as you are, by the use of right angles. Jesus is the “true mirror” of God, who shows us what God is like and, therefore, what he expects us to be like.

ACTIVITY

Mirror Message Make a mirror out of a piece of silver paper or aluminum foil. In the center, write how someone in your family reflects God’s image. Give it to that person as a gift!



WEEKLY PLANNER

On Sunday

Remember that Jesus is our true friend and role model.

On the Web

www.blestarewe.com



Visit our Web site for the saint of the day and the reflection question of the week.

Saint of the Week



Saint Catherine of Bologna (1413–1463)

Saint Catherine of Bologna traded in a courtly life to join the Poor Clares religious community. She was known for her holiness, piety, and charity. Saint Catherine was also a painter and manuscript illuminator.

Patron Saint of: Artists

Feast Day: March 9



Jesus, we thank you for your example. Like Saint Catherine of Bologna, help us to use our talents, to always give praise to you, the perfect role model. Amen.

Getting ready for Chapter 5

Take Home



✚ Scripture Background

In the Time of Jesus

Burial Jewish burials usually took place within a day after the person's death. An important part of the burial custom was the preparation of the body. Family members and friends washed the body, anointed it with spices, and wrapped it in linen. The mourners then carried the body in a procession to the tomb. Rock-cut tombs that were sealed with large stones were common burial sites. After Jesus died on the cross, his body was placed in this type of tomb.

Read about Jesus' crucifixion in Luke 23:33–56.



OUR CATHOLIC TRADITION in America

City Names Saints are people who have tried to live like Jesus. They are examples for us, as Jesus was an example. They showed us how to be human and also imitate God. In our country we have many cities that have been named after saints, for example: St. Louis, San Francisco, St. Paul, and Santa Barbara. They are daily reminders of saints in our midst.



Golden Gate Bridge, San Francisco, CA



5 Jesus, the Image of God

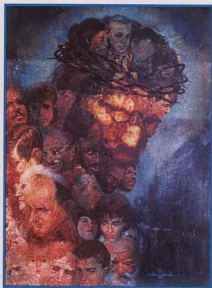


Whoever has seen me has seen the Father.

John 14:9

Share

In His Image



There are people in our lives who set a good example for us by being kind, helpful, and loving as Jesus was. We call these people role models. Role models show us how to bring God's goodness into our world. We admire them and try to follow in their footsteps.

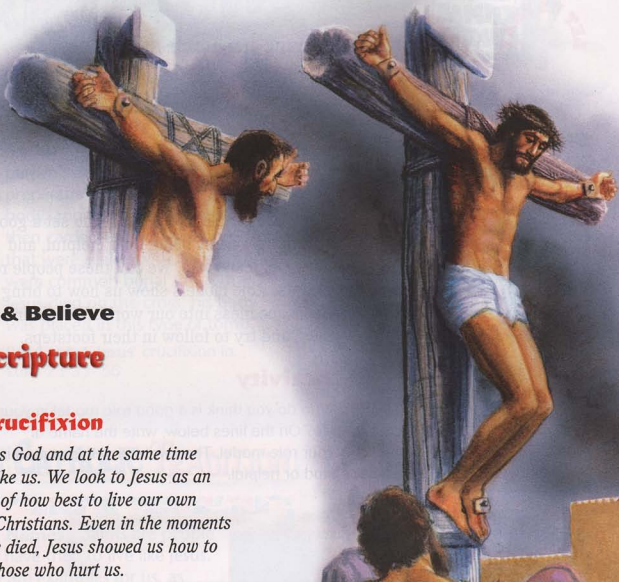
Activity

Who do you think is a good role model in your life? On the lines below, write the name of your role model. Then write how this person is kind or helpful.

My role model is: _____

This person is a role model for me because: _____

How did
Jesus show
us his love?



Hear & Believe

Scripture

The Crucifixion

Jesus was God and at the same time human like us. We look to Jesus as an example of how best to live our own lives as Christians. Even in the moments before he died, Jesus showed us how to forgive those who hurt us.

Soldiers hung Jesus upon a wooden cross. Many people watched him suffering. Some leaders watched too, mocking him by saying, “He saved others! Let him save himself now!” The soldiers played games to see who would get his clothes. They also made fun of Jesus. As Jesus was suffering, he said, “Father, forgive them. They do not know what they are doing.”

Based on Luke 23:33–37

Jesus Is God's Divine Son

Jesus was sent by God to live among us. Being a man, he experienced pain, suffering, and death.

Jesus is also the Second Person of the Holy Trinity. He is **divine** because he is God's Son. Jesus saved us from our sins by his life, death, Resurrection, and **Ascension** into heaven. This is known as the **Paschal Mystery**. The Paschal Mystery is the greatest way Jesus could show God's deep love for each of us. We celebrate the Paschal Mystery and our new life with Jesus every Sunday at Mass.

Jesus, Our Role Model

We are special because we are created in the image of God. If we live the way Jesus taught us to live, we will be showing God's goodness to others. Jesus is our role model.

During his life on earth, Jesus showed us how to treat others with respect and to care for God's world. Jesus is present in our lives today in Scripture, the sacraments, and through the witness of the Christian community. God wants us to follow Jesus' example.

