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Lesson 1



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Prayer: Meditation

Psalm 105:3

• God is truth and love. • We come to know God most fully through Sacred Scripture. • We come to know God through Jesus. • The Church passes on all that she holds true through Scripture, Tradition, and the sacraments.

Lesson Test: Show What You Know

Partners in Faith: Saint Ignatius of Loyola

Mini-Task: How can I show God to others?

At Home: Remember experiences of God's love.

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Catechism of the Catholic Church, 221

• God can be known through creation. • The Blessed Trinity is a mystery of faith, in which God is revealed as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. • In the sacraments, we share in the life of the Trinity. • The Church is a sacrament that reveals the Trinity to God's people.

Glory Be

Lesson Test: Show What You Know

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Roman Missal, Eucharistic Prayer IV, 117

Psalm 8:6

• God created us with a body and soul. • The Church supports and nourishes our faith. • God created Adam and Eve to live in friendship with him. • Everyone who dies in God's friendship will have the joy of eternal life with him.

Lesson Test: Show What You Know

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Pope Francis, Angelus

• The Holy Spirit prepared Mary for her work as the Mother of God. • The Incarnation is the mystery that Jesus, the only Son of God, became human. • Jesus is the Savior who came into the world to save us from sin. • At the Ascension, the Risen Christ was taken up into heaven.

Lesson Test: Show What You Know

Partners in Faith: Saint Catherine Labouré

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1 Peter 2:9

• In Baptism, we become members of the Church. • The People of God are the temple of the Holy Spirit and the sacrament of Christ. • The Church is divinely established, motivated by love, and guided by the Holy Spirit. • Through our Baptism, we continue Jesus' work in the Church today.

Apostles' Creed

Lesson Test: Show What You Know

Partners in Faith: Blessed Sára Salkaházi

Mini-Task: How does my parish reflect the work of the Church?

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Unit 2: How do we celebrate what we believe?

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Prayer: Litany

2 Corinthians 13:13

- Jesus is with us when we celebrate the liturgy. • The Holy Spirit prepares us to receive Christ in the sacraments.
- The Church shares God's grace primarily through the sacraments. • Sacraments are sacred signs instituted by the Church.

Lesson Test: Show What You Know

Partners in Faith: Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton

Mini-Task: Where do I meet Jesus?

At Home: See others as brothers and sisters in Christ.

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Prayer: Petition

Roman Missal, I.16

- We learn about God's love for his people in the Liturgy of the Word. • We worship God and honor holy people throughout the liturgical year. • The Church's worship and celebrations are connected by Apostolic Tradition.
- Blessings and devotions honor God and our models of holiness.

Lesson Test: Show What You Know

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Prayer: Petition

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

- The Sacraments of Christian Initiation begin, strengthen, and nourish our life in the Church. • Baptism gives us a special grace to share in the life and work of Jesus.
- The Sacrament of Confirmation seals us with the Gift of the Holy Spirit. • In the Eucharist, we are nourished by the Real Presence of Christ.



Come, Holy Spirit

Lesson Test: Show What You Know

Partners in Faith: Saint Teresa of the Andes

Mini-Task: How do I grow as a child of God?

At Home: Offer a prayer of love and comfort for your family members.



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Prayer: Lectio and Visio Divina

Pastoral Care of the Sick

Matthew 8:5–7

- We celebrate and receive God's healing in a special way. • Jesus forgives our sins and heals us through the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation. • When we are sick or suffering, we can call on God. • The Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick continues Jesus' mission of healing.

Lesson Test: Show What You Know

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Prayer: Meditation

Roman Missal, Nuptial Blessing

Matthew 20:26–28

- The Sacrament of Baptism calls us to service. • The Sacrament of Holy Orders gives special authority to teach and lead the faithful. • The Sacrament of Matrimony gives a man and woman grace to love each other as Christ loves the Church. • The Christian family is a community of faith, grace, and prayer.

