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Lesson 1

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• We learn about God's love. • The Bible teaches us about God's promises. • Jesus' life shows us God's love. • The Church teaches and shares Jesus' message of God's love.

Apostles' Creed

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Mini-Task: How do I help others know God?

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Psalm 100:3

• Jesus is the divine Son of God. • The Blessed Trinity is One God in Three Persons: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. • Jesus Christ is the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity. • The Holy Spirit is the Third Person of the Blessed Trinity.

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Mini-Task: How do others help me know God?

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• All creation shares in the goodness of God. • Faith helps us to trust in God and his Word to us. • Jesus shows us the way to trust God. • Jesus' Resurrection makes possible eternal life with God.

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• Jesus is truly God and truly Man. • Jesus is the greatest gift. • Jesus died on the Cross for us. • The Risen Jesus returned to heaven.

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Catechism of the Catholic Church, 751

• The Church is the Body of Christ. • Jesus sends the Holy Spirit to guide the Church. • By the Holy Spirit, the Church continues Jesus' work. • Jesus built his Church on the Apostles.

Lesson Test: Show What You Know

Partners in Faith: Saint Paul

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Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1133

- Jesus Christ gave us the Church. • Jesus and the Holy Spirit share in the liturgy of the Church. • Jesus gave the Church special signs of grace called sacraments. • Sacramentals are sacred signs of the Church.

Lesson Test: Show What You Know

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Mini-Task: How do I share God's life with others?

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1 Chronicles 29:13

- The Church celebrates Jesus through the liturgy. • The Church year celebrates Jesus' Paschal Mystery. • We praise and thank God in many ways during the year. • Blessings and devotions help us praise and thank God.

Lesson Test: Show What You Know

Partners in Faith: Saint John Vianney

Mini-Task: How do I thank God?

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Prayer: Blessing

1 Peter 2:5

- The Sacraments of Initiation make us members of the Church. • Baptism is new life in Jesus Christ. • Confirmation seals us with the Gift of the Holy Spirit. • The Eucharist unites us to Jesus and his sacrifice.

Lesson Test: Show What You Know

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Mini-Task: How can you show new life in Jesus Christ?

At Home: Talk about Baptisms or Confirmations.



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Prayer: Lectio and Visio Divina

Rite of Penance

- God loves and forgives us. • We think about our words, thoughts, and behaviors. • We celebrate God's forgiveness and healing in the Sacraments of Penance and Reconciliation and Anointing of the Sick. • God shows his mercy and love in the Sacrament of Penance.



Act of Contrition

Lesson Test: Show What You Know

Partners in Faith: Saint Teresa of Calcutta

Mini-Task: How can I help others know God's forgiveness and healing?

At Home: Remind each other about God's forgiveness and healing.

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Prayer: Thanksgiving

1 Corinthians 12:5

- We are called to serve Christ and the Church in special ways. • God calls and gifts certain people to guide the Church. • Marriage is a special way to show God's love. • We learn to pray in our family.

Lesson Test: Show What You Know

Partners in Faith: Blessed Luigi and Maria Beltrame

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Prayer: Thanksgiving

Colossians 3:17

• Humans are God's most special creatures. • We are all important and equal in God's eyes. • Jesus teaches us how to love God. • Jesus shows us that God's laws are built on love.

Lesson Test: Show What You Know

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Mini-Task: How do I show my love for God?

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Prayer: Blessing

Pope Francis

• Jesus teaches us how to be happy. • Our conscience helps us know right from wrong. • Virtues are habits of doing good. • Jesus teaches us to treat all people fairly.

Lesson Test: Show What You Know

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Prayer: Adoration

Proverbs 3:1–2

• God's laws build up Christ's Church. • God's commandments show us how to love him. • The commandments show us how to love our families. • The Church teaches and guides us.



Ten Commandments

Lesson Test: Show What You Know

Partners in Faith: Saint Pius X

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Prayer: Petition

James 4:17

• Adam and Eve's disobedience means that all humans will sin. • Sin keeps us from loving each other as we should. • Sin hurts our friendship with God. • Less serious sins can lead to serious ones.

