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## Lesson 1



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• All of creation shows us God's goodness. • The Bible is God's Word. • Jesus shows us the way to God the Father. • The Holy Spirit guides the Church.

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**Lesson Test:** Show What You Know

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**Lesson Test:** Show What You Know

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- Sacraments prepare us to receive God's grace.

**Lesson Test:** Show What You Know

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**Lesson Test:** Show What You Know

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**Lesson Test:** Show What You Know

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**Lesson Test:** Show What You Know

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**Lesson Test:** Show What You Know

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**Lesson Test:** Show What You Know

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 **The Lord’s Prayer**

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# Your Spiritual Journey

## Your Grade 3 Holy Person: Venerable Pierre Toussaint

**Christ In Us** offers a saint or holy person for every grade. The Holy Person for Grade 3 is Venerable Pierre Toussaint. As you journey through each unit, remember to pray to Venerable Pierre. Ask him to guide you to be closer to Jesus Christ.

**P**ierre Toussaint was born in 1766 in a French colony now known as Haiti. Pierre worked as a house slave on a plantation. He was raised Catholic and was educated as a child. In 1787, he moved to New York City with the family that owned him.

In 1807, Pierre was granted his freedom. Pierre began to work as a hairdresser and soon became famous for his skills. Pierre eventually became a rich man. But he knew that true happiness can only be found in following Jesus and his teachings. Together with his wife, Pierre founded an orphanage to care for homeless children. He also helped raise money to build a new Catholic church in New York City, now known as Old St. Patrick's Cathedral.

Pierre showed his devotion to God by the way he lived. He gave money and time to many organizations serving the poor.

Pierre died in 1853 at age 87. He was buried in the cemetery at the church he had helped to build. In 1991, his body was moved to Saint Patrick's Cathedral on Fifth Avenue in New York.

In 1996 Pierre was declared Venerable, the first step to sainthood. Pierre's life serves as a model of holiness to us all.





**W**elcome 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 do 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 four **Spiraling Main Ideas**.  
Here is an example.

Each lesson has one or more **Faith Words** to help you understand the language of our Catholic faith.

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 the answers to some short questions pertaining to the lesson.

**All of creation shows us God's goodness.**

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**Faith Word**

**covenant** an agreement between God and his people



How do I show God's goodness to the world?

**Did You Know?**



The Bible was first printed in 1455.

**Activity**

Use the following words to write or use a storyboard to tell the story of Noah and the ark. Read or tell your story to a friend.

God Noah ark rain covenant flood animals rainbow



Along with Venerable Pierre Toussaint, here are some other Partners in Faith whom you will meet throughout the book!



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 do I tell others about God?**

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### Mini-Task

When you first look at a magazine article, you will notice it has a headline. Headlines are meant to grab people's attention.



The Good News of the Gospel is the most important news ever! Turn back to page 22 of your text and reread the Good News bulleted points. Choose one bullet to transform into a headline. Talk about your headline with a partner.

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

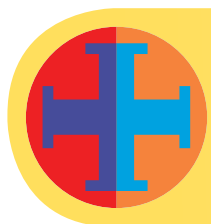
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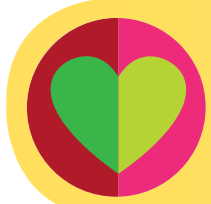
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Learn more about the lesson's **Did You Know?** topic by watching an interesting video and doing an activity



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!