Lesson Test: Show What You Know

Partners in Faith: Saint Thomas More

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Prayer: Meditation

Pope Francis

- We are created in God's image, with free will and a soul.
- God's grace helps us respect and care for others and ourselves.
- Free will is our God-given gift and ability to choose between right and wrong.
- Natural law is the moral law we are born with.

Lesson Test: Show What You Know

Partners in Faith: Saint Thomas Aquinas

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1 Peter 4:8

- God has placed the desire for happiness in every human heart.
- An informed conscience is guided by God, human reason, and Church teachings.
- The divine grace of the sacraments strengthens us to live a virtuous life.
- The virtues lead us to know and love God and to work for the common good.

Lesson Test: Show What You Know

Partners in Faith: Saint Madeleine Sophie Barat

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Prayer: Petition

Hebrews 8:8, 10

- God's grace helps us to keep his laws.
- The Ten Commandments strengthen our relationship with God.
- The Ten Commandments guide us to live in truth and love.
- The Precepts of the Church strengthen our bond with God and his Church.



1 Corinthians 13:4–8

Lesson Test: Show What You Know

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Prayer: Petition

Rite for Reconciliation of Several Penitents

- Because of Original Sin, we have the inclination to sin.
- Sin goes against our human reason and God's love.
- Sin damages our relationship with God.
- Committing sins repeatedly leads to vices, or capital sins.



Act of Contrition

Lesson Test: Show What You Know

Partners in Faith: Saint Magdalene of Canossa

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Prayer: Lectio and Visio Divina

Romans 5:1

- God helps us turn away from sin and toward his love.
- Grace makes us part of the life of the Trinity.
- The Holy Spirit fills our hearts with sanctifying grace.
- Through Baptism and faith in Jesus Christ, we receive the gift of justification.

Lesson Test: Show What You Know

Partners in Faith: Saint Anselm

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Unit 4: How do we become what we believe?

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Saint Thérèse of Lisieux

- Prayer is raising our hearts and minds to God.
- Prayer brings God's people closer to him.
- Prayer is a mystery in which we speak and listen to God.
- Prompted by the Holy Spirit, we address our prayers to God the Father, in Christ's name.

Lesson Test: Show What You Know

Partners in Faith: Thomas à Kempis

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• Prayer is essential in our Sacred Tradition. • Prayer builds our trust in God. • The Church prays together in the liturgy and the sacraments. • Prayer is at the heart of Christian life.

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• Christians around the world gather for communal prayer. • Our regular prayers bring us closer to God. • The Church prays together in the liturgy. • Certain prayers are spoken in the silence of our hearts.

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• The Lord's Prayer expresses the Church's hope in God. • The Lord's Prayer unites us with God the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ. • We glorify God in the Lord's Prayer. • We show our trust that God hears us in the Lord's Prayer.

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Your Spiritual Journey

Your Grade 5 Saint: Saint Ignatius of Loyola

Christ In Us offers a saint for every grade. As you journey through each unit, remember to pray to your grade's saint. Ask him or her to help guide you to be closer to Jesus Christ.

Saint Ignatius of Loyola was born in the Basque country of Spain in 1491 and was the youngest of thirteen children. Ignatius' mother died soon after his birth.

In his youth, Ignatius developed a passion for military life and enjoyed dressing up as a soldier. He joined the army at the age of 17.

Ignatius was a fearless soldier and participated in many battles without injury. His bravery and leadership were recognized by the royal family of his region, and he soon became an important leader.

But Ignatius' streak of good fortune came to an end in 1521, when he was seriously hurt at the Battle of Pamplona. He was hit by a cannonball, injuring his legs. He would limp for the rest of his life. The military career in which Ignatius took so much pride had come to an end.

The injury, however, set the stage for a religious conversion. During the time his legs were healing, Ignatius read Scripture and books about the lives of saints.

In 1522 Ignatius traveled to a monastery, where he confessed his sins. He placed his sword at the altar of the Virgin Mary as a sign that he would now be a soldier for Jesus Christ.

At the age of 48, Ignatius formed the Society of Jesus. It is a religious order better known as the Jesuits. Ignatius wanted the Jesuits to travel around the world as missionaries. He wanted to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ by establishing schools, colleges, and seminaries.