Lesson Test: Show What You Know

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Prayer: Lectio and Visio Divina

Penitential Act, Roman Missal

• Through Jesus, we share in God's life and love. • Grace helps us to live as God's children. • Grace helps us to grow in holiness. • Jesus shows us the mercy of God.

Lesson Test: Show What You Know

Partners in Faith: Saint John of the Cross

Mini-Task: What turns me toward God's love?

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Catechism of the Catholic Church, 2569

• Prayer is talking and listening to God. • Prayer is a special way God speaks to his people. • God never stops listening to our prayers. • We pray to God the Father, as Jesus taught us.

Lesson Test: Show What You Know

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Prayer: Praise

Jeremiah 29:12

- Jesus the Son of God showed us how to pray. • Prayer helps us love and trust in God. • We can always pray.
- Our prayers show that we are God's children.

Lesson Test: Show What You Know

Partners in Faith: Saint Rose Philippine Duchesne

Mini-Task: Who helps me pray?

At Home: Share favorite ways to pray.

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Gloria, Order of Mass

- Jesus taught us how to pray. • Jesus taught his disciples to pray. • The Church prays together at special times.
- Jesus prayed in many ways.

Hail Mary

Lesson Test: Show What You Know

Partners in Faith: Saint Bernadette Soubirous

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Prayer: Lectio and Visio Divina

Roman Missal

- The Church is the Body of Christ • We learn prayers from the Bible and at church. • Our parents usually teach us to pray. • Jesus shows us how to pray.

Lesson Test: Show What You Know

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Catechism of the Catholic Church, 2565

- The Lord's Prayer shows us how we should pray. • Jesus taught his disciples a special prayer. • We pray to God in the Lord's Prayer. • We show our trust in God in the Lord's Prayer.

The Lord's Prayer

Lesson Test: Show What You Know

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Your Spiritual Journey

Your Grade 2 Saint: Saint Thérèse of Lisieux

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 Thérèse was born in 1873 into a kind and loving Catholic family.

Thérèse was a happy little girl. She loved to laugh. She wanted to do great things in life. She was known as the “Little Flower.”

Gradually, Thérèse's love of Jesus grew and grew. She wanted to be a nun. She wanted to do great things as a nun.

Thérèse entered the convent. She was not happy at first. Where were the “great things” to do in life?

But gradually Thérèse felt a simple love and devotion to God. She saw in every little action in life a way to love God. She saw in every person a way to show love for God.

Doing great things might be fine. But finding God's love in all the ordinary moments in the day fills the heart. We call this Thérèse's “little way.”

Where will you find God's love today?



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 also met Christ in you!

Together in this program, we will

ENCOUNTER Jesus Christ

ACCOMPANY each other as we learn our Catholic faith

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:

