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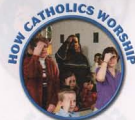
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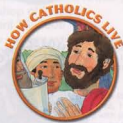
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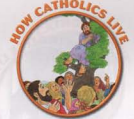
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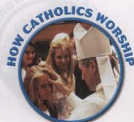
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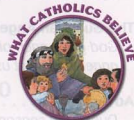
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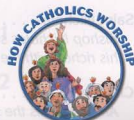
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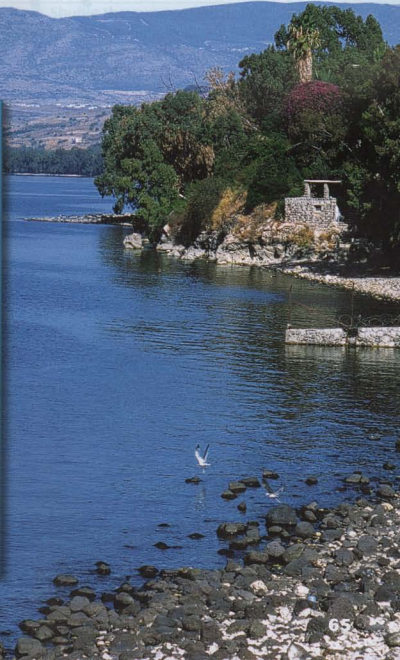
Jesus taught us that we are all God's special children.
God has given us the gift of his wonderful creation.
We thank God for all the gifts we have received.

Children, let us love one another.

Based on 1 John 4:7



Jesus went from town to town around the Sea of Galilee. He taught people about our loving God. When we show our love for others we follow Jesus.



Getting ready for Chapter 5

Take Home



God Is Our Loving Father

We look around us at all that God created and see signs of a loving Father. God not only gave us the gift of life, but continues to care for us. In this chapter the children will learn about God the Father's love for us and for all creation. They will discuss ways of caring for creation and will pray a prayer of thanks.



ACTIVITY

Pick a Card Remove the fours, threes, twos, and aces from a deck of cards. Shuffle the removed cards and put them face down on a table. Invite each family member to pick a card and to name different gifts from God. In other words, if a four is turned over, name four gifts; if an ace is turned over, name one gift.

WEEKLY PLANNER

On Sunday

At Mass we give thanks for all God's gifts. On the way to church, ask yourselves, "For what gifts are we thankful?"

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 Rose of Lima
(1586–1617)

Rose grew up in a poor family in Peru. As a young woman, she cared for her parents. She set up a room in their home where poor children and the elderly could receive free health care. Rose of Lima became the first saint of the Americas.

Feast Day: August 30



**A Prayer
for the
Week**

Loving God, bless our family as we begin this day. Help us follow the example of Saint Rose of Lima by loving and caring for others. Amen.

Getting ready for Chapter 5

Take Home



Scripture Background

Before the Time of Jesus

Genesis and Creation Genesis, the first book of the Bible, tells the story of creation and of God's encounter with his first people. The Genesis account was not intended to be a scientific or historical account of creation. The authors of Genesis used the literary form of an allegory to reveal important truths about the nature of God. These truths include the preexistence of God, his wisdom and goodness, God's power through which all things are made, and the creation of man and woman in God's own image and likeness. The belief that God created everything good is repeated over and over again in Genesis.

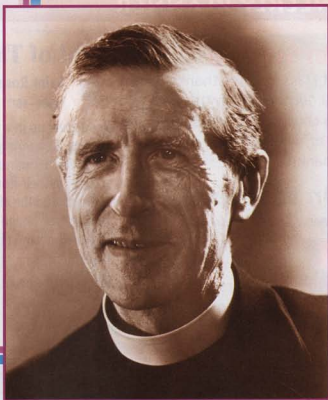
You can read about creation in Genesis 1, 2.



OUR CATHOLIC TRADITION

in Science

Teilhard de Chardin Many people think there is a conflict between believing in the Bible and believing in evolution. They believe that if God created the world, then evolution could not have taken place. A French Jesuit priest in the early twentieth century tried to help us see God's hand in the scientific universe. Pierre Teilhard de Chardin believed that evolution was the ongoing work of God. He once wrote that he wanted to teach people how to see God everywhere, even in the most hidden places in the world.



5 God Is Our Loving Father



O God, everything you made is wonderful!
Your love will last forever.

Based on Psalm 136:4

Share


















God made all things.
All things show God's love.
Look at the picture.
Tell how each thing
shows God's love.

Draw something you like that
shows God's love.

Why did
God make
the world?

Hear & Believe

✚ Scripture God Creates The World

God made the  and  at night. God made the  for warmth and light. And on the land, God planted , while in the sky flew  and . The  sprang up from the earth. Sweet  and  came to birth. The  and  swam in the seas. And on the land were . Soon  and  did appear, with  and ,  and deer.

Based on Genesis 1:1–25



God Creates People

God saw that everything he made was good. Then God made people to be like himself. God told the people to take care of everything. He blessed the people and all that he had made.

Based on Genesis 1:26–31

Our Church Teaches

God is our loving Father. He wanted to **create** a beautiful world. God made the world out of nothing. God created everything in the world to show his love for us. God cares for us and for all creation. God is our **Creator**.

We Believe

God created all things to show his love for us.

Faith Words

create

To create means “to make something out of nothing.”

Creator

God is our Creator. God made everything in the world.



How can we care for God's creation?

Respond

Caring for Creation

Anna liked to play in her yard. She liked the little flower garden. Best of all, Anna liked the statue of Saint Francis. Anna learned that Francis loved everything God created. Francis took good care of plants. He was kind to animals. He helped people in need.

Anna picked up her watering can. She said, "Thank you, God, for making our world." Then Anna began to water the flowers.



How did Anna care for God's creation?



Activities

1. Draw yourself in the heart.
Think about how much God loves you.
2. Here are some ways we care for God's creation.
Draw a line from each way to its matching picture.



Help people in need.



Be kind to animals.



Share God's gifts.



How can we
thank God
for loving us?



Prayer Celebration

Thank you, God!

We can say prayers of thanks. We can say "thank you" to God for creating the world. We can say "thank you" to God for creating us.

Leader: For the sun and moon.

All: Thank you, God.

Leader: For dry land, mountains, trees, and flowers.

All: Thank you, God.

Leader: For oceans and lakes, whales and fish.

All: Thank you, God.

Leader: For birds, frogs, horses, and butterflies.

All: Thank you, God.

Leader: For our families and for each of us.

All: Thank you, God.

- A** Complete the sentences with the words on the flowers.



1. Our loving Father and Creator is _____

_____.

2. God made _____
to be like himself. _____

3. God's creation shows his _____
for us. _____

4. The word _____
means "to make something out of nothing."

Faith in Action

Caring for God's Creation All Saints Parish invites its families to make the church grounds look beautiful. Some families plant flowers. Some water the plants. Others get rid of the weeds. The families who help show their love for God's creation.

In Your Parish



Activity Picture the grounds around your parish church. What things that God created do you see? Tell how the families in your parish could care for God's creation.

In Everyday Life



Activity Each day we make choices. Some choices help God's creation. Some choices hurt it. Circle the choices that help God's creation.