How can you be a missionary for Christ?



Welcome to **Christ In Us**, an exciting way to grow in your Catholic faith!

Each one of us is on a journey to love and know Jesus Christ. Imagine if every person who met you knew you were a friend of Christ!

Together in this program

we will **ENCOUNTER** Jesus Christ

we will **ACCOMPANY** him in our lives

we will **WITNESS** to our faith.

You will use this book as well as your online digital portal as you discover and grow closer to Jesus Christ.

As you journey in your faith, you can think about these questions:

Why is it important to have Christ live in you?

What would happen if you did not have Jesus in your life?

How does your faith, the Church, and your family help bring you closer to God?

*"Examine me, Lord, and test me;
search my heart and mind.*

*Your mercy is before my eyes;
I walk guided by your faithfulness."*

Psalms 26: 2-3



Every lesson has four **Spiraling Main Ideas**.
Here is an example.

Each lesson has one or more **Faith Words** to help you understand the important words we use as Catholics.

Be sure to look at all the wonderful photos and beautiful art found in the pages of your book.

As you explore this question, you might be asked to stop and think more about it and then do a short **Activity** to answer it better.

You will be asked to **Show What You Know** by writing down the answers to some short questions pertaining to the lesson.

We come to know God through Sacred Scripture.

God reveals himself to us in ways we can understand. One of these ways is through human words. **Sacred Scripture** is God's revelation in human words. In Sacred Scripture, God speaks to his children. He lovingly meets us and talks with us. Sacred Scripture is God's Word to us and for us. God is the author of Sacred Scripture. He inspired human writers to faithfully communicate the truth about who he is. The Holy Spirit guided the minds, hearts, and hands of the human authors of Scripture to write the saving truth about God.

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Faith Word

Sacred Scripture
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Activity

Below are some names for God found in Sacred Scripture. Using your Bible and/or dictionary, describe what these names mean.

Which of these is your favorite name for God? Why? Share with a friend.

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| Abba | Messiah |
| Advocate | Paraclete |
| Christ | Son of Man |
| Counselor | Son of God |
| Creator | Spirit of Truth |
| Intercessor | Witness |
| Lamb of God | Yahweh |
| Lord | |

You will not be alone as you journey through **Christ In Us**. You will have lots of **Partners in Faith**—saints and other holy people who lived amazing lives—walking with you.

Along with Saint Ignatius, here are some other Partners in Faith whom you will meet throughout the book!



Saint Thomas More



Saint Peter



Saint Catherine Labouré



Sister Rose Hawthorne



Blessed Sára Salkaházi



Saint Andrew Kim Taegön



Saint Rose of Lima



Saint Anselm

Next, you will be asked to go to your **Portfolio** to creatively share how you can bring Christ to the world.

Each lesson ends with a **Mini-Task** that invites you to show ways you can live out your faith as a missionary disciple of Christ.

Finally, you will be given ways to think and talk with your family **At Home**.

Lesson 1
Portfolio

How can I show God to others?

Mini-Task

God reveals himself in many ways. We can see God in our relationships with other people, in Sacred Scripture, in Church teachings, and in the beauty of creation.

Vision boards can help us show ideas and images to others. The words and images on a Catholic vision board can show God in our world today. Plan a Catholic vision board that shows God at work in our world today. Using words and images, start a vision board with your ideas below.

Want to do more? Go to your Portfolio to continue this activity.

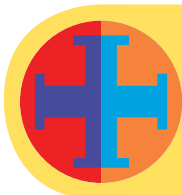
At Home

We all experience God's love. Share some times when you have felt particularly close to God in your life.

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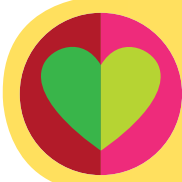
Christ In Us features an online portal filled with exciting media and activities to go with the lessons in your book. If you see one of these icons below in your book, you know it's time to visit the student portal for more. (Note: Not every icon will appear in your book.)



Participate in lesson prayers, whose words are online and downloadable.



