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God Exists

Answer the following questions in complete sentences.

1. How do we know that God exists?

One way we know that God exists is by faith.

2. How do we encounter the revelation of God through Christ?

We encounter the revelation of God through Christ in Sacred Scripture and Sacred Tradition.

3. What are the truths revealed by God?

The truths revealed by God are chiefly those summarized in the Apostles' Creed. They are called truths of Faith because we must believe them with full faith as taught by God.

4. What is a mystery?

A mystery is a truth revealed by God, which is beyond our reason but not contrary to it.

5. What are the two chief mysteries of our Faith that we profess in the Creed?

The chief mysteries of our Faith that we profess in the Creed are the Unity of the Blessed Trinity and the Incarnation, Passion, death, and Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Name: _____

The Gift of Faith

Answer the following questions in complete sentences.



1. When did you receive the gift of faith?

We received the gift of faith at Baptism.

2. Why don't many people have the gift of faith?

Many people have never been baptized and have not received the gift of faith.

3. What things might try to lead you away from your faith?

Many people, books, and TV shows will try to convince us that the life of faith is not real or mature.

4. How can you keep your faith strong?

You must ask God each day to keep your own faith strong.

5. What is a profession of faith?

A profession of faith is standing up for what we believe.

6. In what do you profess belief? What prayer explains our Faith?

We profess belief in all that Catholics believe. The Apostles' Creed explains our Faith.

Name: _____

The Apostles' Creed

Write your own answers to the following questions about the Apostles' Creed.

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth,

How is God our Father?

Answers will vary.

What does “almighty” mean?

What does “create” mean?

What does “heaven and earth” mean?

and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,

Who is Jesus Christ?

How is Jesus the Son of God?

What does “Lord” mean?

If Jesus is God, and the Father is God, how can we believe in one God?

Who is the Virgin Mary?

suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell;

Who is Pontius Pilate?

Why was Jesus Crucified?

Why did Jesus descend into hell?

How long was Jesus' body buried?

Name: _____

The Apostles' Creed

Write your own answers to the following questions about the Apostles' Creed.

on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

What happened three days after the Crucifixion of Jesus?

When did Jesus ascend into heaven?

When will Jesus come again and what will he do?

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

Who is the Holy Spirit?

Who founded the Catholic Church?

Who belongs to the Communion of Saints?

Who forgives sin? How can our sins be forgiven?

When will our bodies be resurrected?

What does “life everlasting” mean?

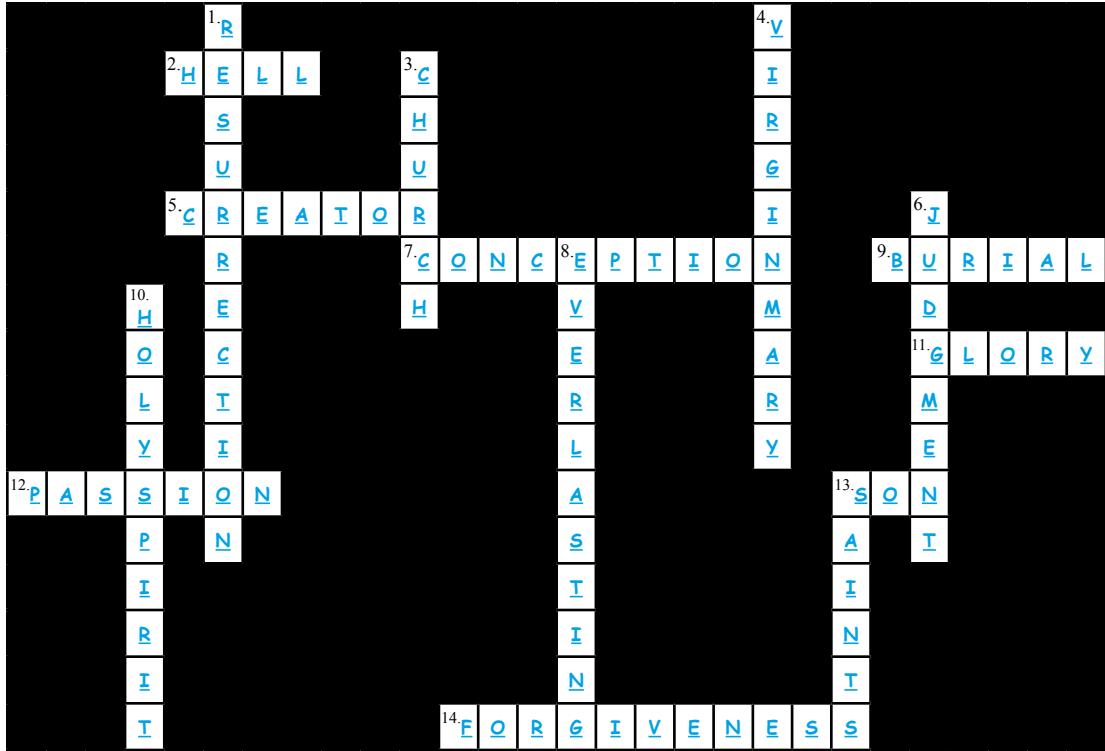
Where might a soul go after its bodily death?

What does “Amen” mean?

What prayer summarizes the chief mysteries of our Faith?

Name: _____

The Doctrines of the Creed



Across

2. He descended into _____.
5. God, the Father almighty, _____ of heaven and earth.
7. The _____ by the Holy Spirit.
9. I believe in Jesus' death and _____.
11. He ascended into heaven in _____.
12. His _____, death, and Resurrection.
13. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only _____.
14. I believe in the _____ of sins.

Down

1. I believe in the _____ of the body.
3. I believe in the holy Catholic _____.
4. He was born of the _____.
6. I believe in the _____ of the living and the dead.
8. I believe in life _____.
10. He was conceived by the _____.
13. I believe in the Communion of _____.

Name: _____

Knowing God from the World Around Us

Answer the following questions in complete sentences.

1. Can we know that God exists without faith?

The very first truth we hold by faith is that God exists. Now this truth can also be known without faith; man can reach it by his reason.

2. Name some things in God's creation that show that it had to come from someone intelligent.

Answers will vary.

3. Since most things cannot think for themselves, who guides them? (Hint: someone intelligent.)

God guides all creation.

4. Does this "someone intelligent" direct everything according to his plan?

God directs all creation according to his plan.

Name: _____

God is...

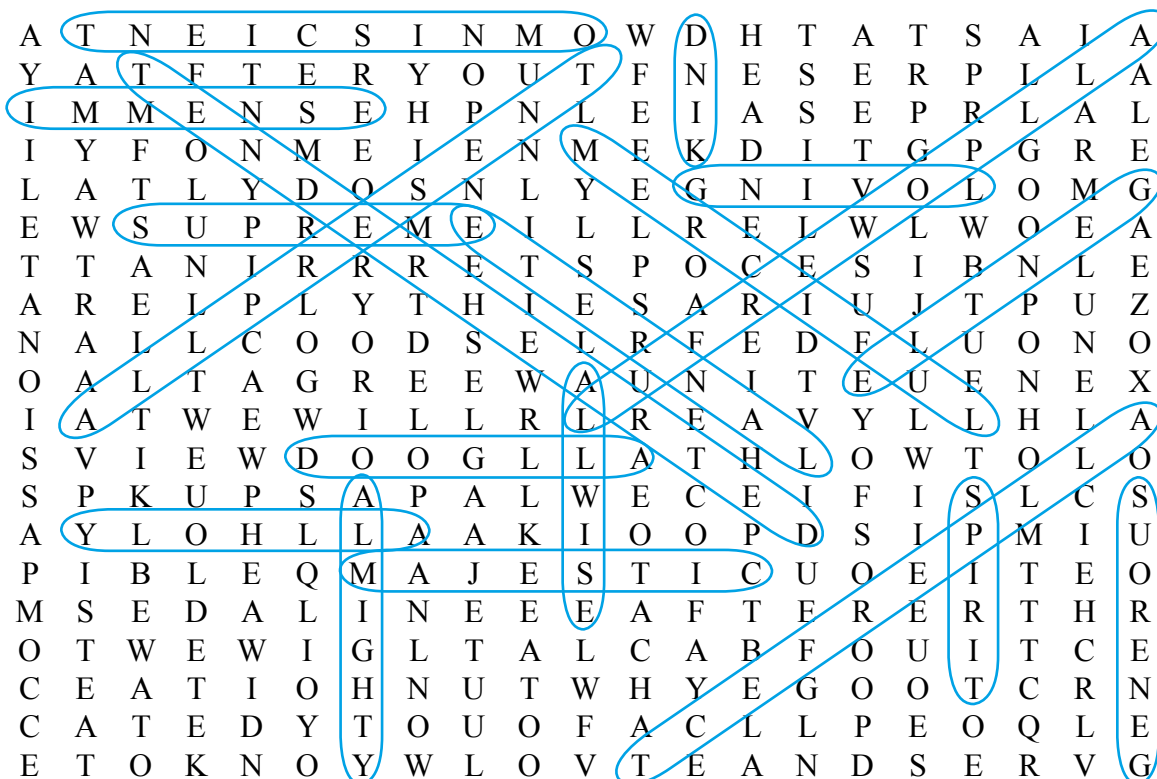
Find the following words in the puzzle below. Note: these words may be spelled backwards or diagonally!

Supreme
Omniscient
Eternal
All Powerful
All Holy

All Wise
Almighty
All Present
All Good
Majestic

Loving
Kind
Tenderhearted
All Perfect
Spirit

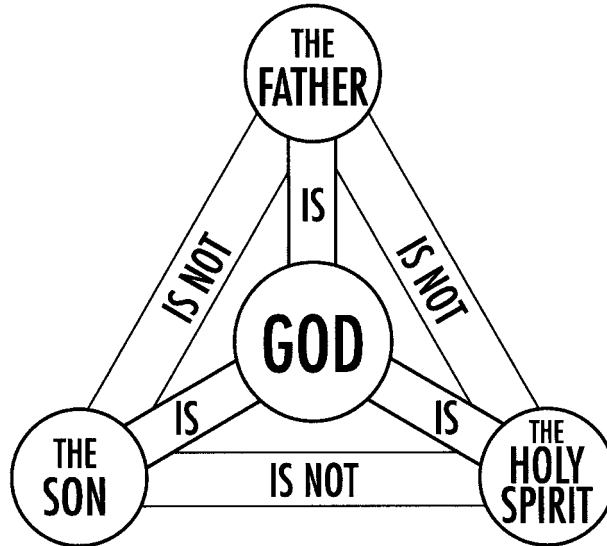
Merciful
Generous
Gentle
Immense



Name: _____

The Blessed Trinity

Answer the following questions in complete sentences.



1. What is the Blessed Trinity?

The Blessed Trinity is the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God in three Divine Persons.

2. How many gods do we believe in?

There is only one God.

3. How many Persons are in God?

There are three Divine Persons in God.

4. Is one Person more powerful/wise/better than the others?

The three Divine Persons, since each is fully God and equal in every respect, possess equally and in common every perfection and every action.

5. What is the nature of the Father? of the Son? of the Holy Spirit?

The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit equally possess the same divine nature.

6. Can we fully understand the Blessed Trinity? Why?

The Blessed Trinity is a mystery we will never completely understand because God alone is all perfect and all wise.

Name: _____

Mystery of God

Answer the following questions in complete sentences.

1. What does the “Unity of God” mean?

By “Unity of God” we mean that there is only one God.

2. What does “Blessed Trinity” mean?

By “Blessed Trinity” we mean three Divine Persons in one God: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Each Person of the Blessed Trinity is distinct from the other while remaining fully God.

3. What does it mean to say that the three Divine Persons are “distinct” from one another?

By saying the three Divine Persons are “distinct” from one another, we mean that each Person of the Blessed Trinity is not the same Person, although all three are fully God.

4. Who is the First Person of the Blessed Trinity? Why?

The First Person of the Blessed Trinity is God the Father. The Father is the First Person of the Blessed Trinity because he does not proceed from another Person and because the other two Persons, the Son and the Holy Spirit, proceed from him.

5. Who is the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity? Why?

The Second Person of the Blessed Trinity is God the Son because he is the eternally begotten by the Father, and because he, together with the Father, is the principle of the Holy Spirit.

6. Who is the Third Person of the Blessed Trinity? Why?

The Third Person of the Blessed Trinity is God the Holy Spirit because he proceeds from the Father and the Son.

7. Is each Divine Person of the Blessed Trinity God?

Yes, each Person of the Blessed Trinity is fully God.

8. Are the three Divine Persons equal?

Yes, the three Divine Persons are equal since they are equally the eternal God.

Name: _____

Creation

Add to this picture in blue some things God creates and in red some things man makes.

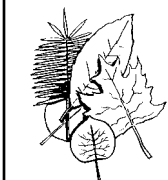
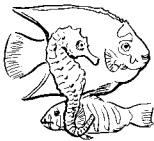
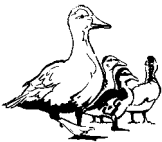


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Thanking God for Creation

What are some things God created that you are thankful for?

Answers will vary.



Name: _____

Creator of Heaven and Earth

Answer the following questions in complete sentences.

1. Explain what it means to create and why only God can be called the Creator.

God created everything out of nothing and so only he can be called the Creator.

2. Explain how God cares for his creation.

God keeps his creation going according to his plan. Plants, animals, minerals, and the weather seem to work together in harmony.

From observing creation we can learn a little about what God is. We can know that he exists, that he is powerful, wise, and good. Give examples of things present in the world today that show us these truths about God and how he cares for his creation.

1. God exists:

Answers will vary.

2. God is all powerful:

3. God is all wise:

4. God is all good:

Name: _____

Learning About God from His Creation

Answer the following questions in complete sentences.

1. How do we know that God is not created?

God alone is uncreated. He is the cause of all creation.

2. Why did God make heaven and earth?

God made heaven and earth because in his love he wanted others to enjoy the gift of life. He wanted to give others the chance to know and love him.

3. Did the universe make itself? How do you know?

The universe did not make itself because we know that nothing can make itself. Only the perfect mind of God could have designed it.

4. What can we learn from the way plants, animals, and weather all seem to work together in harmony?

It should make us see the world in a new light. They remind us of God and show us how great and good he is.

5. Should we stop to admire God's creation?

God wants us to enjoy the world and be grateful for all creation. He made the earth for us!

6. Does God know the big and little things?

God knows that even little things, like the first snow of winter or the first robin of spring, can give us joy.