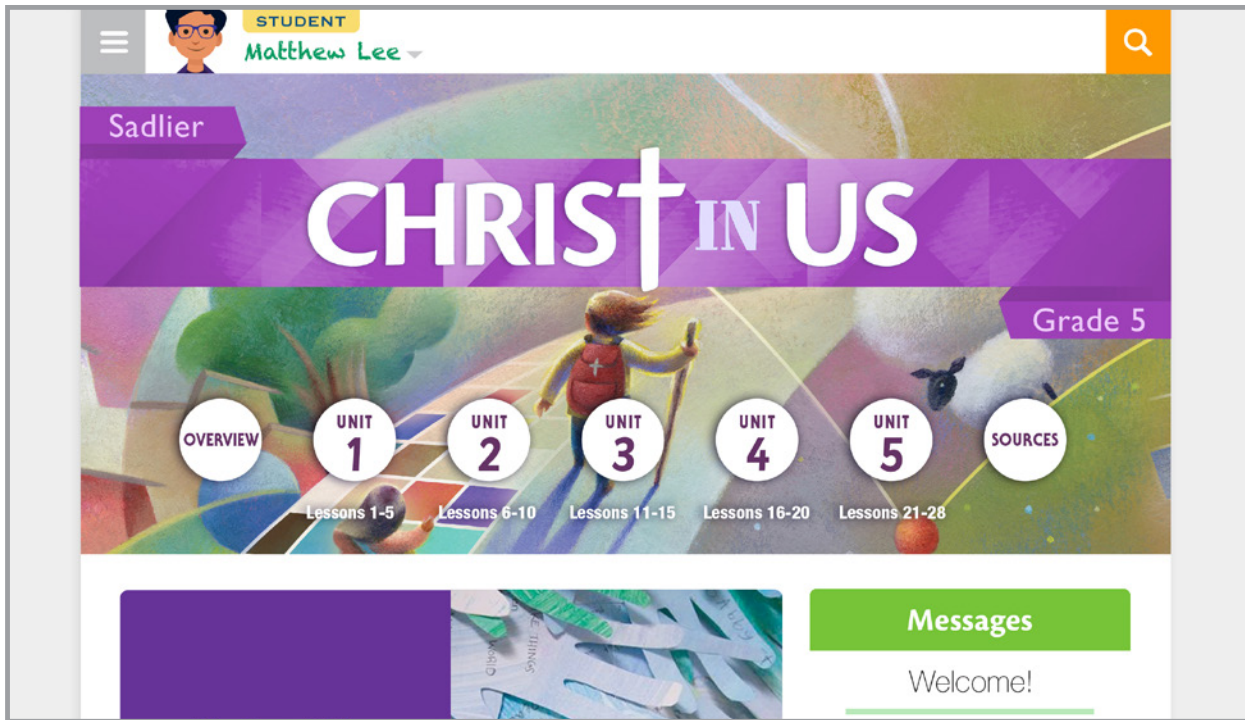
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<b>Unit 2:</b> “Light of Christ,” Tom Kendzia	<b>Lent:</b> “Lead Us to the Water: Gathering,” Tom Kendzia
<b>Unit 3:</b> “I Send You Out,” John Angotti	<b>Triduum:</b> “I Have Loved You,” Michael Joncas
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- Listen with your heart and pray the prayers of *Lectio* and *Visio Divina*, praise, petition, intercession, adoration, and blessing from your lesson.
- Track your progress with digital quizzes and tests.

**Have a wonderful year!**



What do we believe?

# Unit 1

## The Faith Professed



Jesus Is Baptized



## Unit Prayer

**Leader:** Venerable Pierre Toussaint exemplifies what it means to live a life of faith rather than just use words that are good and holy. In doing so, he modeled how we should “be the Church” instead of just going to church, to live as the light of Christ.

Let us listen to how it is possible to live “as the Church.”  
Listen to the stories of missionary disciples today.

**Leader:** Let us pray:  
Jesus, we know that you want us to be your eyes and hands in the world by the way we treat one another. For help in living in your light, we pray:

**Reader:** Help us to lift up the poor and lonely.

**All:** We will bring your light and peace.

**Reader:** Help us to care for those who hunger and thirst.

**All:** We will bring your light and peace.

**Reader:** Help us to lead those in darkness into your light.

**All:** We will bring your light and peace.

**Reader:** Guide our feet on your path of love for all.

**All:** We will bring your light and peace.

**Leader:** Following the example of Venerable Pierre Toussaint, we say:  
Make us models of your love.

**All:** Make us models of your love.

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



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

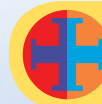
## Missionary Discipleship

**C**an you remember a time when someone helped you when you felt lonely or helped you when you were confused or afraid? What happened? How did you feel when you were helped? How have you helped others when they needed you?



# How do we know God?

**G**od is the Creator of everything. God made everything we can see and everything we cannot see. He existed before anything else existed. We can know God and live as his children. God gives us so many ways to know him. We can know God by seeing his wonderful creation. We get to know him from what he tells us in the Bible. We can know him through the Church. We can especially know God as the Blessed Trinity through Jesus.



**Go to the digital portal for a traditional prayer.**



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*"God looked at everything he had made,  
and found it very good."* *Genesis 1:31*





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## Did You Know?