Learn more about the lesson's **Did You Know?** topic by watching an interesting video and doing an activity.



Learn more about the lesson's **Partner in Faith** by watching an online video and completing the activity that follows.



Listen to Scripture verses and Catholic prayers and learn them by heart.





Find fun activities to share and recall what you have learned.

Show What You Know by completing online assessments.



Read and remember the **Faith Words** definitions.

Complete projects and tasks in the online **Portfolio** or *Portfolio Workbook*.



Listen to the songs for your grade level and sing along!

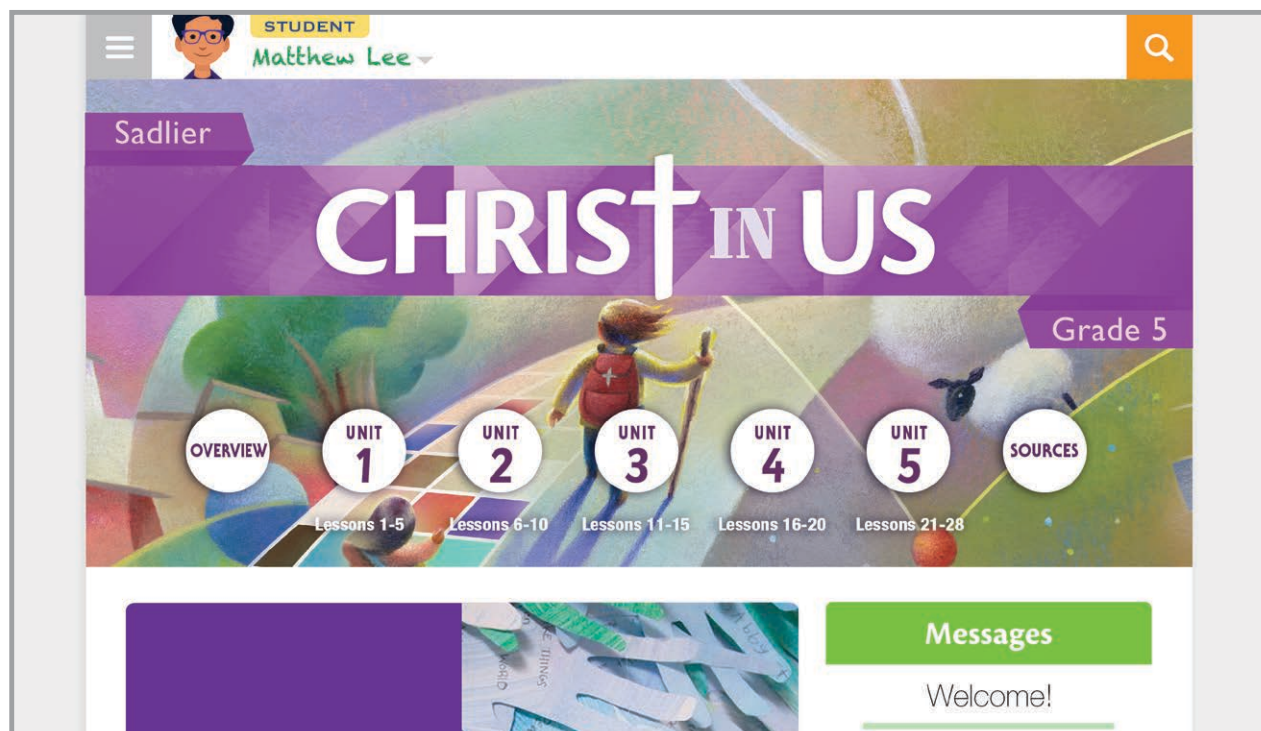
Your Songs for Grade 5

| Unit Songs | Liturgical Catechesis Seasonal Songs |
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| Unit 1: “We Have Been Told,” David Haas | Lent: “Your Grace Is Enough,” Matt Maher |
| Unit 2: “Light of Christ,” Tom Kendzia | The Church Year: “The Lord Has Done Great Things For Us,” Jamie Cortez |
| Unit 3: “I Send You Out,” John Angotti | Ordinary Time: “We Are His People,” Greg Walton |
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| Unit 5: “We Are Called,” David Haas | |

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Here you can explore all the exciting resources that blend together with your textbook.