7. What must we do to show God that we are thankful for his creation? Can you think of some examples?

Answers will vary.

Name: _____

Angels

Answer the following questions in complete sentences.



1. What is an angel? Is it a creature?

The word angel means "messenger." Angels are creatures, because like us, they were created by God.

2. Are all the angels the same?

Every angel is different. Church tradition tells us that there are different choirs or "orders" of angels.

3. Can we see angels? Why?

No. We cannot see angels because they are pure spirits, which means that they have no bodies. They move and act by using their minds.

4. What are some different choirs or orders of angels?

Some of the different choirs of angels are the cherubim, seraphim, and archangels.

5. Are angels intelligent?

Angels are creatures with intelligence.

Name: _____

God Tests the Angels

Explain what happened after God created the angels. What happened when God tested the angels? What happened to them? What do the angels do now?



Answers will vary but should follow the student text.

Name: _____

Realm of the Angels

The word angel means “messenger.” In the Bible we often find angels acting as God’s messengers, bringing to people news of God’s plan for them. Read the following passages from both the Old and New Testaments, and then state what message the angel was bringing.

Genesis 22:1–19

Answers will vary.

Judges 13:1–14

Tobit 5:1–6 and Tobit 12

Luke 1:5–23

Luke 1:26–38

Luke 2:8–20

Matthew 2:13–23

Acts 12:1–11

Name: _____

Angels: God's Messengers

Answer the following questions in complete sentences.

1. What are pure spirits?

A pure spirit is an intelligent being without a body.

2. How do we know that pure spirits exist?

We know by faith that there are beings who are pure spirits.

3. What creatures that are pure spirits do we know through faith?

Through faith we know that there are pure spirits that are good, the angels, and pure spirits that are wicked, the demons.

4. What are the angels?

The angels are invisible servants of God and our guardians. God has entrusted each man to a guardian angel.

5. Do we have duties toward the angels?

We have the duty of showing reverence and respect to the angels. To our guardian angel we also have the duties to be grateful, give ear to his inspirations, and never offend his presence by sin.

6. What are demons?

The demons are angels who rebelled against God by their pride. Because of their hatred of God, they were cast into hell.

7. Can you think of different angels in the Bible? When do we hear about angels?

Answers will vary.

Name: _____

Made in His Image

Read Genesis 1:26–27, and then tell what it means that man is made in the image and likeness of God.

Being made in the image and likeness of God means that we are like God in our minds and in our free will—our freedom to choose to do good.

There are various levels of life or existence in God's creation. There is a certain order or hierarchy among them.

SPIRITUAL
Divine Life
Angelic Life
Human Life*
MATERIAL
Human Life*
Animal Life (sensitive)
Plant Life (vegetative)
Non-life (inanimate)

Man shares in both the spiritual and material life because he is composed of both body and soul. See if you can give an example of what men have in common with the following groups:

Angelic:

Answers will vary.

Animal:

Vegetative:

Name: _____

Man Before the Fall

Before the Fall, man had all he needed to be happy. He would not be sick, he would not suffer, and he would not even die! Draw a picture of the Garden of Eden.

Name: _____

Called to Heaven

Answer the following questions in complete sentences.



1. What supernatural gift did Adam and Eve possess before the Fall?

Before the Fall Adam and Eve possessed a share in God's own life, the life of grace.

2. What other gifts did Adam and Eve possess before the Fall?

They would never be sick, would never suffer, and they would not have to die. Their wills were not weak as ours are, and they saw and understood things clearly.

3. Adam and Eve were blessed by God's presence. They had a special relationship with God. Were we all to receive this gift? Are we now? How?

In the beginning we were all to receive that gift, but now, because of Original Sin, we do not have that special gift. God offers us this gift by grace.

Name: _____

God Made Man in His Image

Answer the following questions in complete sentences.



1. What does it mean to be made in the image and likeness of God? Does God have a body?

Made in the image and likeness of God means that we are like him in our minds and our free will. God is pure spirit without a body.

2. Who is made in the image of God? Old people? Young people? Unborn babies?

All human beings are made in the image and likeness of God.

3. Why is man a special creature? What two worlds does he share in?

Man can think, know, love, and freely choose what is good. A man's soul will never die; it is immortal. Man shares in the spiritual and the material worlds.

4. What was life like for Adam and Eve before Original Sin?

Adam and Eve had all they needed physically and mentally to live lives of happiness according to God's will.

5. Does God know and love each and every one of us as his children?

Yes. Each of us has great worth and value. God even loves someone who is disabled or unloved by other people. Even a tiny unborn baby growing within the mother's womb is more important than all the stars in the sky, etc.

Name: _____

You Shall Be Like Gods!

Answer the following questions in complete sentences.

1. Did Adam and Eve know God's love?

With the gift of sanctifying grace, Adam and Eve knew God as a friend and were confident of eternal life with him.

2. What was the test God had for Adam and Eve?

God gave Adam and Eve the chance to show their love and thanks for all he had given them. All they had to do was freely obey God's command.

3. Why was eating a piece of fruit so serious?

Adam and Eve had been carefully warned that disobedience would have terrible consequences. Satan tempted them with the same desire for power that ruined him: "You shall be like gods." With the acts of disobedience God's grace left their souls.

4. Whom did Adam and Eve choose to follow?

Adam and Eve chose to follow Satan.

5. What were Adam and Eve like after they had eaten the fruit?

After they had eaten the fruit, God's grace left their souls and they had great feelings of guilt and shame. Adam and Eve tried to hide from God.

Name: _____

Before and After the Fall

Compare the two columns and reflect on life before and after the Fall.

Before the Fall

1. Adam and Eve had God's life in them.

Answers will vary but should be based on the material in the student text, class discussion, and Scripture.

2. Adam and Eve did not know evil, pain, or suffering.

3. Before the Fall, Adam and Eve did not have to labor.

4. They did not have to die.

5. They lived in the Garden of Eden.

After the Fall

1. Adam and Eve no longer had God's life and could not go to heaven.

2. After the Fall, they were sad and knew evil. They also suffered.

3. After the Fall, they had to work very hard, even for food.

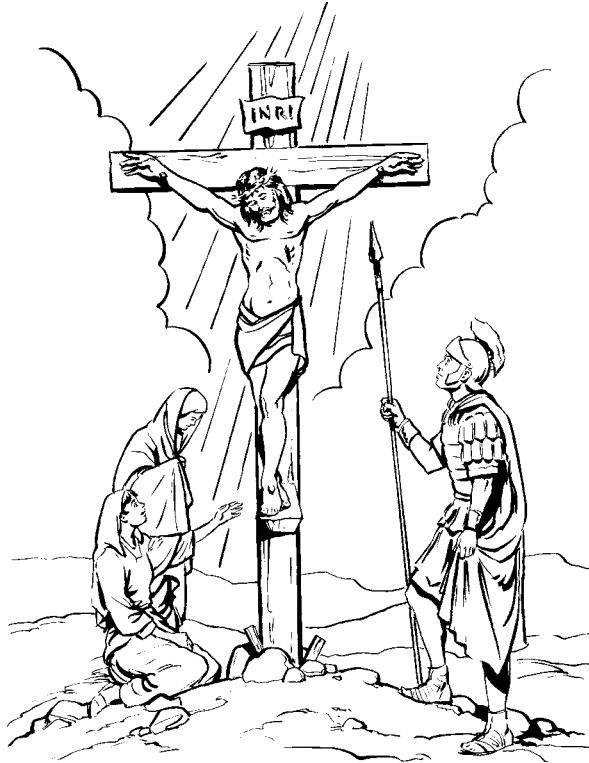
4. They would die and their bodies would return to dust.

5. They had to leave the Garden of Eden and needed a Savior in order to go to heaven.

Name: _____

Jesus Christ, the New Adam

The New Adam, Jesus Christ, passed the test for all of us. He died on the Cross in order to bring us new life through Baptism. Reflect on Jesus as the New Adam by using the pictures below.



Name: _____

The Fall from Grace

Because of his sin Adam lost God's friendship and special gifts. Fill in the chart below by describing Adam and Eve before and after their fall from grace.

Before the Fall	After the Fall
<u>Answers will vary but should be based on the student text, class discussion, Scripture, and the activity on page 23.</u>	

Sin not only affects men, but also the world around us. Compare the world before and after the Fall.

Before the Fall	After the Fall

Why does God allow suffering to exist?

Name: _____

Abraham, Sarah, and Isaac

Answer the following questions in complete sentences.



1. What was the first thing God asked of Abraham?
God asked Abraham to leave his hometown of Ur.
2. What did Abraham do in faith?
He took his wife, Sarah, and settled in the unfamiliar land of Canaan.
3. What did God promise to Abraham? Did Abraham believe him?
God promised Abraham that his descendants would be more numerous than the stars, despite the fact that Sarah was too old to have children. Yes, Abraham believed him.
4. How did God reward Abraham?
God rewarded Abraham with a son, Isaac.
5. Give two reasons we can call Abraham our father in faith.
Abraham is called our father in faith because God made him the father of a holy people from whom our Savior was born. He also offered up his son Isaac because Abraham trusted in God.

Name: _____

God Will Provide a Lamb!

In a few sentences, describe how the sacrifice of Isaac foreshadows God's sacrifice of his own Son, Jesus Christ.



Answers will vary.

Name: _____

Isaac

Answer the following questions in complete sentences.



1. When Isaac grew up, whom did he marry?

When Isaac grew up he married Rebecca.

2. Did they have children?

Isaac and Rebecca had twin sons, Esau and Jacob.

3. What prophecy did Rebecca receive?

Rebecca had received from God a prophecy that Jacob, although the younger of the two, would be greater than Esau.

4. How did Jacob trick Esau?

Jacob said he wouldn't give Esau something to eat unless he promised to give him his rights and inheritance as firstborn.

5. What is a birthright? Why was it wrong for Esau to sell it?

The firstborn son had a right to his father's inheritance. It was wrong because Esau placed food above his God-given birthright.

6. What is the importance of the blessing? Why would Esau be mad that Jacob received this from Isaac?

The blessing was supposed to be extended to the firstborn son, who had the privilege of his father's inheritance.

7. Why did Jacob leave?

Jacob left because Esau threatened to kill him.

Name: _____

God's Chosen People in Egypt

Reflect upon the life of Joseph in Egypt.



Jacob had a special love for Joseph, and this made Joseph's brothers jealous. On top of that, Joseph had special dreams saying his brothers would bow down before him. His brothers came to hate him, so they sold him into slavery in Egypt. Joseph became the governor of Egypt and saved Egypt from a famine. Joseph's brothers, however, were afflicted by the famine and came to buy grain from Joseph. Without recognizing Joseph, they bowed down before him. Joseph had forgiven his brothers, and invited his whole family to come and live in Egypt. They grew in number rapidly and soon became feared by the Egyptians who worshipped different gods.

Name: _____

I AM Has Sent You

Answer the following questions in complete sentences.



1. How did God speak to Moses?

God spoke to Moses from a burning bush.

2. What did God want of Moses?

God wanted Moses to bring his people out of Egypt.

3. Did Moses respond with faith? Was he obedient?

At first Moses answered God with excuses: Who am I to do such a great thing? What shall I tell people when they ask your name?

4. Who would help Moses?

Aaron would help Moses. God also gave Moses the power to perform miracles that would prove his claim. He told Moses his name: "I AM."

5. What would Aaron do?

God told Moses to have his brother Aaron speak for him.

Name: _____

Plagues: Getting Pharaoh's Attention

Number the plagues in the order in which they occurred.



1 Blood



2 Frogs



8 Locusts



4 Flies



6 Boils



7 Hail



10 Death of
firstborn



9 Darkness



5 Death of
cattle



3 Gnats

Name: _____

Passover

Answer the following questions in complete sentences.

1. From what plague did the Passover save the Israelites?

The Passover saved the Israelites from the plague which would kill the firstborn.

2. Why is it called Passover?

It is called Passover, because seeing the bloodstain, the angel of death would pass by that house.

3. What did each family have to do?

Each family was to slaughter a lamb, then mark the door with the lamb's blood.



4. A lamb was to be sacrificed and eaten. What Sacrament did this foretell?

The sacrificial lamb reminds us of the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist.

5. Why were they to eat dressed for travel?

They were dressed for travel because God was going to deliver them from Egypt.

6. When did the Israelites leave?

The Israelites left after the plague that killed every firstborn of the Egyptians.

7. Were they safe now?

The Israelites had only gone a day's journey when Pharaoh changed his mind and sent his armies out to recapture them. They thought they were trapped, but through Moses God parted the Red Sea so the Israelites could cross safely. Once the Israelites were across, the waters rushed back destroying Pharaoh's armies.

Name: _____

Preparing for Salvation

Answer the following questions.

Prefigurement

1. The Israelites were slaves to Pharaoh.
2. Israel needed God to save them.
3. A lamb was sacrificed at Passover.
4. The Israelites ate the Passover lamb.
5. The blood of the lamb was put on the doorposts and saved them from the angel of death.
6. The Israelites crossed the Red Sea on the way home to the Promised Land.
7. The Israelites received God's law.
8. Pharaoh's army was destroyed.
9. God made a covenant with Israel.