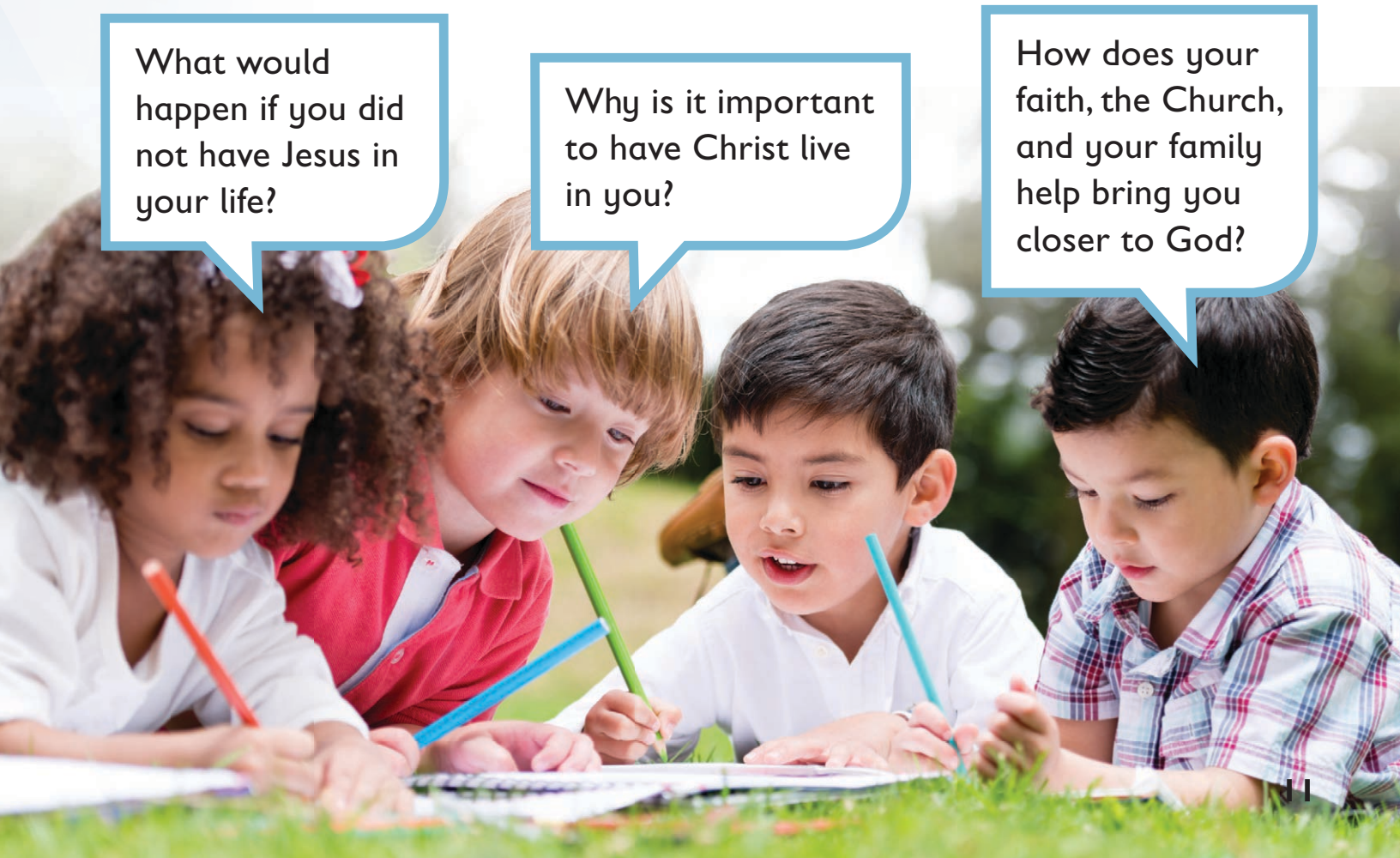
What would happen if you did not have Jesus in your life?


Why is it important to have Christ live in you?

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

**“It is Christ in you;
the hope for glory.”**

Colossians 1:27





Every lesson has a **Key Word**.

Here is an example:

God shows his mercy and love in the Sacrament of Penance.

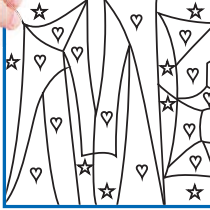
When we celebrate the Sacrament of Penance, we receive God's forgiveness and peace with God and one another. We are forgiven for our sins.

Another word for God's love and forgiveness is **mercy**. God will always forgive us when we are sorry.

"And when he does find it, he sets it on his shoulders with great joy and, upon his arrival home, he calls together his friends and neighbors and says to them, 'Rejoice with me because I have found my lost sheep.'" Luke 15:5-6

Activity

Color all the ♥ spaces green. Count the stars. Read what you see.



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You will be asked to **Show What You Know** by writing the answer to a short question related to the lesson.