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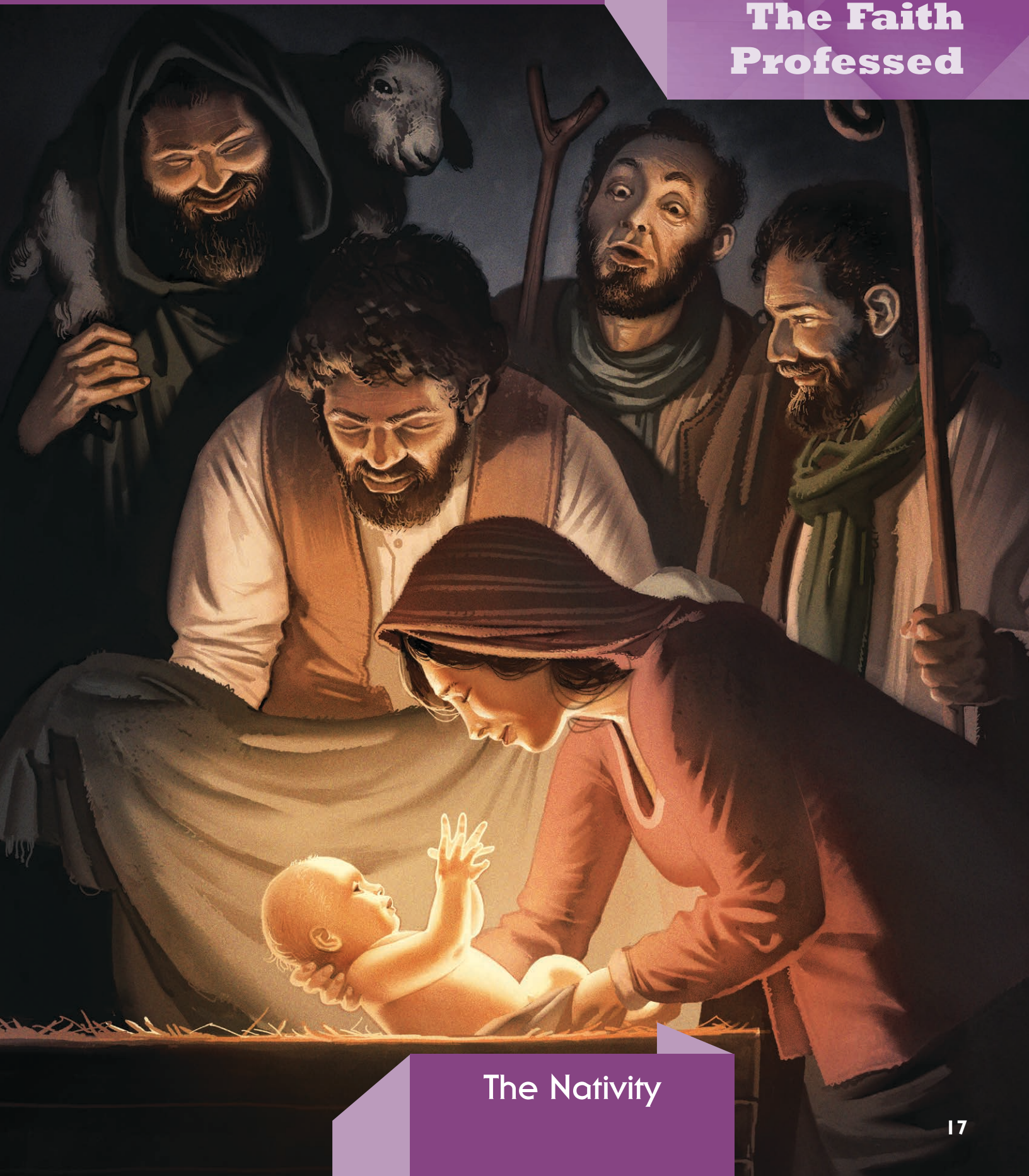
- Think of your portfolio as your digital backpack! Here you can get your assignments, see reminders, send emails, and even talk to your catechist.
- Interactive Mini-Tasks! Here you will be able to share exciting activities with others. You will be able to get hands on and creative by making videos or interactive posters.
- Listen with your heart and pray the prayers of *Lectio* and *Visio Divina*, praise, petition, intercession, litany, meditation, blessing, and thanksgiving from your lesson.
- Track your progress with digital quizzes and tests.