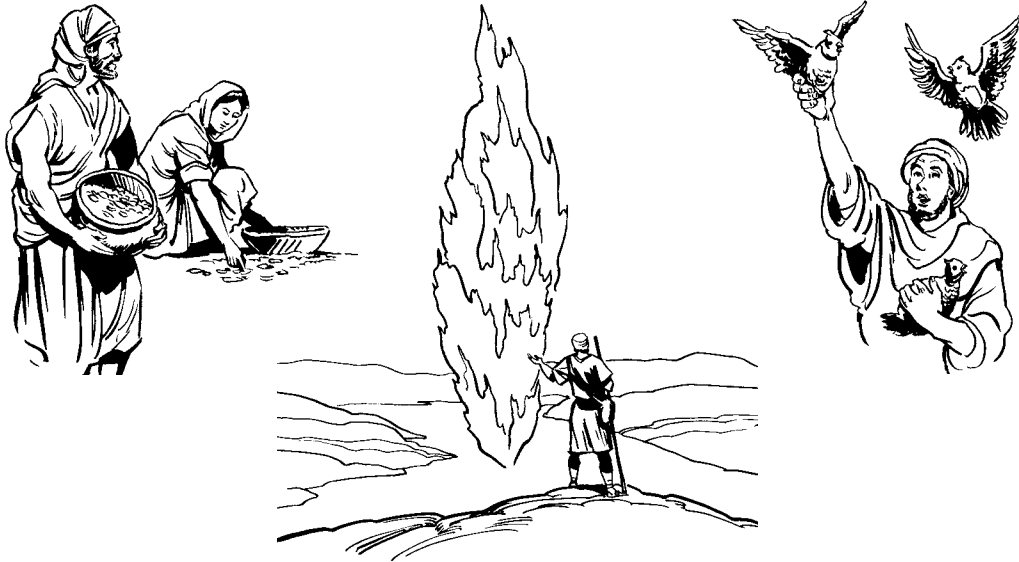
Fulfillment in Our Salvation

1. To whom were we slaves? (in our sin)
We are slaves to Satan (and sin).
2. How did God save us?
He sent us a Savior.
3. Who was sacrificed for us?
Jesus Christ was sacrificed.
4. What Sacrament nourishes us and is the Paschal Lamb?
The Holy Eucharist.
5. Whose blood was shed on the cross, saving us from death, and opening heaven for us?
Jesus Christ's blood was shed on the Cross.
6. Our Promised Land is heaven. What Sacrament do we receive to start our journey?
Baptism.
7. Do we follow God's law? Who taught it perfectly?
Jesus Christ taught it perfectly.
8. What is destroyed in our Baptism?
Original Sin is destroyed.
9. How did God make the perfect covenant with us?
Through Jesus Christ.

Name: _____

God Cares for His People

Answer the following questions in complete sentences.



1. How did the people behave in the desert?

They forgot to ask God for help and did not remember that God loves them very much and wanted to help them.

2. How did God care for them?

God showed his complaining children how much he cared for them by sending them manna and quail.

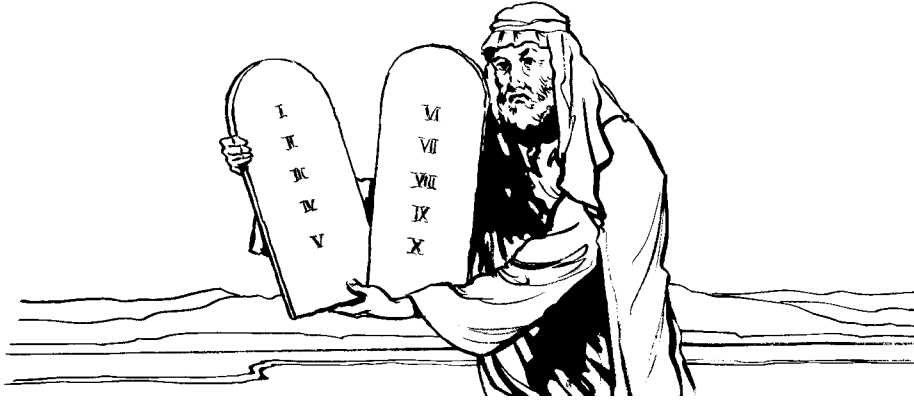
3. Why did God set apart these people?

It was to be through his chosen people that salvation would be brought to all mankind.

Name: _____

The Ten Commandments

Write out the Ten Commandments.



1. I am the Lord your God; you shall not have other gods before me.
2. You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.
3. Remember to keep holy the Lord's Day.
4. Honor your father and mother.
5. You shall not kill.
6. You shall not commit adultery.
7. You shall not steal.
8. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.
9. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife.
10. You shall not covet your neighbor's goods.

Name: _____

The Ark of the Covenant

Answer the following questions in complete sentences.



1. Who wanted an Ark made?

God instructed Moses to have the Ark made.

2. What would the Ark hold?

The Ark or container was made to hold the stone tablets on which the Ten Commandments were written.

3. Of what was the Ark to be a sign?

The Ark of the Covenant was to be the sign of God's presence among the Israelites.

4. What was special about the Ark? Why was it so important to the Hebrews?

It was the focal point of their prayer and worship.

Name: _____

Kings of Israel

Answer the following questions in complete sentences.



1. Why did Israel start to have kings?

The Israelites grew tired of taking direction from God. They wanted to be like other nations. They asked God to appoint a king to rule over them.

2. Who were two of Israel's greatest kings?

King David and his son, King Solomon, were the greatest of these kings.

3. Why were they great kings?

They did much to build up the nation of Israel. They saw to it that the people worshipped the one true God.

4. Did God ever forget his promise that the Savior would come through these people?

No. Christ's ancestor was David. That is why one of his titles is, "Son of David."

Name: _____

Prophets

Answer the following questions in complete sentences.

1. What does a prophet do?

God called the prophets to give the people of Israel the Word of God, to keep the people of Israel from becoming just like other nations, and to keep them mindful of their covenant with God.

2. What sins were the Israelites committing?

They worshipped false gods. They wanted to be like "everyone else."

3. Would they marry pagans?

Yes. They would marry pagans.

4. What happened when the Israelites forgot their covenant with God?

God sent the prophets, who reminded them that they had broken their promises to God. They were defeated in war and taken into captivity.

5. What would the prophet tell them to do?

He called on them to repent and change their lives. He commanded the rich and powerful to be just to the poor and weak.

6. Were prophets popular?

The prophets were not always popular.

7. How did the Israelites know they were wrong (when they did not want to listen to the prophets)?

They were defeated in war and taken into captivity.

Name: _____

Spread the Word

Prophets were to keep God's people from being unfaithful. They called people back to God and his truth. If you were a prophet, what message do you think God would have you deliver?

Answers will vary.

Name: _____

Isaiah

Answer the following questions in complete sentences.

1. Who was Isaiah?

Isaiah was one of those who made prophecies about the coming Messiah.

2. For what was Isaiah sent to prepare the people?

Isaiah was sent to prepare the people for the coming of the Savior.

3. What did Isaiah predict?

Isaiah predicted that the Savior would be born of a virgin, that the Savior would be more than any other earthly ruler.

4. What were the Jewish people expecting of the Messiah?

The Jewish people were expecting a triumphant leader who would restore the kingdom of Israel.

5. How did the Messiah differ from what the Jews expected?

Isaiah foretold that the Savior's mission would be one of pain and humiliation.

6. What would the Messiah suffer for us?

The Messiah would suffer pain and humiliation.

7. Look up the scriptural passage in Isaiah 7:14. What did Isaiah say?

Isaiah said that a young woman shall conceive and bear a son, and his name shall be Immanuel.

8. When were Isaiah's words fulfilled?

Isaiah's words were fulfilled when Mary conceived and bore Jesus.

Name: _____

Idol Worship

Answer the following questions in complete sentences.



1. Which prophets spoke against idol worship?

Jeremiah spoke against idol worship.

2. Who was worshipping idols?

The Israelites were worshipping idols.

3. Whose sinful actions was Jeremiah to oppose?

He opposed the king of Israel's actions.

4. Why did idol worship displease God?

It showed that the Israelites' hearts were not with God.

5. What commandment did this break?

This broke the First Commandment.

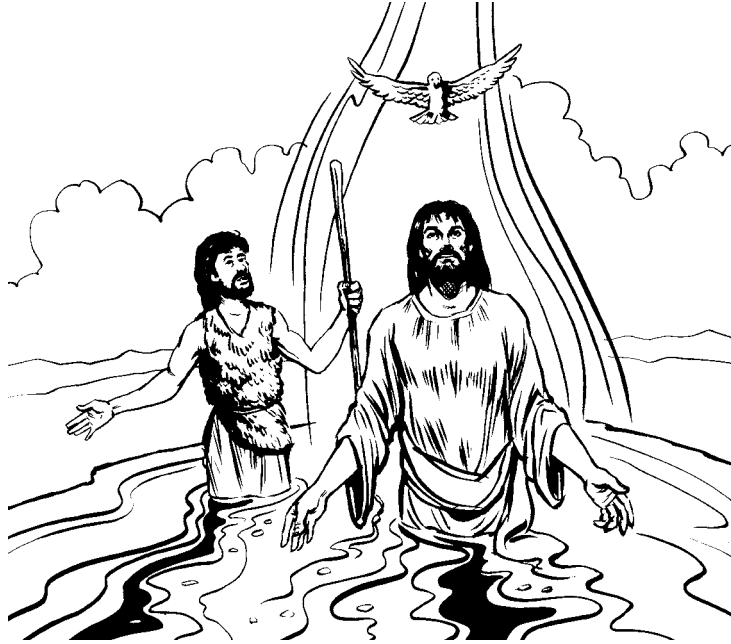
6. What does this commandment say?

I am the Lord your God; you shall have no other gods besides me.

Name: _____

John the Baptist

Answer the following questions in complete sentences.



1. Write about the miraculous birth of John the Baptist.

The Archangel Gabriel appeared to Zechariah and told him that his wife Elizabeth, though in her old age, would bear a son. He explained that John would be no ordinary child, but would grow up to be a great prophet and turn the hearts of many back to God.

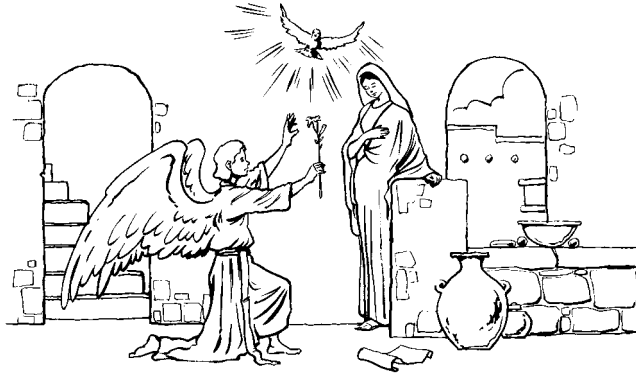
2. What would John the Baptist do?

Saint John the Baptist was the last and greatest of all prophets. He prepared the way of the Lord, Jesus.

Name: _____

The Annunciation

Answer the following questions in complete sentences.



1. Write out Mary's *Magnificat* found in Luke 1:46–55.

My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has regarded the low estate of his handmaiden. For behold, henceforth all generations will called me blessed; for he who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is his name. And his mercy is on those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm, he has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts, he has put down the mighty from their thrones, and exalted those of low degree; he has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent empty away. He has helped his servant Israel in remembrance of his mercy, as he spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his posterity forever.

2. What did the Angel Gabriel say to Mary?

The Angel Gabriel said that she had found great favor with God and that she would bear God's Son and that his name was to be Jesus.

3. How would this happen?

She would conceive by the power of the Holy Spirit.

4. What did Mary answer?

"Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. Let it be done to me according to your word."

Name: _____

The Visitation

Answer the following questions in complete sentences.



1. When did Mary go to visit her cousin Elizabeth?

Mary visited her cousin Elizabeth after the angel had left her.

2. What happened when Mary greeted Elizabeth?

The unborn child within Elizabeth gave a tremendous leap.

3. What did Elizabeth say?

"Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb."

4. How long did Mary stay with Elizabeth?

Mary stayed with Elizabeth about three months.

Name: _____

The Immaculate Conception

Answer the following questions in complete sentences.



1. What does “Immaculate Conception” mean?

It means that Mary's soul was filled with sanctifying grace from the moment of her conception.

2. Why did God give Mary this gift?

God gave Mary this gift so that she could bear the Son of God.

3. Was Mary free from Original Sin?

God preserved her from Original Sin.

4. Why do we say that Mary is full of grace?

At the moment of her conception, God infused in Mary sanctifying grace to avoid sin.

5. What was Mary worthy to become?

Mary was worthy to become the Mother of God.

6. Did Mary ever offend God?

Mary had the ability to do always what God wanted and never offend him by sin.

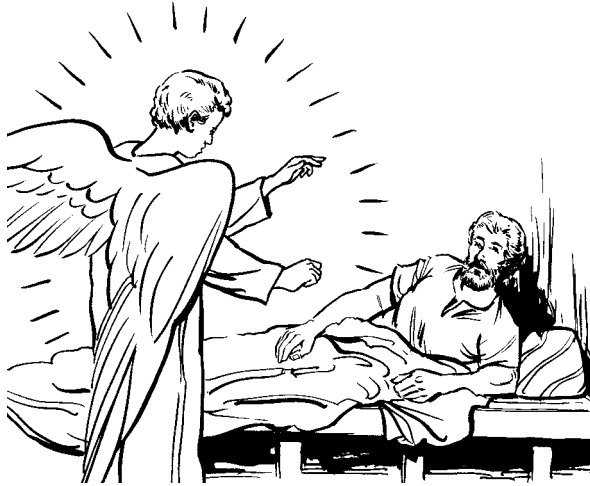
7. When do we celebrate the Immaculate Conception?

We celebrate the Immaculate Conception on December 8.

Name: _____

Saint Joseph

Answer the following questions in complete sentences.



1. What decision did Saint Joseph have to make?

Joseph learned that Mary was going to have a baby. His decision was whether or not to break his engagement with Mary, his espoused wife.

2. What did he decide?

Joseph decided to break off the engagement.

3. What did an angel tell him?

The angel told him not to break his engagement with Mary because she was carrying God's own Son, and that he was to name him Jesus.

4. How did Joseph feel about this? Why?

He was overjoyed that he would not have to break his engagement to Mary. He was even happier that the long-awaited Messiah, God's own Son, would be born into his family.

5. Why did they have to go to Bethlehem?

The Roman Emperor wished to take a census of the entire empire. Mary and Joseph had to travel to Bethlehem, since that was the town Joseph's family came from.

6. Was Saint Joseph the father of Jesus?

Saint Joseph was the foster father of Jesus.

Name: _____

The Nativity

Using a Bible, read the account of the nativity from the Gospel of Luke. In your own words, describe the birth of Jesus.



Answers will vary.

Name: _____

The Incarnation

Answer the following questions in complete sentences.

1. Is Jesus God?

Yes. Jesus is the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity. He is true God and true man.

2. What does Incarnation mean?

Incarnation means taking on a human nature by the Son of God.

3. Why did the Son of God take on humanity?

Jesus took on humanity because he loved us a great deal.

4. Did Jesus have two natures? What were they?

Yes. Jesus had two natures, human and divine.

5. Did Jesus have human emotions?

Yes. Since he shared our human nature, he had all our characteristic traits, including human emotion.