ACCOMPANY

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

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



Saint Patrick



Saint Elizabeth



Saint Juan Diego



Saint Teresa of Calcutta



Saint Paul



Saint Catherine of Siena



Saint Ignatius of Antioch



Saint Bernadette Soubirous

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 9
Portfolio

How can I help others know God's forgiveness and healing?

Mini-Task

A public service announcement (PSA) is a message that is shared on TV, radio, or other media. A PSA tells people about something important or helps them make a change.

What message do you want to share about God's forgiveness and healing?

Write your idea or use a picture to start creating your message.

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

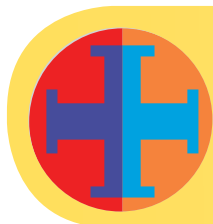
At Home

Name a few ways that you, as a family, share God's forgiveness and healing. How can you remind one another about God's forgiveness and healing?

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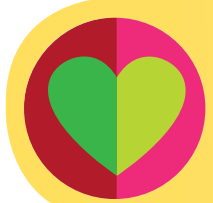
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Christ In Us features an online portal filled with exciting media and activities to go with the lessons in your book. If you see one of these icons below in your book, you know it's time to visit the student portal for more. (Note: Not every icon will 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 2

Unit Songs	Liturgical Catechesis Seasonal Songs
Unit 1: “In My Heart,” Spiritual	Advent: “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”
Unit 2: “Light Of Christ,” Tom Kendzia/OCP	Christmas: “Silent Night”
Unit 3: “Prayer of St. Francis,” Sebastian Temple/OCP	Easter: “Over My Head,” Tom Kendzia/OCP, Spiritual
Unit 4: “We Are Marching,” African Traditional	Pentecost: “Go Out, Go Out,” Curtis Stephan/OCP
Unit 5: “We Will Praise You,” Tom Kendzia/OCP	

Become a “digital disciple”!

The **Christ In Us** online portal allows you to explore all the exciting resources that blend together with your textbook.

Take a look at your personalized online dashboard. Everything you need is at your fingertips!



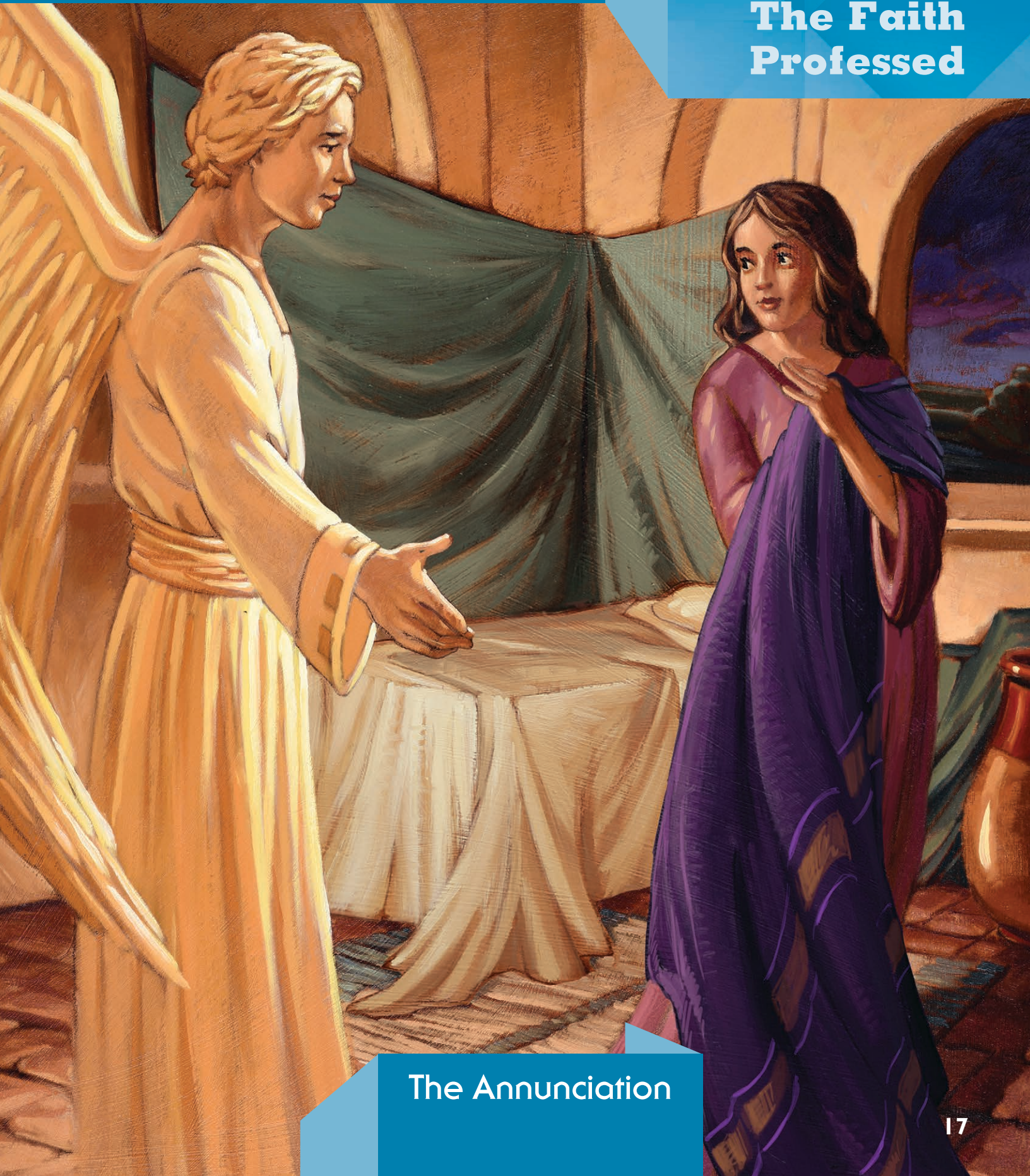
- Think of your portfolio as your digital backpack! Here you can get your assignments, see reminders, send emails, and even talk to your catechist.
- With the interactive Mini-Tasks you will be able to share exciting activities with others. You will be able to get hands-on and creative by making videos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