Have a wonderful year!

What do we believe?

Unit 1

The Faith Professed



The Nativity



Unit Prayer

Leader: Saint Ignatius of Loyola prayed: “Give me only your love and your grace; that is enough for me.” Through the sacraments, we discover God’s love and grace.

Let us listen to how the sacraments have changed the lives of people among us.

Listen to the stories of missionary disciples among us.

Leader: Let us pray: Jesus, we receive your love and grace in the sacraments and through the stories we shared today. In thanksgiving for the gift of the sacraments in our lives, we pray:

Leader: O God, at Baptism we are clothed in your love and sent to be a living sign of Christ.

All: Give me only your love and your grace; that is enough for me.

Leader: When you forgive our sins, we celebrate your unconditional love for us.

All: Give me only your love and your grace; that is enough for me.

Leader: In the Eucharist you nourish us with your Body and Blood, filling us with your presence.

All: Give me only your love and your grace; that is enough for me.

Leader: With Saint Ignatius we say: “Give me only your love and your grace; that is enough for me.”

All: Give me only your love and your grace; that is enough for me.

End the Unit Prayer by singing the song for this unit.



Unit Song: “We Have Been Told,”
David Haas

Missionary Discipleship

How have you been a living sign of Christ with your family and friends? What happened? How did you feel? What are the ways that you are nourished with the Body and Blood of Christ in the Eucharist?

How do we know God?

God has planted in every human heart the desire to know him. God reveals himself to us so that we can share in his life and love. We come to know who God is when we read and listen to Sacred Scripture. We know God when we celebrate and take part in the holy sacrifice of the Mass. God reveals himself to us through Sacred Scripture and in Sacred Tradition. He reveals himself to us most fully in his Son, Jesus.



Go to the digital portal for a meditation prayer.



*"Glory in his holy name;
let hearts that seek the Lord rejoice!"*

Psalm 105:3



God is truth and love.

God created us out of love. He gave each of us the desire to know our purpose in life and to discover life's truth and meaning. God never stops calling us to be close to him.

We can never know everything about God or completely understand his plan. God is a **mystery**, which means that he is greater than the human mind's ability to understand. Words alone cannot fully describe who God is. Over time, however, God gradually revealed himself. It is Jesus Christ who fully reveals God to us. He is true God and true man, as we profess in the Creed at Mass. **Divine Revelation** is God's making himself known to us. Through Divine Revelation, we come to know his plan of salvation for all people.

God is the truth that all people seek. God is the love for which all people long. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* teaches that "God's very being is Truth and Love" (CCC, 231).

Faith Words

mystery see p. 258

Divine Revelation
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What is one way
God has reached out
to me recently?

Did You Know?



The Bible uses different styles of writing.



God's creation reveals his truth, love, beauty, and goodness. All of creation gives praise and honor to him. We discover that God's love is without limits. Even though the first man and woman turned away from him, God did not end his relationship with humanity. God's covenant with Noah, Abraham, and others shows us that he has never stopped reaching out to us with his saving love.

One way we come to know God is through one another. We are all created in God's image and likeness, so we can see God in each other and in our relationships with others.

One Church, Many Cultures



Knowing that we are all made in God's image and likeness can help us understand that we are meant to respect and show kindness to all people. There are people in our communities who may be different from us, but we are all equal in God's eyes. The fact that we are made in God's image, despite our differences, reminds us that God is a mystery we can never fully understand. The Church teaches that we can see God's love and care in everyone.

Activity

Name two people who have helped you come to know God. Write a short prayer thanking God for those people in your life.