6. Did Jesus cease being God when he was born?

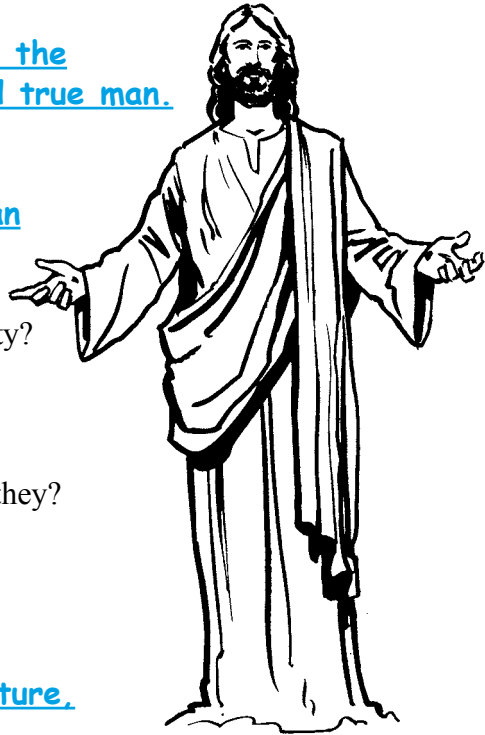
No. Jesus retained his divine nature when he was born.

7. Are there two persons in Jesus?

No. There is only one person in Jesus, the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity, the Son of God.

8. How does the Incarnation honor the human race?

By becoming one of us, we now have a greatness we lacked before. Our eyes, ears, hands, feet, and souls are greater gifts of God than ever before, now that he has had them too.



Name: _____

The Presentation

Answer the following questions in complete sentences.



1. Why did Mary and Joseph take Jesus to the temple?

In obedience to the Jewish law that all firstborn sons were to be taken up to the temple to be presented to the Lord, Mary and Joseph took Jesus to the temple in Jerusalem.

2. Who was filled with joy? Why?

An old man named Simeon was filled with joy because God had once promised that he would see the Savior before he died.

3. How did Simeon know that Jesus was the Messiah?

The Holy Spirit let Simeon know that the baby carried by Mary and Joseph was the Savior.

4. What did Simeon call Jesus?

Simeon called Jesus, "A light to reveal you to the Gentiles."

5. What did Simeon say to Mary?

He warned Mary that one day, she would suffer with Jesus.

Name: _____

The Hidden Years

Answer the following questions in complete sentences.

1. What do we call the time after the Holy Family returned from Egypt until the time of Jesus' baptism?

We call them the "hidden years" or the "private life" of our Lord.

2. What kind of life did Jesus have with his family?

Jesus did not perform any miracles or preach any sermons during this time of his life, or, at least, none were recorded in the Bible. Because of this, we can guess that Jesus lived a very ordinary life with his parents.

3. How did other people see Jesus?

To the people of Nazareth Jesus was just another ordinary person.

4. Would Jesus have helped his parents?

You can be sure that Jesus helped Joseph with his carpentry and Mary carrying the water from the well, as well as with their other many tasks.

5. Would Jesus have been obedient to his parents?

As God, he didn't have to obey anyone, but because he wanted to share our human life in every way, Jesus chose to respect the command God has given to children everywhere: "Honor your father and mother."

6. The Bible tells us about an event that happened when Jesus was twelve. Why did Jesus and his family go to Jerusalem?

It was the time of the Passover, the holiest feast for the Jews.

7. What happened on the way back?

Mary and Joseph started back for Nazareth and they didn't know that Jesus had stayed behind.

8. Where was Jesus found?

Mary and Joseph discovered Jesus in the temple, talking about God to the priests and teachers.

Name: _____

Mary

Answer the following questions in complete sentences.



1. Who is the Blessed Virgin Mary?

The Blessed Virgin Mary is the young woman whom Gabriel visited and told her that she would bear God's only Son. She was chosen by God. From the moment she was conceived, she was infused with sanctifying grace.

2. Was she really the Mother of Jesus?

Yes. She was prepared by God to be the Mother of the Savior even before she was born.

3. Is she the Mother of God?

Jesus is God's only Son. Mary is Jesus' Mother. Mary is the Mother of God.

Name: _____

Saint Joseph

Answer the following questions in complete sentences.



1. Who is Saint Joseph?

Joseph, a descendant of King David, was espoused to Mary. He was also the foster father of Jesus.

2. Was Saint Joseph the father of Jesus?

Saint Joseph was not the true father of Jesus, but was his foster father. As the husband of Mary and the guardian of Jesus, he was believed to be Jesus' true father, although actually he was not.

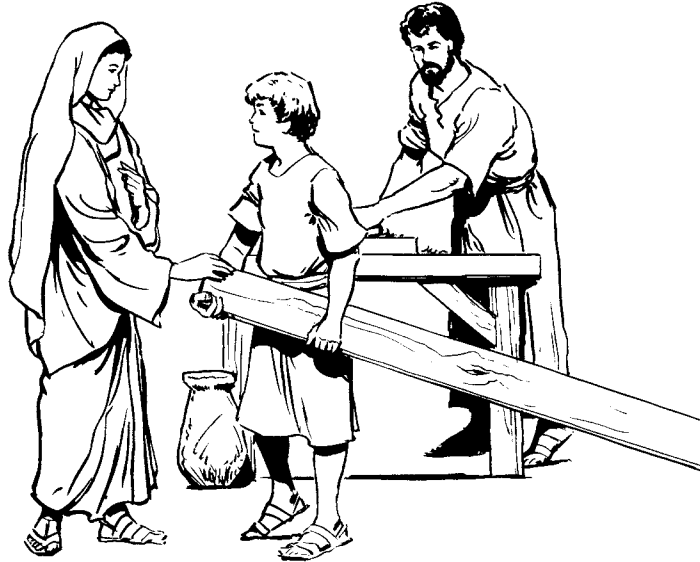
3. How did Saint Joseph care for Jesus and Mary?

Joseph took care of Jesus and Mary by not breaking off the engagement, thereby saving Mary from humiliation and harm. He also provided for them with his work.

Name: _____

The Holy Family

How can you follow the example of the Holy Family? Explain these four steps and use an example from life within your own family.



1. Accept God's will for you.

Answers will vary.

2. Do the job you are meant to do in your family.

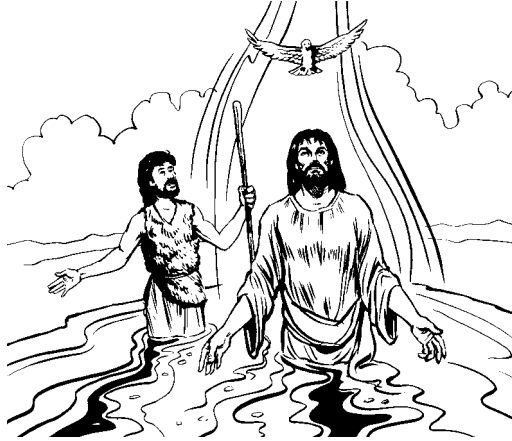
3. Make God a member of your family.

4. Do good for others as a family.

Name: _____

Christ's Baptism

Answer the following questions in complete sentences.



1. How old was Jesus when he was baptized?

Jesus was thirty years old when he was baptized.

2. Who baptized Jesus?

John the Baptist baptized Jesus.

3. Who is John the Baptist?

John the Baptist was Jesus' cousin and he was also the last great prophet.

4. Why did crowds come to see John the Baptist? What did he tell them?

John the Baptist preached to the crowds about repentance and the need to be baptized as a sign of sorrow for their sins.

5. How did John preach the coming of the Messiah?

Some people thought John was the Messiah, but John made it clear that he was only the Savior's herald.

6. Did John want to baptize Jesus? Why?

John was startled to see Jesus wading into the Jordan River and said, "It is I who ought to be baptized by you."

7. What happened after Jesus was baptized?

The Holy Spirit came down upon him, and the voice of God the Father was heard to say: "This is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased."

Name: _____

Jesus' Temptation

Answer the following questions in complete sentences.

1. Who tempted Jesus?

Satan came to tempt Jesus.

2. Where was Jesus tempted?

Jesus was tempted in the desert mountains.

3. Jesus left John the Baptist and went into the desert to fast and pray for forty days. At the end of the forty days Satan came to tempt Jesus. Satan tempted Jesus three times. Draw lines to match Satan's temptation with Jesus' refusal and his response.

Satan Tempting

Jesus' Response

"If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread."

"You shall not tempt the Lord your God."

"If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, 'He will give his angels charge of you.'"

"You shall worship the Lord your God and him only shall you serve."

"All these [kingdoms of the world] I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me."

"Man shall not live by bread alone but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God."

4. Why did Jesus go into the desert?

He went into the desert to prepare himself for his work.

5. What did Jesus do to prepare himself for his work?

He prayed and fasted for forty days.

Name: _____

Kingdom of God

Read the following parables from the Bible: Matthew 13:4–9, 18–23, 24–30, 31–32, 33, 44, 45–46, and 47–50. Draw a picture of the parable that best helps you to understand what the Kingdom of God is like. Then write a short paragraph describing how the parable teaches us about God’s Kingdom.

Answers will vary.

Name: _____

The Apostles

Answer the following questions in complete sentences.



1. Who were the Apostles?

The Apostles are the twelve men Jesus chose to be his closest followers. They learned from Jesus and were to share in his mission.

2. What did the Apostles do?

They spent more time with Jesus than anyone else. They were to share in his mission.

3. What would be the mission of the Apostles?

They were given authority to preach, baptize, and lead the Church that Jesus founded.

4. Can you name the twelve Apostles?

The twelve Apostles are Simon who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother; James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Cananaean and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him.

Name: _____

Jesus Teaches the Truth

Answer the following questions in complete sentences.



1. When did Jesus start teaching?

Jesus started to preach after coming back from the desert where he began to preach in the villages of Galilee.

2. What did Jesus teach?

Christ taught people about the heavenly Father who loved them and offered them the way to eternal life. But there was another part of Christ's teaching. It was so unusual, and so surprising, that Jesus did not even tell people it at first.

3. What was Jesus' mysterious news?

It was the truth that Jesus Christ was the Son of God, the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity, fully God and fully man.

4. Why were the Jews not ready for this truth?

They thought the Messiah would be a man, a descendant of David who would restore the kingdom of Israel.

5. Why did Jesus have to reveal the truth about himself little by little?

Jesus had to reveal the truth about himself little by little because a man claiming to be God's Son sounded like blasphemy, a sin against the Second Commandment.

Name: _____

Miracles

Answer the following questions in complete sentences.

1. How was Jesus Christ known to be the Son of God?

God the Father proclaimed Jesus Christ to be the Son of God at Jesus' baptism when he said, "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." During his earthly life, Jesus declared himself to be the Son of God.



2. What is a miracle?

A miracle is something visible to the senses, but beyond all the forces and laws of nature. It is therefore something that can be worked only by God.

3. With what miracles did Jesus demonstrate that he is True God?

Jesus confirmed his teaching and showed that he is God by restoring sight to the blind, hearing to the deaf, speech to the dumb, health to the sick, and life to the dead. He also commanded demons and forces of nature. Above all, he confirmed his teaching and showed that he is truly God by his Resurrection from the dead.

Can you find these words?

Transfiguration
Resurrection
Miracles
Exorcism

Believe
Deaf
Speech
Blind

Walk on water
Simple
Son of God
I am

Heal
Health
Life
Storm

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Name: _____

Jesus Calms the Storm

Read Luke 8:22–25. Write about what happened as if you were there.



Answers will vary.

Name: _____

Jesus Christ

Circle the correct answer.

1. What was Jesus' mysterious news?
 - a. he is an angel
 - ☒ b. he is the Son of God
 - c. he is a prophet
2. Jesus is:
 - a. human
 - b. divine
 - ☒ c. both human and divine
3. The Jews accused Jesus of:
 - ☒ a. blasphemy
 - b. adultery
 - c. theft
4. The Jews thought the Messiah would be:
 - a. a descendant of David
 - b. a holy leader
 - ☒ c. both a and b
5. Jesus gave hints of his divinity through:
 - a. writing a book
 - b. visions
 - ☒ c. miracles
6. Who were the first outside the Holy Family to learn the truth about Jesus' divinity?
 - ☒ a. the Apostles
 - b. the humble
 - c. fishermen
7. Who did people say that Jesus was?
 - ☒ a. a prophet
 - b. God
 - c. a magician
8. Who revealed the truth about Jesus to Peter:
 - a. Mary
 - b. Jesus
 - ☒ c. God the Father
9. When Jesus revealed his glory on the mountain, it was called:
 - a. the Transformation
 - ☒ b. the Transfiguration
 - c. the Translation
10. Who appeared with Jesus on the mountain?
 - a. Moses
 - b. Elijah
 - ☒ c. Moses and Elijah
11. What name did Jesus take as his own?
 - a. Jesus
 - b. Son of God
 - ☒ c. I AM
12. What miracle was the greatest proof of Jesus' divinity?
 - a. the Transfiguration
 - ☒ b. the Resurrection
 - c. exorcisms

Name: _____

Forgiveness of Sins

Answer the following questions in complete sentences.



1. How did Jesus make his divinity known?

Jesus made his divinity known by performing miracles and forgiving sins.

2. Over what did Jesus have authority?

Jesus showed his authority over sickness, devils, the wind and sea, and even death itself.

3. What is so special about Jesus forgiving sins?

It was special because the Jews knew that only God could forgive sins.

4. How did Jesus show that he had the power to forgive sins?

Jesus knew their thoughts and he decided to prove that he had the power to forgive sins. He healed a paralytic man, a man who had not walked in years. The people realized that anyone could claim to forgive sins—no one could “see” sins forgiven. To heal a man who had not walked in years—everyone could see that. The people knew that Jesus could forgive.

5. What two things did Jesus heal?

Jesus was able to heal people of pain and sickness.

6. How does Jesus forgive our sins today?

Everyday we pray in the Lord's prayer, “Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive...” Jesus forgives our sins in the Sacrament of Penance.

Name: _____

The Prodigal Son

Read Luke 15:11–32. In your own words, describe what happened in the story of the Prodigal Son.



Answers will vary.

Name: _____

Zacchaeus

Answer the following questions in complete sentences.



1. Who is Zacchaeus?

Zacchaeus was a tax collector who was seen as a traitor by the Jews.

2. How had Zacchaeus sinned?

He had taken money from others.