Unit Prayer

Leader: The Little Flower, Saint Thérèse of Lisieux, loved Jesus very much. She felt that the Church was like a mother to her and a sign of Jesus' great love for the world.

Let us listen to how Jesus' love is made known to us today in the world. Listen to the stories of missionary disciples in our midst.

Let us pray:

Jesus, we see your love in the Mass, in the sacraments, and in the lives of those who shared their stories today. For these great gifts, we pray in thanksgiving.

Reader: For the gift of the Church,

All: we thank you, Jesus.

Reader: For the gift of the Mass,

All: we thank you, Jesus.

Reader: For the gift of the sacraments,

All: we thank you, Jesus.

Reader: With Saint Thérèse, we say: "Jesus, my love!"

All: Jesus, my love!

All sing: "In My Heart"



Unit Song: "In My Heart,"
Spiritual

Missionary Discipleship

Think about a time when you experienced the love of Jesus. What happened? How did you feel? Did you celebrate?

How do we know God?

Lesson 1

God loves us. He knows everything about us. God wants us to know him, too. How do we come to know God? In many ways! We learn about God most fully from Jesus. We also learn about God from the Bible, the Church, and creation. They teach us about God's love and about his promise to love us forever.



Go to the digital portal for a *Lectio* and *Visio Divina* prayer.



"I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible."



Roman Missal



“Then the angel said to her, ‘Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God.’”

Luke 1:30



We learn about God’s love.

How can you tell when people love you? Maybe they take care of you or spend time with you. God loves us, too. He promises to love us forever.

We learn about God’s love in many ways. Look around! God made the world so we would know his goodness and love. God showed his love for us the most by sending us his divine Son, Jesus.

God sent an angel to visit a young woman named Mary. Angels are spiritual beings God created. They do not have a body as humans do. They give glory to God. They are also messengers of God.

The angel told Mary she was going to have a baby. The baby was God’s own Son, Jesus.