Our Church Teaches

Jesus is God's Son. He is both human and divine. He was born to Mary by the power of the Holy Spirit. During his life, Jesus showed God's love to others. We try to live as Jesus did.

Jesus died and then rose from the dead to save us from our sins and to give us new life. We celebrate the Paschal Mystery each Sunday at Mass.

We Believe

Jesus is our role model. As God's divine Son, he shows us how to love others as God loves us.

Faith Words

divine

The word *divine* means "of God." Jesus Christ is both human and divine—that is, he is both a man and God.

Ascension

The Ascension is the moment when Jesus, in his resurrected body, entered heaven.

Paschal Mystery

The Paschal Mystery is the life, death, Resurrection, and Ascension of Jesus Christ.



How do I follow Jesus?



Respond

Saint Catherine of Bologna and Seeing the Face of God



Catherine de'Vigri was born in Bologna, Italy, on September 8, 1413. When she was eleven, she learned to paint tiny statues. A few years later, Catherine became a religious sister.

One Christmas Eve night, she had a vision of Mary holding Baby Jesus. In the vision, Mary let Catherine hold Jesus in her arms. This vision has been painted by many artists.

Catherine led a group of religious women that became part of the community of sisters called the Poor Clares. She once wrote that she would do her very best to follow Jesus.

Catherine is known today as Saint Catherine of Bologna. She is honored as the patron saint of artists. We celebrate her feast day on March 9.



Activities

1. Many artists have tried to paint the face of Jesus. What do you think Jesus looked like?

Draw your own picture of the face of Jesus.

2. Read each story. Rewrite the part that is underlined. Keep in mind what Christ, our role model, might say.



a. Megan's team is playing basketball and the score is tied. During the last minutes of play, her teammate Dina, passes the ball to her. Megan misses the pass, and the other team gets the ball and scores. The game ends with the other team winning by a point. Dina yells at Megan and calls her names. She shouts, "How could you miss such an easy pass?"

b. Every day Jessica practices on her clarinet. She has a solo part in the spring concert. On the night of the concert, Jessica is very nervous. As she walks on stage, she trips and falls. Although Jessica is embarrassed, she walks to her seat and plays her piece beautifully. After the concert her classmate, Tim, says, "I can't believe how clumsy you are!"



3. Find a word hidden in the line of letters. Then complete the message.

M T R S G X U Q F O L L O W D C G T M

Jesus says, " _____ me."

Based on Mark 1:17

How do we see the image of God in others?



Prayer Celebration

A Prayer of Reflection

Leader: Each of us is called to follow Jesus' example and continue doing God's will. Look at the picture that you drew of Jesus. Use it to help you pray. Think about what Jesus said: "Whoever has seen me has seen the Father" (John 14:9).

Reader: Christ has no body now on earth but yours.
No hands but yours. No feet but yours.
Christ must look out on the world with your eyes.
He needs to move around doing good things by
using your feet. And he uses your hands to bless
his people.

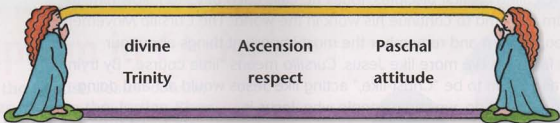
Based on the Prayer by Saint Teresa of Ávila

Leader: Jesus, teach us to speak kind words. Teach us to do good deeds. Help us to follow you.



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Chapter Review



A Complete each statement about Jesus by choosing one of the words above. You will not have to use all the words.

1. Jesus Christ is both human and _____.
2. Jesus is part of the Holy _____.
3. The moment when Jesus, in his resurrected body, entered heaven is known as his _____.
4. Jesus' dying and rising is known as the _____ Mystery.
5. Jesus showed us how to treat others with _____.

B Match column A with column B by writing the correct number in the space provided.

- | A | B |
|----------------|--|
| 1. models | _____ We celebrate our new life with Jesus at _____. |
| 2. son | _____ Jesus died and rose from the dead to save us from our _____. |
| 3. Holy Spirit | _____ Jesus is God's _____. |
| 4. Mass | _____ People who show us how to live like Jesus are called role _____. |
| 5. sins | _____ Jesus was born to Mary by the power of the _____. |

Faith in Action

Jesus' Example and the Cursillo Movement Jesus calls us all to be leaders. Just as he called his first disciples, today he calls each of us to follow him, to learn from him, and to continue his work in the world. The Cursillo Movement helps people learn and remember the most important things about our Catholic faith and live more like Jesus. *Cursillo* means "little course." By trying as hard as we can to be "Christ-like," acting like Jesus would act and doing what Jesus would do, we show people who Jesus is.

In Everyday Life



Activity Think about what most helps you to be like Jesus. Mark an X next to the words that describe the most important way you have learned to be like Jesus. Put a check mark ✓ next to any other ways that have helped you.

- _____ Reading about Jesus in the Bible
- _____ Praying about what to do and how to act
- _____ Asking for guidance from someone I trust
- _____ Seeing how someone I admire acts
- _____ (in my own words) _____

In Your Parish



Activity When we work, pray, and celebrate together and care for one another, we are living as Jesus calls us to live. Identify three opportunities in your parish in which you can learn more about what it means to live as brothers and sisters in Christ. One has been done for you.

We work together: **Helping the homeless.** _____

We pray together: _____

We celebrate together: _____

We care for one another: _____