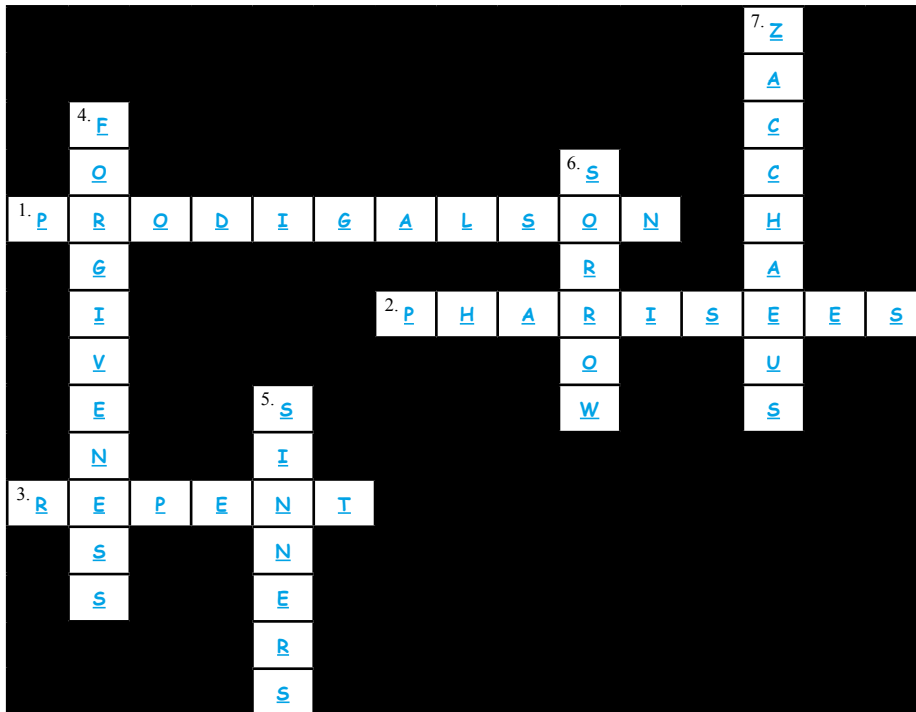
3. How did Zacchaeus change his ways?

He promised to give half of his money to the poor and return four times the amount of any money he had taken from others.

Name: _____

Your Sins are Forgiven

Fill in the crossword puzzle with the correct words.



Across

- The _____ is one of the parables Jesus told in order to teach us about God's love and forgiveness.
- Some of the _____ were angry because Jesus said he could forgive sins.
- Jesus told us how happy God is when sinners _____.

Down

- Jesus came to give us God's _____.
- Jesus' enemies called him the friend of tax collectors and _____.
- Jesus wants us to have _____ for our sins.
- _____ was a tax collector who promised to give back four times the amount of any money he had gotten dishonestly.

Name: _____

Jesus: Human and Divine

Jesus is both God and man. Below are Scripture passages, which show the human and divine life of Jesus. Mark the ones that show Jesus' divinity with a "D" and the ones that show his humanity with an "H".

___D___ John 11:25–26

___D___ John 7:37–39

___H___ Luke 2:6–7

___D___ John 6:41–53

___H___ John 11:33–36

___H___ Matthew 21:18

___H___ Mark 1:35

___H___ Mark 6:3

___D___ Luke 3:22

___D___ Luke 8:26–33

Name: _____

True God and True Man

List the ways Jesus showed that he is truly God and truly man.



<i>True God</i> <u>Answers will vary.</u>	<i>True Man</i>

Name: _____

Jesus: My Model

Answer the following questions in complete sentences.

1. Why did God the Father send Jesus to us?

In his love, the Father sent Jesus to be an example for us.

2. How did Jesus teach us?

Jesus taught us how to obey the Father by the way he lived.

3. How did Jesus teach us to obey?

Jesus obeyed his Father in everything.

4. How did Jesus show us to love?

He showed real love to everyone.

5. How did Jesus show us to forgive?

He forgave his enemies.

6. How did Jesus show us to accept God's will?

When we remember that even God's Son, the Lord of the Universe, was willing to obey, it should help us to obey as well.

7. How did Jesus show us to be humble?

As man, Jesus did not like the idea of pain and death any more than the rest of us. But he wanted to do the will of his Father whom he loved, so he went to his death freely and bravely.

8. Why did Jesus become man?

Jesus became man in order to be not just our Savior but also our brother and friend.

9. What can we share with Jesus?

We can talk to him about our joys, our problems, and our temptations. He will always understand.

10. What question can we ask if we are not sure what to do?

If ever we are not sure what to do, we can ask in prayer, "Jesus, what would you do if this happened to you?" Then he will remind us of what is right and wrong, and he will give us the courage to do what is right.



Name: _____

Jesus Christ

Answer the following questions in complete sentences.

1. Is Jesus God? Is Jesus Man?

Jesus Christ is true God and true man.

2. Is Jesus a human person or a Divine Person?

Jesus is a Divine Person, the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity.

3. Was God disguised as man in Jesus?

No. Jesus had a human nature.

4. Did Jesus, the Son of God, exist from all eternity? As God or as man?

As God, Jesus Christ has always existed.

5. When did the Son of God take on a human nature?

The Son of God took on a human nature in the moment of the Incarnation.

6. What does human nature include?

Human nature includes body and soul.

7. Was Jesus one or two persons?

Jesus is one Divine Person.

8. Did Jesus have one or two natures?

Jesus has two natures: a divine nature and a human nature.

9. How do we know Jesus is God?

He performed miracles.

10. When will we fully understand the mystery of Jesus taking on human nature?

What is this mystery called?

We will never fully understand the mystery of the Incarnation.

11. Can we share the events in our lives with Jesus?

We can talk to him about our joys, our problems, and our temptations. He will always understand.

12. Why would we ask, "Jesus, what would you do if this happened to you?"

If we are not sure what to do.

Name: _____

Rejecting & Accepting Christ

Read the situations below. Write “R” before those that show rejection of Christ. Write “A” before those situations that show acceptance of Christ.

Examples from the Gospels

- A 1. Mary anointed the feet of Jesus with expensive perfume in order to express her love for him.
- R 2. Judas betrayed Christ with a kiss.
- A 3. The wise men came to adore the Christ Child but did not tell Herod, afterward, where the Christ Child was.
- R 4. Herod tried to kill the Christ Child by ordering all the baby boys in his area murdered.
- A 5. A sinful woman came into a party where Jesus was in order to wash his feet and show him proper courtesy.
- R 6. The Pharisees and the scribes constantly sought to trap Christ.
- R 7. Some of the Apostles were arguing who was the greatest among them.
- R 8. While Jesus was on trial, Peter denied that he knew him.

Examples from Today

- R 1. The Supreme Court decided in the *Roe vs. Wade* case in 1973 to make abortion legal in the United States.
- A 2. Many Christians are working together to restore the unborn baby’s right to life.
- R 3. Jim swears, thinking he will not be accepted unless he uses God’s name in vain.
- A 4. Jane’s parents will not allow her to watch TV shows in which people act as if God does not exist.
- A 5. Mary Beth hears a group of girls making fun of a new girl. Mary Beth tells the girls to stop their gossiping.
- A 6. John gives up a professional baseball game in order to fulfill his Sunday Mass obligation.
- R 7. Catherine ignores her mother’s request for help around the house and goes out to play with her friends.
- A 8. Tom makes an effort to visit our Lord every day in the Blessed Sacrament.

On a separate piece of paper, write out five examples of situations of rejecting and accepting Christ.

Name: _____

Will You Stay With Jesus?

Answer the following questions in complete sentences.

If we really believe the Eucharist is the Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Jesus Christ, we would make every effort to attend Mass and make visits to the Blessed Sacrament.

1. Read John 6:27–59. What does Jesus call himself?

Jesus calls himself the Son of Man, the Bread of Life, and the living Bread which came down from heaven.

2. Was Jesus speaking in riddles?

No.

3. What did many people who liked Jesus do?

Many of the people who liked Jesus turned away on the day he first mentioned the Holy Eucharist.

4. Why did they turn away?

They turned away because to most of the people the idea of eating another man's flesh sounded strange and sinful.

5. Did the Apostles turn away from Jesus? Why?

The Apostles loved our Lord but ran away when things became difficult.

6. What was Jesus talking about when he said we would eat his Body and drink his Blood?

He was preparing them for the mystery of the Eucharist.

7. How do we know that the Eucharist is really and truly the Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Jesus Christ?

We know that the Eucharist is really and truly the Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Jesus Christ by faith.

Name: _____

The Messiah

Explain what each of the following groups expected of the Messiah and tell why they did not accept Jesus.

Pharisees

Answers will vary but should be based on the student text and Scripture.

Sadducees

Scribes

Zealots

Name: _____

Turning Away from Jesus

Answer the following questions in complete sentences.

1. Was the rejection of Jesus a one-time event?

Jesus' rejection was not a one-time event.

2. Who rejected Jesus and why?

Jesus was rejected by many of the religious leaders and people of his time.

3. How do we reject Jesus?

We reject Jesus every time we commit a mortal sin.

4. What happens when we commit a mortal sin?

When we commit a mortal sin we turn away from Jesus. To commit a mortal sin is to act as if Jesus does not belong in one's life.

5. What happens when we commit a venial sin?

Even when we commit only a venial sin, we show that we do not love Jesus as much as we ought.

6. Does our world today reject Jesus? How? Where?

If we look around us we can see that in many ways our society rejects Jesus. We hear many people use his Holy Name in a careless or angry way.

7. How can we show Jesus that we do not reject him?

By refusing to go along with a godless world, we accept and honor Jesus and show ourselves to be his true friends.

Name: _____

Accepting the Father's Will

Answer the following questions in complete sentences.

1. What happened when Jesus came into Jerusalem?

The people gathered in great excitement. As Jesus rode into the city, the crowd shouted joyfully, "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, the King of Israel!" They waved palm branches and laid them down on the road before Jesus. They even placed their coats on the dusty ground in order to make a welcoming carpet for him to pass over.

2. Were these people faithful to him?

Jesus knew that most of these people would not be around to protest his death sentence or comfort him while he suffered.

3. Did Jesus warn his disciples what would happen to him?

Jesus warned his disciples of what would happen. "Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem, and everything that is written of the Son of man by the prophets will be accomplished. For he will be delivered to the Gentiles, and will be mocked and shamefully treated and spit upon; they will scourge him and kill him, and on the third day he will rise" (Lk 18:31-33).

4. Did they understand him? How do we know?

The Gospels tell us that the disciples did not understand when Jesus spoke to them like this.

5. Did Jesus freely lay down his life, or was it taken from him?

He accepted the Cross, knowing that his act of obedience would save the world from sin and death.

6. What happened in the Garden of Gethsemane after the Last Supper?

There Jesus began to feel afraid at the very thought of the sufferings he would undergo. "Father," Jesus prayed, "if it is possible, take this cup away from me. Yet, not as I will, but as you will." In his sorrow and agony, Jesus began to sweat blood. God the Father sent an angel to comfort Jesus and strengthen him for the terrible hours ahead.

Name: _____

The Last Supper

Answer the following questions in complete sentences.



1. What feast did Jesus and his Apostles celebrate at the Last Supper?

They celebrated the Passover supper together.

2. What did Jesus do to teach them a lesson in humility?

Jesus took the place of a servant and washed their feet.

3. What did Jesus institute at the Last Supper?

Jesus instituted the Holy Eucharist and Holy Orders.

4. What power did Jesus give to his Apostles?

He gave the Apostles the power to consecrate the bread and wine. "Do this in memory of me."

5. When was the first Mass?

The Last Supper was the very first Mass.

Name: _____

Thy Will be Done

Answer the following questions in complete sentences.



1. Where did Jesus take his disciples after the Last Supper?

After the Last Supper, Jesus took his disciples to the Garden of Gethsemane.

2. Why did Jesus pray to the Father?

Jesus began to feel afraid at the very thought of the sufferings he would undergo. "Father," Jesus prayed, "if it is possible, take this cup away from me. Yet not as I will, but as you will."

3. What hurt Jesus the most?

The thought of the sins and ingratitude hurt the loving heart of Jesus even more than the thought of dying.

4. What happened in Jesus' sorrow and Agony in the Garden?

In his sorrow and agony, Jesus began to sweat blood.

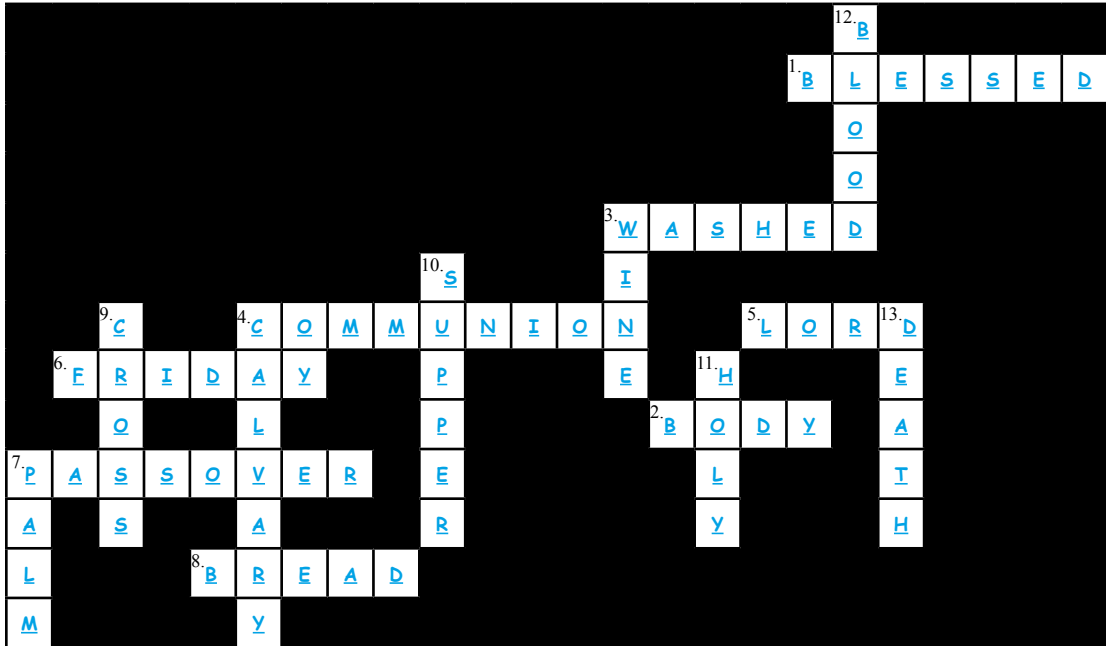
5. Whom did God send to comfort Jesus?