We learn about God’s love for us through everything Jesus said and did. Jesus taught people about God. He helped and healed people. He included people who were left out.



What do I know about God?

Did You Know?



Monks copied the first Bibles by hand.

Prayer



Lectio and Visio Divina

Faith Word

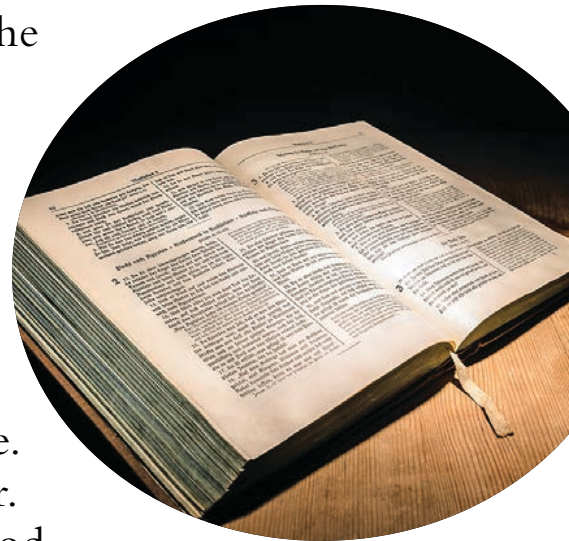
covenant an agreement between God and his people

The Bible teaches us about God's promises.

God did not leave us alone to come to know him. God tells us in the Bible about himself and his love. The Bible is the book that contains his own Word.

God gave the writers of the Bible a gift to help them write it. The Holy Spirit, the Third Person of the Blessed Trinity, helped them so we could come to know and love God.

The Bible tells us that God made a **covenant**, or an agreement, between himself and his people. In this covenant, God promised to love us forever. We would be his people, and he would be our God.



Activity

God gives us many gifts. Use the word list to circle some of God's gifts. Which gift is the most important? Color it yellow. Tell a friend why God's gifts are inside a heart.

Word List

BIBLE
CHURCH
CREATION
JESUS
WORLD

	L	C			B	W				
	Y	F	Y	P		M	I	O	G	
M	C	H	U	R	C	H	B	R	V	H
V	U	A	W	G	R	K	L	L	J	A
J	E	S	U	S	E	M	E	D	K	B
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	D	S	Y	T	E	W	D			
			I	F	I	V	V			
				X	O	Y				
						N				



The most important writings in the Bible are about God's divine Son, Jesus. Jesus teaches us how much God loves us. Jesus also teaches us that God wants us to love each other. Jesus fully shows us who God is because he is the Son of God.

Much of what we know about Jesus is from the Bible. The Bible is not just one book. It is seventy-three smaller books in one. It is full of history, songs, poems, letters, and sayings.

The first part of the Bible is called the Old Testament. In this part, we learn about God's love for his people before Jesus was born.

The second part of the Bible is called the New Testament. In this part, we learn about Jesus, his followers, and the beginning of the Church.

Prayer



Lectio and Visio Divina

Jesus' life shows us God's love.

God's love for us is enormous. It is like a mountain so high that nobody can ever climb to the top. It is like an ocean so deep that nobody can ever swim to the bottom.

God's love is too great for us to imagine! That is why Jesus was born. Jesus is the divine Son of God. Jesus is God himself telling us how much God loves us.

Jesus showed his Father's love in many ways. Jesus helped people. He healed the sick. He comforted people who were sad. All these things show us how much God loves and cares for us.