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| Abba | Messiah |
| Advocate | Paraclete |
| Christ | Son of Man |
| Counselor | Son of God |
| Creator | Spirit of Truth |
| Intercessor | Witness |
| Lamb of God | Yahweh |
| Lord | |

We come to know God most fully through Jesus.

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life” (John 3:16).

This Scripture verse reveals a central truth of Christian faith. God sent his own Son to live among us and to save us. God the Father’s love for us is beyond anything we can imagine.

God has never stopped loving us. Even when his people turned away from him, God remained true to his covenant. Jesus Christ is the New Covenant. God fully revealed who he is in Jesus, in whom he has established his covenant forever. God is always

faithful, always loving, and always calling us back to himself.

Jesus tells us: “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me” (John 14:6). We read about the life of Christ in the four Gospels, which begin the New Testament.

The Gospel writers wanted to share their faith with others. They wanted to share the truth revealed to them by Jesus: “Whoever has seen me has seen the Father” (John 14:9). At the heart of the Gospels is the revelation that “Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God” (John 20:31).

Every single thing about Jesus’ life reveals who God is. Jesus, the Word of God, is the fulfillment of Divine Revelation.



The Scribe Stood to Tempt Jesus by James Tissot

The Church passes on all that she holds true through Scripture, Tradition, and the sacraments.

The Church, with the help of the Holy Spirit, guides and teaches us the truth about who God is. At Mass, we read and listen to Sacred Scripture. In the Eucharist, God reveals the depth of his love for us. For in the Eucharist, Christ offers his sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to his Father. We share in the grace of salvation.

The revelation of the Good News of Jesus Christ as lived out in the Church, past and present, is called **Sacred Tradition**. Sacred Tradition is separate from, but closely connected to, Sacred Scripture. Together Sacred Scripture and Sacred Tradition

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ensure that the authentic revelation of God is passed down to all generations. They shape our faith in Jesus Christ and our life as his disciples.

We especially encounter the Good News of God's love in the Seven Sacraments, which Jesus gave to his Church. Through Sacred Tradition, the Church passes on "to every generation all that she . . . is, [and] all that she believes" (CCC, 78). In this way, the knowledge of God reaches the ends of the earth.



What Makes Us Catholic?

The things your family does regularly are called family traditions. The word *tradition* spelled with a small "t" means "customs." *Tradition* with a capital "T," on the other hand, refers to the authority, words, and deeds of Jesus passed down to his Apostles and their successors, the bishops. The celebration of the sacraments and the official teachings of the Church are examples of big *T* Tradition, also called Sacred Tradition.



Partners in Faith

Saint Ignatius of Loyola

Saint Ignatius was a Spanish soldier. He was badly hurt when he was hit by a cannonball. While he was recovering, he read about Jesus and the saints. Eventually he founded the religious order called the Jesuits. He helped people know God with his book called *Spiritual Exercises*. Saint Ignatius wrote prayers and reflections that we still use. The first Jesuit to be pope was Pope Francis.



Learn more about the life of Saint Ignatius of Loyola.



mystery **Divine Revelation**
Sacred Scripture **Sacred Tradition**



Show What You Know

Match the terms to the correct definitions.

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| 1. Sacred Scripture | something that is beyond our ability to understand completely |
| 2. Divine Revelation | the revelation of the Good News of Jesus Christ as lived out in the Church, past and present |
| 3. mystery | holy writings in which God speaks to us in human words |
| 4. Sacred Tradition | the way God makes himself known to us |

Live Your Faith

- How can you come to know more about God?

- How can you treat others to show them that they are made in God's image and likeness?

Mini-Task

God reveals himself in many ways. We can see God in our relationships with other people, in Sacred Scripture, in Church teachings, and in the beauty of creation.

Vision boards can help us show ideas and images to others. The words and images on a Catholic vision board can show God in our world today. Plan a Catholic vision board that shows God at work in our world today. Using words and images, start a vision board with your ideas below.



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At Home

We all experience God's love. Share some times when you have felt particularly close to God in your life.

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