God the Father sent an angel to comfort Jesus and strengthen him for the terrible hours ahead.

Name: _____

The Acceptance of the Father's Will

Fill in the crossword puzzle with the correct words.



The Passion of Christ took place at the time of the Jewish _____ (7 across).

On _____ (7 down) Sunday Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a donkey. The crowds waved palm branches and cried out, “_____ (1 across) is he who comes in the name of the _____ (5 across).”

On _____ (11 down) Thursday Jesus shared the Last _____ (10 down) with his Apostles. Before the meal Jesus _____ (3 across) the feet of the Apostles. After the meal Jesus took _____ (8 across) and _____ (3 down) and changed them into his _____ (2 across) and _____ (12 down). He gave it to the Apostles; this was their first _____ (4 across).

On Good _____ (6 across) we commemorate Christ’s _____ (13 down) for the redemption of men. Jesus was made to carry his _____ (9 down). Jesus was crucified at _____ (4 down).

Name: _____

The Perfect Sacrifice

Look up the following accounts of sacrifices in the Old Testament and for each one answer the following: 1. Who is the priest or the one who offers the sacrifice? 2. What is the offering or victim of the sacrifice? 3. What is the reason or purpose for offering the sacrifice? 4. What is the effect or merit of the sacrifice?

Sacrifice of Abel (Genesis 4:4)

1. Abel
2. Firstlings of his flock
3. For the Lord
4. The Lord had regard for Abel

Sacrifice of Melchizedek (Genesis 14:18–20)

1. Melchizedek, king of Salem, a priest of God Most High
2. Bread and wine
3. Blessing God and Abram for victory
4. God is blessed and thanked

Sacrifice of Abraham (Genesis 22:13)

1. Abraham
2. Ram from thicket
3. A burnt offering
4. An offering is given in place of Isaac

Sacrifice of the Israelites (Leviticus 1:3–9)

1. Sons of Israel
2. Bull without blemish
3. An offering by fire for atonement
4. It is a pleasing odor to the Lord for atonement

Name: _____

Old and New Covenants & Sacrifices

Compare the Old and New Covenants and sacrifices.

Old Testament Sacrifice & Covenant

Jesus' Sacrifice & the New Covenant

1. Was a lamb sacrificed?

Yes.

2. Was the lamb eaten?

Yes.

3. Did God share a covenant with man?

Yes.

4. Would this covenant last forever?

It has never been revoked.

5. Would laws have to be kept?

Yes.

6. Would heaven be opened?

No.

7. Would man receive grace?

No.

8. Could everyone share in this sacrifice?

No.

1. Was a lamb sacrificed?

Yes.

2. Was the lamb eaten? How?

Yes, in the Eucharist.

3. Did God share a covenant with man?

Yes.

4. Would this covenant last forever?

Yes. It is the eternal covenant.

5. Would laws have to be kept?

Yes.

6. Would heaven be opened?

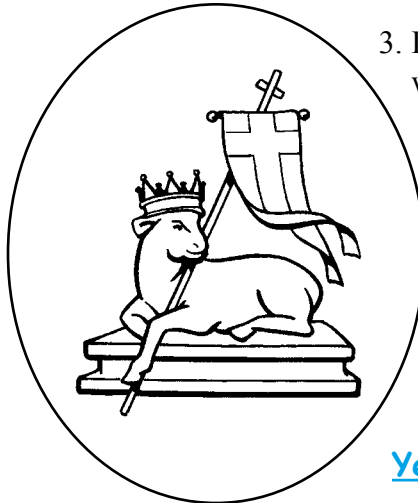
Yes.

7. Would man receive grace?

Yes.

8. Could everyone share in this sacrifice? How?

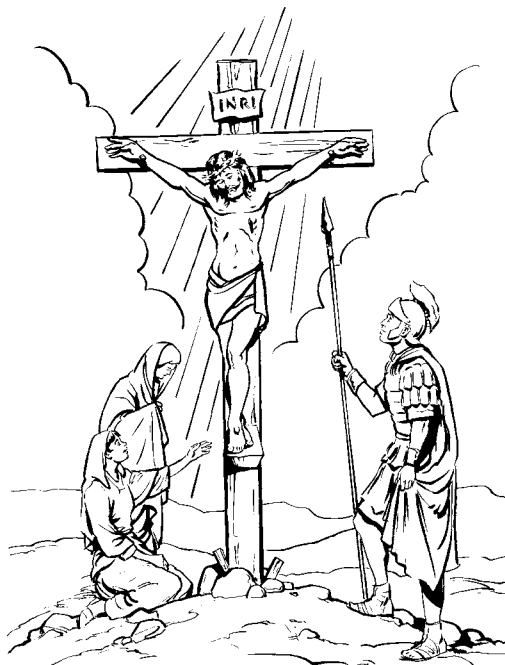
Yes, by participating in the Mass.



Name: _____

The Sacrifice of the Mass

Answer the following questions.



1. What is the Mass?

The Mass is a re-presentation of the same sacrifice Jesus made 2000 years ago.

2. Is it the same sacrifice as the one that took place 2000 years ago?

Yes.

3. Who says the words of Christ?

The priest.

4. How is Jesus' Body and Blood offered to God?

The priest changes the bread and wine into the Body and Blood of Jesus.

5. How did your priest receive this power?

The power is passed on to priests in the Sacrament of Holy Orders.

6. How do we participate in the Mass?

When we participate in the Mass, we share in the priest's action by offering ourselves along with Jesus as a sacrifice to God.

7. What can we give Jesus during the Mass? What can he do with them?

We join ourselves to Jesus in the Sacrifice of the Mass. When we give him our own ordinary, sinful souls, he can also make us into something wonderful: a precious gift to God.

Name: _____

Martyrs: Persecuted for the Faith

Write a letter to God offering yourself and your works as a sacrifice to God.



Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha, pray for us!

Answers will vary.

Name: _____

He is Risen!

Pretend that you are Mary Magdalene. What happened on Easter morning?



Answers will vary but should be based on Scripture, the student text, and class discussion.

Name: _____

Jesus' Resurrection

Answer the following questions in complete sentences.



1. What did Jesus' Resurrection show all of his followers?

His Resurrection showed all of his followers that Jesus was truly the Son of God, the King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

2. What victory had Jesus won?

Jesus had won the greatest victory of all. He had defeated sin and conquered death, the punishment for sin.

3. Did God accept Jesus' sacrifice? How do we know?

The Resurrection was a sign that God had accepted the sacrifice which Jesus made to redeem us.

4. Who was the first person to see the Resurrected Lord?

Mary Magdalene was the first person to see the resurrected Lord.

5. Who were the first Apostles to see the empty tomb?

Peter and John were the first Apostles to see the empty tomb.

6. What does the Bible tell us to confirm that Jesus rose from the dead?

Answers will vary. Students should mention various Resurrection accounts from the Bible.

Name: _____

Jesus' Resurrected Body

Answer the following questions in complete sentences.



1. Was Jesus' body changed after the Resurrection?

After the Resurrection, the body of Jesus was changed, or glorified.

2. How was Jesus' body different from ours?

He was no longer restricted by his body as the rest of us are. He could disappear and appear anywhere he wanted. He could pass through walls and locked doors. He no longer suffered any pain or discomfort, such as hunger or thirst.

3. How was Jesus' body the same as ours?

At the same time, Jesus still had a real body. He was not a ghost, and when he appeared to his disciples he proved this by eating food and allowing them to touch him.

Name: _____

He is Risen

Find the twenty words referring to the events of Jesus' Passion, death, and Resurrection. Some words are spelled backwards or diagonally.

Gardener	Guards	Easter Sunday	Angel
Mary Magdalene	John	Peter	Women
Disciple	Risen	Resurrection	Weeping
Body	Tomb	Three	Stone
Jesus	Glorified	Buried	Master

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Name: _____

Forgiveness of Sins

Answer the following questions in complete sentences.

1. During the days after the Resurrection of Jesus, what did Jesus do?

After the Resurrection, Jesus appeared to the disciples and taught them. He prepared them for their mission.

2. What did Jesus instruct his Apostles to do?

Jesus instructed his Apostles to spread the gospel and build up the Church on earth.

3. When Jesus breathed on them, what did he give them?

When Jesus breathed on his Apostles, he gave them the Holy Spirit.

4. What power did the Apostles now have?

The Apostles now had the power to forgive sins.

5. With this power, what could the Apostles do?

With this power, the Apostles could bring God's mercy and forgiveness to all Christians.

6. Who were the first priests and bishops?

The apostles were the first priests and bishops of the Church.

7. How can we receive God's mercy and forgiveness?

We can receive God's mercy and forgiveness in the Sacrament of Penance.

Name: _____

Jesus and Peter

Answer the following questions in complete sentences.

1. Where did Jesus question Peter?

Jesus questioned Peter at the Sea of Tiberias.

2. What did Jesus ask Peter?

Jesus asked Peter "Do you love me?"

3. What did Peter reply?

Peter replied that he did love Jesus.



4. How many times did Jesus ask Peter the same question?

Jesus asked Peter three times.

5. How many times had Peter denied Jesus?

Peter had denied Jesus three times.

6. What was Jesus' command to Peter?

Jesus commanded Peter to "Feed my lambs/sheep."

7. What was Jesus doing by issuing the command to Peter?

Jesus singled Peter out as the leader of his Church.

8. What role did Jesus give to Peter?

Jesus made Peter the shepherd of all his Church—the first Pope.

9. Who now is Peter's successor? Does he continue Peter's mission?

Right now, the Pope is Peter's successor (the students may name the current Pope). He continues Peter's mission.

Name: _____

The Ascension

Answer the following questions in complete sentences.



1. How long did Jesus stay on earth after the Resurrection?

Jesus stayed on earth for forty days after the Resurrection.

2. What did Jesus do during that time after his Resurrection?

Jesus taught his disciples much.

3. Why would Jesus leave?

Jesus left so that the disciples could receive the Holy Spirit.

4. What did Jesus promise his Apostles?

Jesus promised to send them the Holy Spirit who would give them the knowledge, faith, and power they needed.

5. What command did he give to his Apostles?

Jesus commanded his Apostles to baptize all nations and teach the gospel.

6. Will Jesus leave us alone?

No, Jesus promised that he would always be with us.

7. Who appeared to the Apostles? What did they say?

Two angels appeared to the Apostles. They said that Jesus will return again.

Name: _____

The Giver of Life

For the following Scripture quotes, tell who is speaking and to whom the words are addressed.

“If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

Speaker: Jesus

Addressed to: The Apostles

“Unless I see in his hands the print of the nails, and place my finger in the mark of the nails, and place my hand in his side, I will not believe.”

Speaker: Saint Thomas

Addressed to: The Apostles

“You have believed because you have seen me. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe.”

Speaker: Jesus

Addressed to: Saint Thomas

“You know that I love you.”

Speaker: Saint Peter

Addressed to: Jesus

“Feed my sheep.”

Speaker: Jesus

Addressed to: Saint Peter

“Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven?”

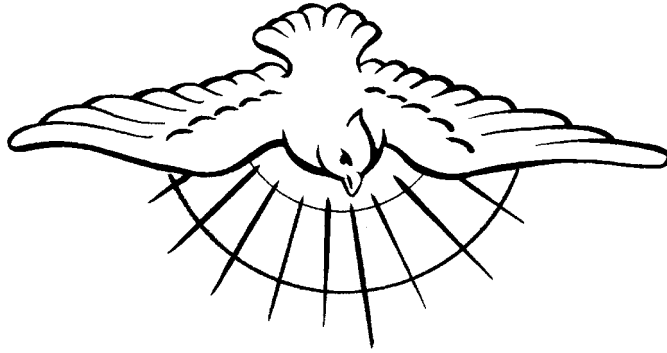
Speaker: Angels

Addressed to: The disciples

Name: _____

Come, Holy Spirit

Look up the following Scripture passages and tell what they say about the Holy Spirit.



Answers will vary. The following are some examples.

Genesis 1:1–2

The Holy Spirit was present at Creation.

1 Samuel 16:13

The Holy Spirit was active in the Old Testament. He helped the kings of Israel.

Luke 1:35

The Holy Spirit came to Mary and she conceived Jesus through him.

Matthew 3:16

The Holy Spirit worked with Jesus in his ministry.

John 20:22

Jesus gave the Apostles the Holy Spirit.

Acts 2:3–4

The Holy Spirit came to the Church and works through the Church today.

Name: _____

The Descent of the Holy Spirit

Compare the Apostles before and after the descent of the Holy Spirit.

<i>Before Pentecost</i>	<i>After Pentecost</i>
<u>Answers will vary. Apostles were scared, fearful, did not understand Jesus' teaching, etc.</u>	<u>Answers will vary. Apostles were brave, preached fearlessly, converted many people to Jesus, understood the Scriptures, etc.</u>

1. What did Jesus tell the Apostles to do in Luke 24:49?

Jesus told the Apostles to wait in Jerusalem for the Holy Spirit to come to them.

2. What would the Holy Spirit do?

Jesus said that the Holy Spirit would teach the Apostles all things and remind them of what Jesus had taught.

3. What did the Holy Spirit give the Apostles the desire to do?

The Holy Spirit gave the Apostles the desire to preach the Good News.

Name: _____

I Believe in the Holy Spirit

Answer the following questions in complete sentences.

1. Who is the Holy Spirit?

The Holy Spirit is God the Third Person of the Holy Trinity, the Sanctifier of souls.

2. Is he God?

Yes, the Holy Spirit is God.

3. Is he equal with the Father and the Son?

Yes, he is perfectly equal with the Father and the Son.

4. Is the Holy Spirit a Person in the Blessed Trinity? Which Person?

The Holy Spirit is the Third Person of the Blessed Trinity.

5. How is the Holy Spirit represented?

The Holy Spirit is represented by the symbol of a dove or fire.

6. What is the Holy Spirit?

The Holy Spirit is the love between the Father and the Son.

7. Who sends us the Holy Spirit?

The Father and the Son send us the Holy Spirit.

8. When do we receive the Holy Spirit?

We receive the Holy Spirit at Baptism and Confirmation.

9. What does it mean to be a “temple of the Holy Spirit”?

To be a “temple of the Holy Spirit” means that the Holy Spirit dwells in you.