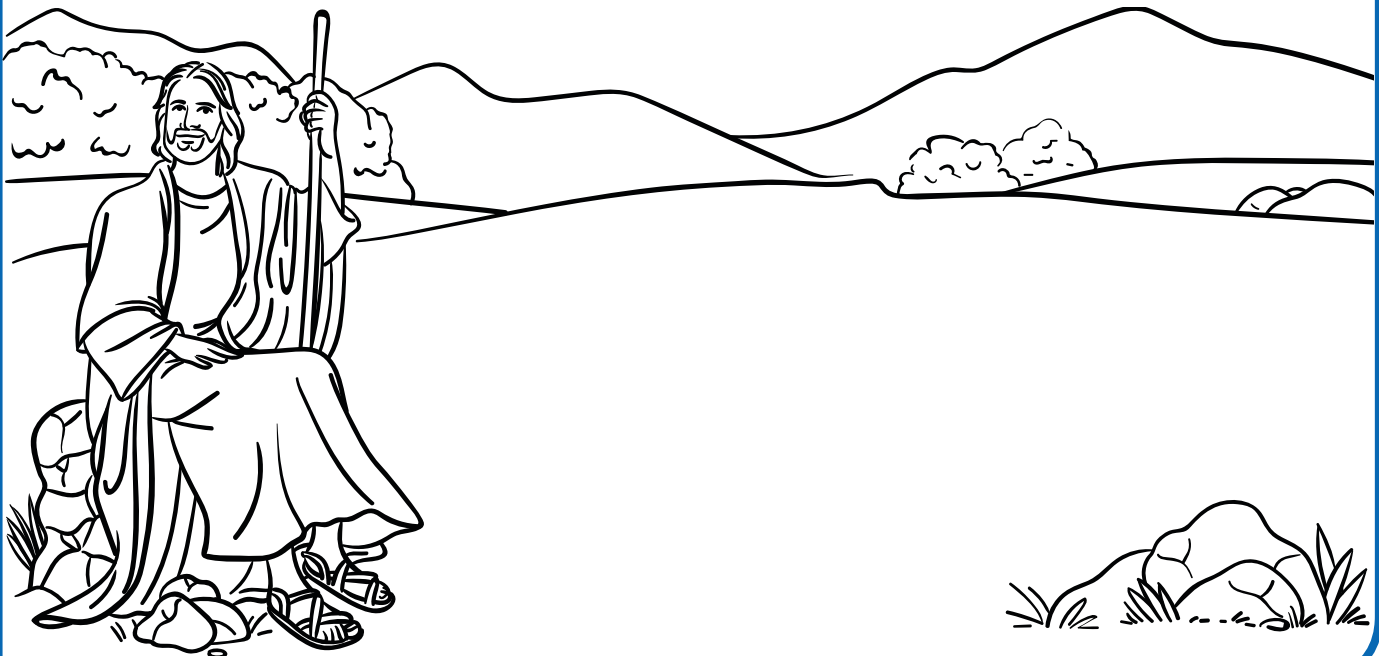
Jesus also taught us to love other people. He showed us how God wants us to act. Jesus helped us to know God better by everything he said and did. Jesus, the Son of God, born of the Virgin Mary, showed us how to love God more and more.

Four special books in the New Testament are called the Gospels. They are about Jesus' teachings and his life on earth. The word *Gospel* means "good news." Everything Jesus said and did has taught us about God's love. The Gospel is "good news" for us all.



Activity

Jesus wanted children to come to him. He taught them about God's love. Draw yourself with Jesus. Tell a friend what you imagine Jesus is saying to you.