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## Activity

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**God Noah ark rain promise flood animals rainbow**

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# Prayer



Traditional

## The Bible is God's Word.

Creation alone does not tell us everything about God. God loves us so much that he wants to speak to us. God speaks to us through the Bible. The Bible is also called Sacred Scripture. The Bible is God's own Word.

God chose people to write the Bible. God the Holy Spirit inspired and guided the people who wrote the Bible. He gave them freedom to write in their own way. We can use our imagination to understand what we read in the Bible. We read about events, signs, stories, lessons, and prayers in the Bible. The Bible is a collection of books about God's love for us. The Bible tells us about our call to live as God's people.

God the Holy Spirit guides our minds and hearts to believe all that God is telling us. The Holy Spirit guides the Church to teach us truthfully about what God wants us to know.



## Activity

Work in small groups to fill out the chart about the Bible.

Question	Write in Answer
What is the first book of the Bible?	_____
What is the first book of the New Testament?	_____
What is the last book of the Old Testament?	_____
What is the last book of the Bible?	_____

Share your answers with another group.

The Bible is made up of two main parts. The first part of the Bible is called the Old Testament. The Old Testament tells us about God’s friendship with his People before the birth of Jesus. In the Old Testament, we learn about God’s laws and the history of God’s People. We learn that God has always loved us and wants us to know him.

The second main part of the Bible is called the New Testament. The New Testament tells us about God’s love for all people through his divine Son, Jesus Christ. When we read the New Testament, we learn about Jesus’ life and his teachings. We read about how Jesus healed people and helped people understand God the Father’s laws. We learn about Jesus’ first followers and about Jesus’ saving work, and how the Church began.



## Activity

We use symbols for the writers of the Gospels. Draw your own symbol for each writer. What does each symbol represent?

**Matthew: Winged Man.**  
This reminds us of the  
human ancestors of Jesus.

**Mark: Lion.** This reminds us  
of Jesus’ Resurrection.

**Luke: Ox.** This reminds us  
of Christ’s sacrifice.

**John: Eagle.** This reminds us  
of the heights of our faith.





### Jesus shows us the way to God the Father.

God tells us about himself in the Bible. Jesus, God the Son, fully shows us who God is. Everything Jesus did shows us his love for us.

In the New Testament, the **Gospels** tell us about Jesus and his words and deeds. The word *gospel* means “good news.” Here is what the Good News of the Gospels means for us:

- Jesus is the Son of God. He came into the world to become one of us and to save us. He came to show us God’s love for us.
- Everything Jesus did—his teachings, his miracles, his love for everyone, his prayers, and especially his Death and Resurrection—shows us the way to God the Father.
- Jesus is the Savior of the whole world. All of us have been saved by the **Paschal Mystery**: Jesus’ Passion, or suffering, Death, Resurrection, and Ascension.
- Jesus is our Risen Lord. He lives at the right hand of the Father in heaven. He is always with us by the power of the Holy Spirit.

The Gospels were written after Jesus’ Resurrection and Ascension, when he returned to his Father in heaven. The four Gospel writers are called the four Evangelists. Their names are the names of the Gospels: Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John.

The four Gospels begin the New Testament. The Gospels are so important because they tell us about Jesus, who fully reveals God to us.

**Gospel** the Good News that we are saved by Jesus Christ, the Son of God

**Paschal Mystery** the Passion, Death, Resurrection, and Ascension of Jesus Christ



In the Gospels, Jesus showed who his Father was through signs and wonders. The following Scripture verses tell us about one of these signs:

“Suddenly a violent storm came up on the sea, so that the boat was being swamped by waves; but he was asleep. They came and woke him, saying, ‘Lord, save us! We are perishing!’ He said to them, ‘Why are you terrified, O you of little faith?’ Then he got up, rebuked the winds and the sea, and there was great calm. The men were amazed and said, ‘What sort of man is this, whom even the winds and the sea obey?’”  
(Matthew 8:24–27)

The disciples were amazed. They had never before seen anyone who could calm the sea like this. Jesus wanted them to have faith that he was who he said he was. He was the Son of God.

Jesus worked many wonders like this. He healed the sick. He walked on water. He even raised people from the dead. These amazing events were beyond human power. They were miracles, or amazing events that are beyond human understanding. Jesus’ miracles showed people that he was human and divine.