10. What are some titles for the Holy Spirit?

Some titles for the Holy Spirit are Spirit of Truth, Counselor, Comforter, and Sanctifier.

Name: _____

Pentecost

Answer the following questions in complete sentences.



1. How long did the Apostles and the other followers of Jesus stay indoors, praying constantly?

They stayed indoors praying for nine days.

2. What happened on the tenth day?

On the tenth day, the Holy Spirit came.

3. How did the Holy Spirit appear?

The Holy Spirit appeared as tongues of fire.

4. What gifts had the Holy Spirit given the Apostles?

The Holy Spirit gave the Apostles the gift of tongues. People from all nations heard them speaking their own language.

5. How could others receive the grace of salvation and the gifts of the Holy Spirit?

Others could receive salvation and the gifts of the Holy Spirit by being baptized.

Name: _____

You are Peter

Answer the following questions in complete sentences.

1. Who founded the Church?

Jesus founded the Church.

2. How was the Church founded?

Jesus founded the Church by calling the Twelve and preparing them and then choosing Peter to lead them.

3. How did Jesus prepare the Apostles?

Jesus gave them extra instructions his other followers did not receive, and he sent them ahead to towns he planned to visit.

4. What powers did Jesus give to his Apostles?

Jesus gave his Apostles power to heal the sick and cast out devils.

5. What are the words of Jesus to Peter in Matthew 16:18–19?

"You are Peter, and on this rock I will build my Church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven."

Look up the following Scripture passages and then write a paragraph describing Saint Peter: Mark 1:16–17, Mark 9:5, Matthew 26:34–35, Mark 14:37–38, John 21:17, and Acts 2:38.

Answers will vary, but should mention how Peter changed after Pentecost.

Name: _____

The Ascension

Answer the following questions in complete sentences.

1. What is the Mystical Body of Christ?

The Mystical Body of Christ is the Church. This title expressed the union of the members of the Church with each other and with Christ.

2. How do we join the Mystical Body of Christ?

We join the Mystical Body of Christ through Baptism.

3. Who is the head? Who is the soul?

Jesus is the head, the Holy Spirit is the soul.

4. What about the rest of us? What part of the Mystical Body of Christ are we?

We are the members, or parts, of the Mystical Body of Christ.

5. What role do you have in the Mystical Body of Christ?

We all have different roles as part of the Mystical Body of Christ.

Write out 1 Corinthians 12:13–21.

For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and all were made to drink of one Spirit.

For the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot should say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear should say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would be the hearing? If the whole body were an ear, where would be the sense of smell? But as it is, God arranged the organs in the body, each of them, as he chose. If all were a single organ, where would the body be? As it is, there are many parts, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you."

Name: _____

The One True Church

Answer the following questions in complete sentences. You might need to ask your teacher for help when answering these questions.

1. How do you know you belong to the true Church of Jesus Christ?

I know that the Catholic Church is the true Church because this is the Church that Jesus founded. All other Christian churches broke off of the Catholic Church and founded their own church.

2. How do you know your Church is free from error?

I know that the Catholic Church is free from error because Jesus promised to keep it that way.

3. What if you do not want to go to church and instead read the Bible. Is that enough?

No.

4. Why is the Catholic Church the true Church?

The Catholic Church has the whole Faith.

5. Some Christian religions accept only what is in the Bible, but Catholics accept Sacred Tradition too. Why is it necessary to have Tradition as well as the Bible? Read 2 Thessalonians 2:15.

It is necessary to have Tradition because it also comes from God. Otherwise we would be missing out on some of God's revelation.

6. Some churches do not have confession and instead only pray to God for forgiveness. Why would you tell someone that confession is better?

Confession is better because Jesus instituted it himself. It is the way he created for us to receive his forgiveness.

7. How would you explain to someone the truth that Jesus is really and truly present in the Eucharist?

Jesus said so at the Last Supper.

Name: _____

Christ's Church

Draw pictures and describe each of the following.

The Church Triumphant

The saints and angels in heaven.

The Church Suffering

The souls in purgatory.

The Church Militant

The faithful souls on earth.

Name: _____

The Identity of the Church

In Scripture we are given many images to help us understand what the Church is. The Church is often described as a sheepfold, a vineyard, and the Bride of Christ. The Scripture passages listed below use the image of a building for the Church. After reading each passage, tell what we learn about the Church from this image.

Matthew 21:42

Answers for the following will vary, but should be based on the Scripture passages.

Acts 4:11

1 Corinthians 3:9–17

Ephesians 2:19–22

1 Peter 2:4–8

Name: _____

Eastern and Western Rites

Answer the following questions in complete sentences.

1. The Eastern and Western rites differ in the way they practice the Faith.

Explain the differences between the Eastern and Western rites.

The Eastern and Western rites have different liturgies and customs. The rest of this answer will vary depending on what has been discussed in class.

2. From your class discussion, list some of the Eastern rites of the Catholic Church.

Armenian; Chaldean; Syro-Malabar; Antiochian; Syrian, Maronite; Alexandrian; Coptic, Ethiopian; Byzantine; Bulgarian, Greek, Hungarian, Melkite, Romanian, Slovak, Ukranian, Albanian, Russian.

3. Are the Eastern and Western rites united in what they believe?

Yes.

4. Have you ever attended an Eastern rite liturgy? If so, describe your experience.

Answers will vary.

Name: _____

Four Marks of the Church

Write about each of the four marks of the Church.

one

The Church is one because her source is the unity of the Blessed Trinity, her founder is Jesus Christ, and her soul is the Holy Spirit.

holy

The Church is holy because Jesus Christ, her invisible head, gave himself up for his bride, the Church, and endowed her with the Holy Spirit who gives her life and sanctifies her members, making them holy and into the Mystical Body of Christ.

catholic

The Church is catholic, that is, universal, because she was instituted for all men, is suitable for all men, and has been extended over the whole world.

apostolic

The Church is apostolic because she has been founded upon the Apostles and on their preaching, and because she is governed by their successors, the bishops, who continue to transmit both doctrine and power without interruption or change.

Name: _____

Symbols of the Church

Explain these different symbols of the Church.

Mystical Body of Christ

We are all baptized into the Mystical Body of Christ, which is the Church. Jesus is the head; we are the members. Symbolically, just as a body has different members with different abilities, we have different gifts and roles to play as part of the Body.

Sheepfold

Jesus is the Good Shepherd who lays down his life for his sheep. Jesus appointed Peter shepherd (Pope) over his flock and told him to "Feed my sheep."

Vineyard

Jesus is the vine, we are the branches. If we stay connected to Jesus, we will bear much fruit. If we do bear fruit, the Father will prune us so we bear even more.

Bark (ship)

The Church is like a ship steered by the Pope, protecting us from the storms of sin and disbelief. If we "fall overboard" the Church throws us a lifeline: the Sacrament of Penance.

Mother

Answers for the last three are not in the student text and will vary depending on class discussion. Answers may include: The Church gives birth to us in Baptism. She protects us through her teaching and nurtures us through the Sacraments.

Church Militant

We are in a battle here on earth. We are the army of Christ.

Bride of Christ

The Church is the spotless Bride of Christ. We must be faithful to Jesus as spouses are to each other. Jesus loves us as a bridegroom loves his bride. We are precious to him.

Name: _____

The Church Rules

Answer the following questions in complete sentences.



1. How is the Church divine?

The Church is divine because she was founded by Jesus, who is God.

2. How is the Church human?

The Church is human because her members are human.

3. Has the Church always been able to work together in perfect agreement? Give two examples from the early Church.

Greek Christians complained that their widows were not receiving fair treatment from the Hebrew Christians, and Gentile Christians did not want to follow the Jewish law.

4. To whom did Jesus give the power to govern the Church?

Jesus gave the Apostles power to govern the Church.

5. Who guided them in their decisions?

The Holy Spirit guided them in their decisions.

Name: _____

Bishops, Priests, and Deacons

Answer the following questions in complete sentences.



1. Who were the first bishops?

The Apostles were the first bishops.

2. Where did your bishop receive his powers?

My bishop received his powers from the Apostles (through the Sacrament of Holy Orders and, ultimately, from God).

3. What does a bishop do and where does he do it?

A bishop rules, teaches, and sanctifies the Christians within a diocese.

4. What do priests do? Where do they serve the Church?

Priests help a bishop, taking care of a smaller group of Catholics in a parish.

5. What do deacons do?

Deacons help priests. They visit the sick and help priests by using their talents within the parish.

Name: _____

The Pope

Answer the following questions in complete sentences.



1. Who did Jesus institute as the first Pope?

Jesus instituted Peter as the first Pope.

2. What happens in Matthew 16:18–19?

Jesus appointed Peter Pope. He gave him the keys to the Kingdom.

3. What happens in John 21:15–17?

Jesus asked Peter if he loved him, then told him to “Feed my sheep.”

4. Who is the Pope today?

Students should name the current Pope.

5. How did he become Pope?

The college of cardinals elected him.

6. What does “successor of Peter” mean?

Successor of Peter means that our Pope has the same office as Saint Peter.

Name: _____

The Precepts of the Church

Answer the following questions in complete sentences.

1. What does it mean to assist at Mass on all Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation?

This means we must go to Mass, hear the Word of God, and offer our prayers. We may also receive Communion if ready.

2. Why must we go to Mass on Sundays and not another day of the week?

We must go to Mass on Sundays because that is the day Jesus rose from the dead.

4. On what days must we fast and abstain?

We must fast and abstain on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays in Lent.

5. What is the eucharistic fast?

No food or drink for one full hour before Communion.

6. How often must we confess our sins?

We must confess our sins once a year if we are in mortal sin.

7. How often must we receive Holy Communion?

We must receive Holy Communion once a year.

8. During what part of the year must we receive Holy Communion?

We must receive Holy Communion during the Easter season.

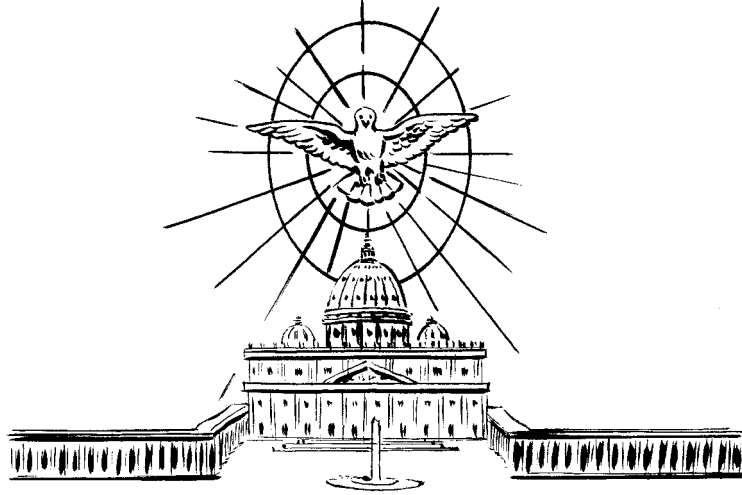
9. How must we contribute to the support of the Church?

We must give of our time, talent, and wages.

Name: _____

The Holy Spirit in the Church

Answer the following questions in complete sentences.



1. How has the Church kept her teachings free from error?

Jesus sent the Holy Spirit to the Church to keep her free from error.

2. What is the Church's mission?

The Church's mission is to teach all people the truths that God has revealed.

3. How has the Holy Spirit assisted the Church in her mission?

The Holy Spirit helps the Pope and the bishops to know perfectly what Jesus wants them to teach.

4. Who has the power to interpret Sacred Scripture and Sacred Tradition?

The Pope and bishops (the Magisterium) have the power to interpret Sacred Scripture and Sacred Tradition.

5. Who has this power now? How was it passed on?

The Pope and bishops have the power now. It is passed on through the Sacrament of Holy Orders.

Name: _____

Sacred Scripture & Sacred Tradition

Answer the following questions in complete sentences.

1. Who has the authority to interpret Sacred Scripture?

The Magisterium (the Pope and bishops) have the authority to interpret Sacred Scripture.

2. What is Sacred Scripture?

Sacred Scripture is the written Word of God, the Bible.

3. Who decided what books would make up the Bible?

The Church decided what books would make up the Bible.

4. What is Sacred Tradition?

Sacred Tradition is everything that was handed on to us from the Apostles: their life, teaching, and example.

5. From where did the Apostles receive their teaching?

The Apostles received their teaching from Jesus.

6. Who interprets Sacred Tradition?

The Magisterium interprets Sacred Tradition.

7. Who inspires them to interpret Sacred Tradition?

The Holy Spirit helps the Magisterium to interpret Sacred Tradition.

Name: _____

Infallibility

Answer the following questions in complete sentences.

1. What is infallibility?

Infallibility is freedom from error in the teaching of the universal Church in matters of faith and morals.

2. Who has the charism of infallibility?

The Pope is infallible on his own, and the bishops are infallible when teaching in union with the Pope.

3. What teachings are protected infallibly?

Teachings on faith and morals are protected infallibly.

4. Must we believe and accept teachings that are infallible? Why?

Yes, because these teachings come from the Holy Spirit.

5. What is an ecumenical council?

An ecumenical council is a gathering of all the world's bishops with the Pope where they make decisions about how to teach and govern the Church.

6. When was the last ecumenical council? What was it called?

The last ecumenical council was held from 1963 to 1965. It was called the Second Vatican Council.

7. What does “Where Peter is, there too is the Church” mean?

It means that when the Pope teaches something infallibly, the Holy Spirit is teaching us through him.

8. What do the Pope and the bishops united with him constitute?

The Pope and the bishops united with him constitute the teaching body of the Church, the Magisterium.

9. Can the Church be incorrect in her teaching the truths revealed by God?

No, the Church cannot be incorrect in her teaching the truths revealed by God.

10. Can the Pope alone be incorrect in teaching the truths revealed by God?

No, the Pope alone cannot be incorrect in teaching the truths revealed by God.

Name: _____

Evangelization

Answer the following questions in complete sentences.

1. Why does the Church try to teach all nations?

The Church tries to teach all nations because Jesus died for all nations.

2. Who are missionaries?

Missionaries are men and women who go to distant lands to bring people to Christ.

3. What do missionaries do?

Missionaries feed the hungry, heal the sick, educate the children, and spread the gospel.

4. Does evangelization always have to occur far away?

No, evangelization can take place in our own nation, town, and family.

5. Who needs evangelization?

Everyone who does not have the gift of faith needs to be evangelized.

6. How can you help the missions?

We can pray for the missions and give them money.