Prayer



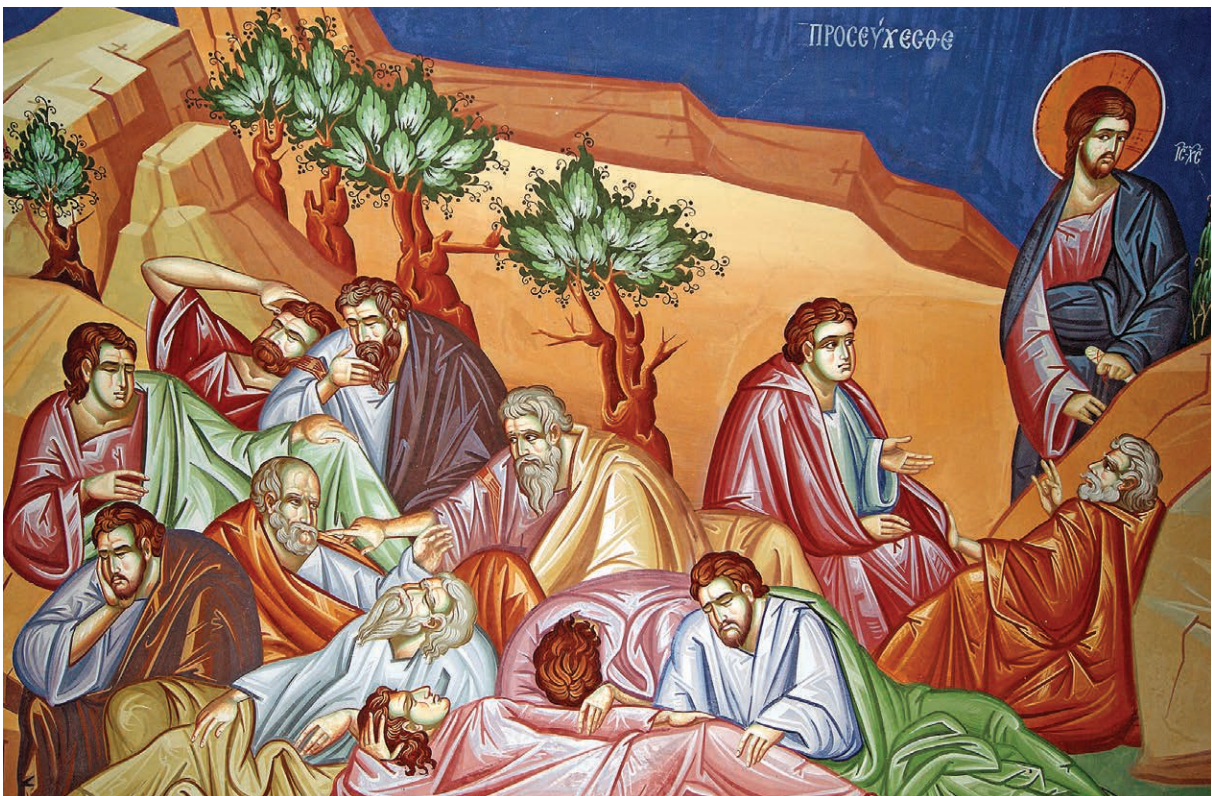
Lectio and Visio Divina

Faith Word

Apostles the twelve men Jesus chose to lead his disciples

The Church teaches and shares Jesus' message of God's love.

Jesus chose the **Apostles** to continue his work after he died. These twelve men were chosen by Jesus to lead his disciples. The Apostles spent time with Jesus and followed him because he was the Son of God.



Jesus is still with us today. But how? You will not see him walking down the street. But you can hear him speak through the proclamation of the Word in every celebration of the Mass.

That is why Jesus sent his Apostles to tell the world about his Father's love. They did just that. They taught people about Jesus. They passed on what Jesus said and did. The Church calls this Sacred Tradition. Sacred Tradition and Scripture tell us the truth about Jesus.

The **Church** is founded on Jesus, his grace, and his teachings, which his Apostles received and handed down to their successors, the bishops. The Church is a community of people who believe that Jesus is the Son of God. Jesus is the Head of the Church. The Church includes those who, through faith and Baptism, follow the teachings of Jesus and are governed by the bishops in union with the pope. The pope and the bishops guide us in our understanding of Sacred Scripture and Tradition. They are known as the Magisterium, or the teaching office of the Church.

Through Sacred Scripture and Tradition, the Church's Magisterium teaches the message of God's love and shares it with others. We are a part of the Church. We can all help share God's love with others!

Faith Word

Church all the people who are baptized in the name of the Blessed Trinity and are part of the Body of Christ



Apostles' Creed

Activity

Color the word *CHURCH*. Then name two people you know who are part of the Church.

CHURCH

1. _____

2. _____

Share your picture with a friend or the group.

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CHRIST IN US