### Sacred Tradition

the ways the Church continues to pass on all that God has revealed to us in Jesus Christ

### The Holy Spirit guides the Church.

“When the time for Pentecost was fulfilled, they were all in one place together. And suddenly there came from the sky a noise like a strong driving wind, and it filled the entire house in which they were. Then there appeared to them tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each one of them. And they were all filled with the holy Spirit and began to speak in different tongues, as the Spirit enabled them to proclaim.”  
(Acts of the Apostles 2:1–4)



The Holy Spirit came to the Apostles, Mary, and the other disciples on Pentecost. The Holy Spirit guided the Apostles to begin the work Jesus gave them. They shared the Good News of Jesus with all people. God worked through the Apostles and their followers. Since the time of the Apostles, the Church has continued to share the preaching and teachings of the Apostles about Jesus Christ.

The Church’s teaching of all that God has revealed in Jesus Christ is called **Sacred Tradition**.



God reveals himself to us in both Sacred Scripture and Sacred Tradition. Through Sacred Tradition the Holy Spirit guides the Church to pass on what God has revealed in the Bible and the teachings of the Apostles. Tradition includes creeds, or statements about what we believe. These statements tell about how we worship God and follow Jesus' teachings.



Scripture and Tradition present God's revelation to us. Together, they show us that the Holy Spirit is alive in the Church through all time, until Jesus comes again in glory.

Sacred Tradition refers to Jesus' teachings, ministry, and authority as they were passed down to his Apostles and their successors, the bishops.

The Holy Spirit lives in the Church, which is the Body of Christ on earth. You are part of the Church. You can live out Jesus' words and teachings every day. As Catholics, we all work together as one Church, one Body in Christ, to help spread the Good News about Jesus.

## Activity

Imagine you were in the room at Pentecost. What would you tell a friend about what happened? Write a story using these words:

**time    wind    filled    tongues of fire    rest    Holy Spirit**

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Read your story to a partner.



**Traditional**

Faith		Words
covenant	Gospel Paschal Mystery	Sacred Tradition



### Show What You Know

Match the term to the correct definition.

1. Sacred Tradition
2. Gospel
3. Paschal Mystery
4. covenant
5. Sacred Scripture

Jesus' Passion, Death, Resurrection, and Ascension

an agreement between God and his people

God's own Word in the Bible

a word that means "good news"

the way the Church passes on all God has revealed in Jesus Christ

### Partners in Faith

#### Venerable Pierre Toussaint

Venerable Pierre Toussaint was a slave. He learned to be a hairdresser. He was such a good hairdresser that he earned enough money to buy his freedom. He gave to the poor and helped raise money to build a church in New York City.



**Learn more about the life of  
Venerable Pierre Toussaint**

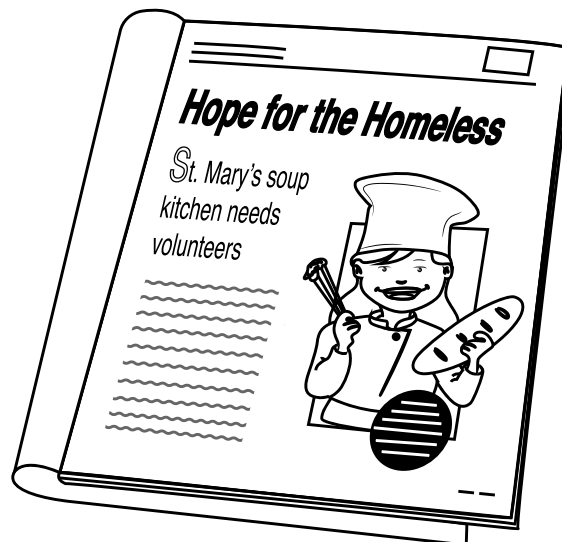


## Mini-Task

When you first look at a magazine article, you will notice it has a headline. Headlines are meant to grab people's attention.

Look at the headline on the image of this magazine.

The Good News of the Gospel is the most important news ever. Turn back to page 23 of your text and reread the Good News bulleted points. Choose one bullet to transform into a headline. Talk about your headline with a partner.



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



Help your family stay focused on faith by choosing a family Bible verse to pray or read together at meals or at bedtime.



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