7. How can you evangelize?

We can evangelize in our daily lives; in the way we live, and by talking to others about our Faith.



Name: _____

Child of God

Reflect on the following statements as both a child of your parents and a child of God.

1. Did they/God give you life?
2. Did they/God care for your body?
3. Did they/God care for your soul?
4. Did they/God raise you well?
5. Did they/God give you gifts out of love?
6. Did they/God punish you in order to correct you?
7. Did they/God unite you to God?
8. Did they/God give you grace?
9. Did they/God teach you about the Sacraments?
10. Were you obedient?
11. Were you faithful?
12. Are they/God your Savior?

Name: _____

Sacraments

Compare the natural and the supernatural and describe the supernatural effects of the Sacraments.

Natural

1. Water/baths:
washes clean and gives life
2. Forgiveness:
reunites people
we are sorry for our mistakes
3. Bread and wine:
nourish the body
quench our thirst
4. Adulthood:
responsible for our own life
make our own decision
receive new freedoms
5. Marriage:
husband and wife share love
husband and wife have children
husband and wife are faithful
6. Priesthood:
man works for God
man gives himself to the Church
man celebrates the Sacraments
7. Medicine:
doctor comes to see you
you are made well again
you become stronger

Supernatural

1. Baptism:
Cleansed from sin, given grace,
become a new creature in Christ
2. Penance:
Sins are forgiven, reconciled
with God and the Mystical Body
of Christ
3. Eucharist:
Receive grace, united with God
and the Mystical Body of Christ,
nourish the soul
4. Confirmation:
Become soldiers of Christ,
receive outpouring of the Holy
Spirit
5. Matrimony:
Unites spouses to one another,
perfects their love for each
other
6. Holy Orders:
Configures recipient to Christ to
act as his representative, able
to celebrate Sacraments
7. Anointing of the Sick:
Gives spiritual strength, pre-
pared to meet Christ, possibly
physical healing

Name: _____

Caring for Our Souls

Answer the following questions in complete sentences.

1. Why does the Church have Sacraments?

The Church has Sacraments to give to souls the new life of grace won by Jesus on the Cross.

2. What does “to sanctify” mean?

To sanctify means to make holy.

3. What does Baptism do for us?

Baptism removes Original Sin and fills us with sanctifying grace.

4. If we are baptized, why do we still sin?

Baptism does not remove the effects of Original Sin. We still have a strong inclination to sin.

5. Why do we need the Sacrament of Penance?

We need the Sacrament of Penance because we still sin after Baptism.

6. What are the two kinds of sin?

The two kinds of sin are original and actual.

7. What are the two kinds of actual sin? Can you commit an actual sin accidentally?

The two kinds of actual sin are mortal and venial. We cannot commit sin accidentally.

8. What three things are needed in order for a sin to be mortal?

It must be a serious matter, we must know that it is serious, and we must commit it on purpose.

9. What are the five steps to a good confession?

1. Examination of conscience; 2. Be sorry for sin; 3. Make up your mind not to sin again; 4. Confess your sins to the priest; 5. Do the penance the priest gives you.

10. How are your sins forgiven? By whom and by what power?

Our sins are forgiven by Jesus through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Name: _____

Called to Holiness

Jesus gave the Church seven Sacraments to restore God's life of grace to souls. See if you can find all seven Sacraments in the puzzle below. Some of the Sacraments consist of more than one word.

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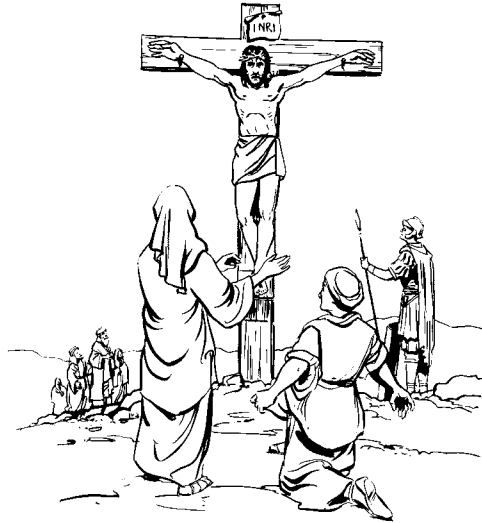
List the seven Sacraments.

1. Baptism
2. Eucharist
3. Penance
4. Confirmation
5. Holy Orders
6. Matrimony
7. Anointing of the Sick

Name: _____

Behold Your Mother

Read John 19:26–27. Answer the following questions in complete sentences.



1. Who was at the Cross with Jesus?

Mary and the Apostle John were at the Cross with Jesus.

2. To whom did Jesus give his Mother?

Jesus gave his Mother to John.

3. Who does he represent?

John represents all Christians.

4. What titles do we give Mary today?

Some titles we give to Mary are Mother of God and Mother of the Church.

5. How is Mary a good model for us?

Mary is a model for us in her obedience to God's will.

6. Will Mary pray for us?

Yes

Name: _____

The Assumption

Answer the following questions in complete sentences.



1. What is the Assumption?

The Assumption is the truth of Faith that Mary was taken to heaven, body and soul, at the end of her earthly life.

2. Why was Mary assumed into heaven with both her body and her soul?

Mary was assumed into heaven because she did not commit any sins in her life, and death is a consequence of sin.

3. When do we celebrate the Assumption every year?

We celebrate the Assumption on August 15th.

4. Does Mary continue to be our Mother in heaven?

Yes, Mary continues to be our Mother in heaven.

5. Is Mary a saint?

Yes, Mary is a saint.

6. Why is Mary the holiest of all saints?

Mary is the holiest of all saints because she is full of grace.

Name: _____

Mary Intercedes for Us

Answer the following questions in complete sentences.

1. What miracle did Jesus perform at the wedding feast of Cana?

Jesus turned water to wine because the bride and groom ran out of wine.

2. Who asked him to perform this miracle?

Mary asked Jesus to perform the miracle.

3. What did he do?

At first Jesus said it wasn't the right time, but then he did the miracle.



4. To whom was Mary being motherly?

Mary was being motherly to the bride and bridegroom.

5. Read John 2:5. What is Mary's advice for us?

"Do whatever he tells you."

6. What effect did this have on Jesus' Apostles? Read John 2:11 for the answer.

This made his disciples believe in Jesus.

Name: _____

The Mother of God in Our Lives

The following are some of the feasts we celebrate in honor of Mary. Tell what each feast commemorates and find out the date on which each is celebrated.

Annunciation:

Commemorates the time Gabriel appeared to Mary and asked her to be the Mother of God. March 25.

Assumption:

Commemorates how Mary was taken up to heaven, body and soul. August 15.

Queenship of Mary:

Celebrates Mary as Queen of Heaven and Earth. August 22.

Immaculate Conception:

Commemorates Mary's conception without Original Sin. December 8.

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God:

Celebrates Mary as the Mother of God. January 1.

Visitation:

Commemorates Mary's visit to Elizabeth. May 31.

Birth of Mary:

Commemorates Mary's birth. September 8.

Our Lady of Guadalupe:

Commemorates Mary's apparition to Saint Juan Diego. December 12.

Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary:

Commemorates the tradition that Mary was presented in the temple as a young girl. November 21.

Our Lady of Lourdes:

Commemorates Mary's apparition to Saint Bernadette at Lourdes. February 11.

Our Lady of Mount Carmel:

Commemorates Mary and the special devotion of the Carmelites to her. July 16.

Our Lady of the Rosary:

Commemorates the Rosary and invites all Catholics to pray it. October 7.

Immaculate Heart of Mary:

Commemorates the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Saturday following the second Sunday after Pentecost.

Name: _____

Death

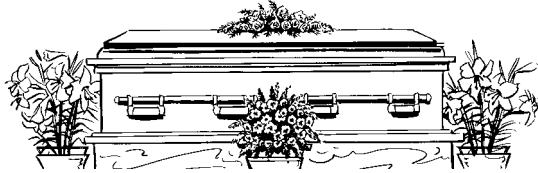
Answer the following questions in complete sentences.

1. Will we all die someday?

Yes.

2. Should we fear death?

No.



3. Will our bodies rise? Will our souls die?

One day our bodies will rise; our souls will never die.

4. What happens when we die? Will Jesus judge us?

When we die, Jesus will judge us.

5. What will we be judged upon?

We will be judged on the good and evil we have done in life, including our thoughts and the things we failed to do.

6. Where will your soul go if you die in a state of mortal sin without repentance?

If we die in a state of mortal sin without repentance, our souls go to hell.

7. Where will your soul go if you die in perfect grace without stain of sin?

If we die in a state of perfect grace without the stain of sin, our souls will go directly to heaven.

8. Where will your soul go if you die in grace but are still in need of purification?

If we die in grace but still need purification, our souls will go to purgatory.

9. Will souls who go to purgatory someday go to heaven?

Yes, all the souls in purgatory will someday go to heaven.

Name: _____

Eternal Life

Answer the following questions in complete sentences.

1. What will happen if we die in a state of grace?

If we die in a state of grace, we will enjoy eternal life with God in heaven.

2. What is heaven like?

Heaven is far more beautiful than we could ever imagine.

3. What keeps us forever happy in heaven?

The presence of God keeps us happy forever in heaven.

4. Will we miss earth?

No, we will not miss anything on earth.

5. Will we forget others in heaven?

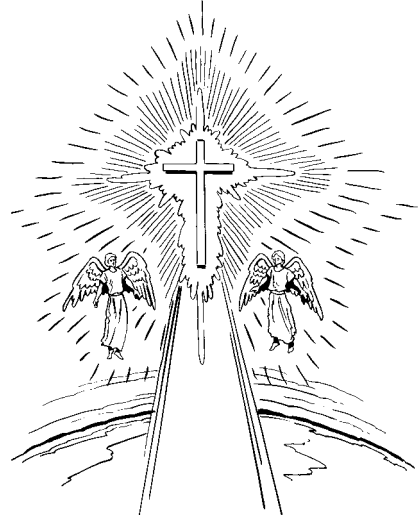
No, because we will love God perfectly in heaven, we will love others better than we ever could on earth.

6. Who will we meet in heaven?

In heaven, we will meet the saints and angels (including our guardian angels).

7. What is the best part of heaven?

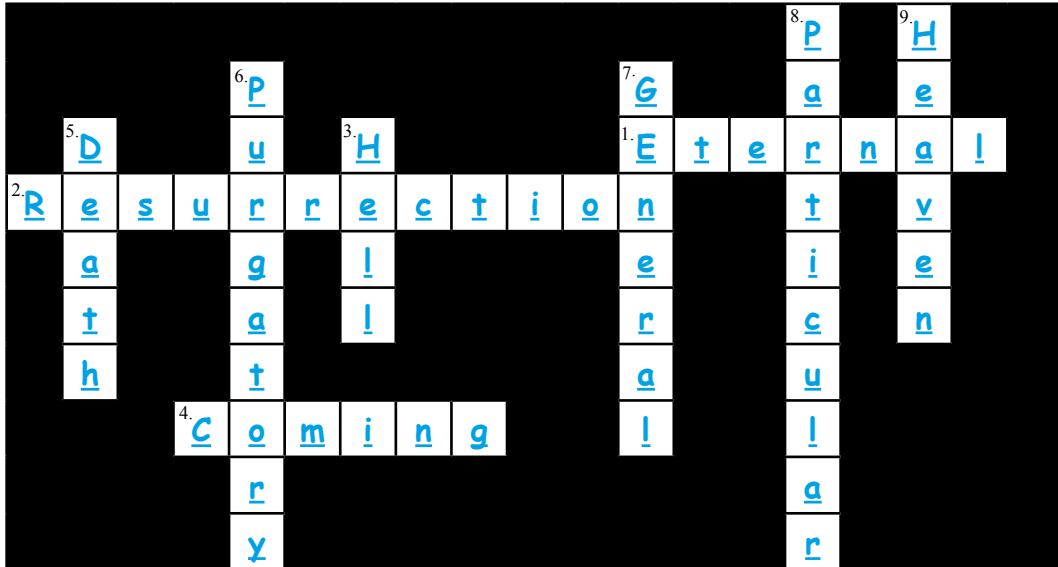
The best part of heaven is that we will be able to know and love Jesus and Mary better than any friends we have had on earth.



Name: _____

Unto Everlasting Life

Fill in the crossword puzzle with the correct words.



Across

1. “_____ life is this: to know you, the only true God, and him whom you have sent, Jesus Christ” (John 17:3).
2. Because of the _____ of the body our souls will be reunited with our bodies.
4. The second _____ of Jesus will be at the end of the world.

Down

3. The worst suffering of the souls in _____ is the eternal loss of God.
5. _____ is not the end of our existence.
6. Souls are purified in _____ before they live forever with God.
7. At the end of the world there will be a _____ judgment in which all men will be judged.
8. At the moment of our death we will each have a _____ judgment.
9. _____ is our true home.

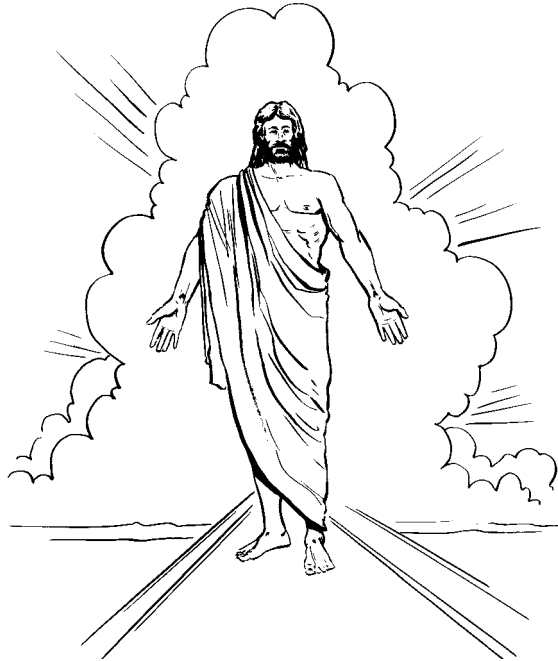
All of us are called to be saints in heaven. Name one thing you can do every day to help you on your way to heaven.

Answers will vary.

Name: _____

Second Coming

Describe the Second Coming in a short paragraph.



Answers will vary but should include:

- occurs at the end of the world
- Jesus comes as triumphant King
- Jesus judges living and dead
- all can see the good God has done in the whole human race
- the resurrection of the body