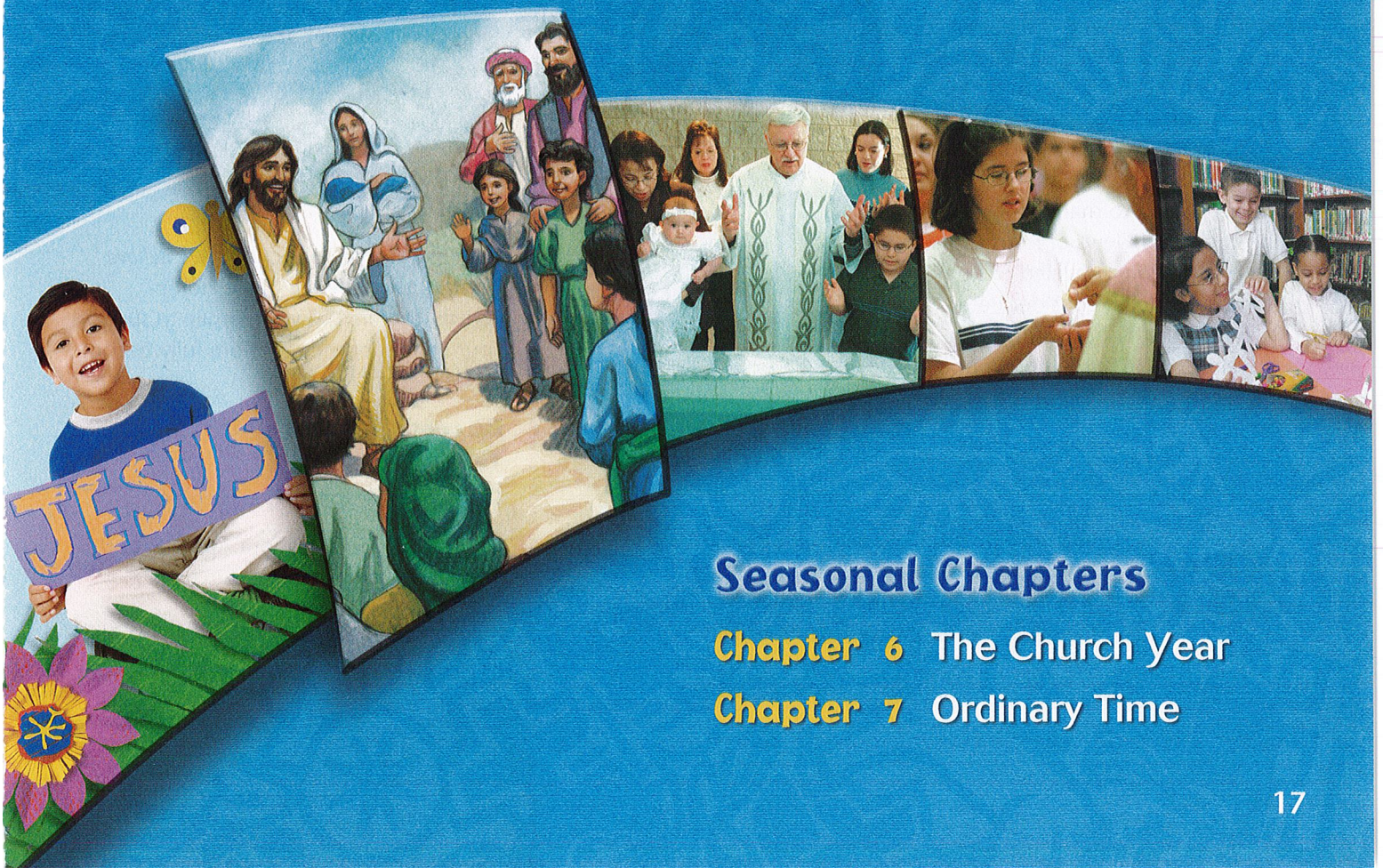


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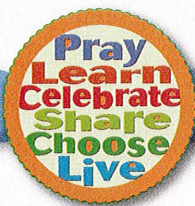
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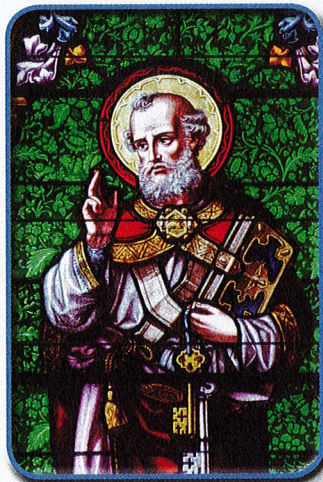


In Unit 1 your child will grow as a disciple of Jesus by:

- learning about Jesus Christ, the Son of God, who taught us about the Father and the Holy Spirit
- appreciating that Jesus Christ gave us the Church
- celebrating with the Church community at Mass and in the sacraments
- remembering that at Baptism we received grace and that we live as children of God by what we say and do
- recognizing that the Holy Spirit strengthens those who receive Confirmation.

Saint Stories

Saint Peter was a fisherman in a small village when Jesus invited him to be his disciple. Jesus chose Peter to be the leader of the Apostles and disciples. (See Matthew 16:18–19.) After the Holy Spirit came at Pentecost, Peter traveled to many lands teaching the Good News of Jesus Christ. Eventually, Peter traveled to Rome. Roman Catholics consider Peter to be the first Bishop of Rome—therefore, the Church’s first pope. We celebrate Saint Peter’s feast day on June 29.



In this unit your child will learn that Jesus sent the Holy Spirit to his disciples to guide them. With your family, pray to the Holy Spirit often. Use the following words or make up your own.

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful.

Reality Check

“Parents have the first responsibility for the education of their children.”

(Catechism of the Catholic Church, 2223)

Make it Happen

In Unit 1 your child will learn that Jesus spent a great deal of time helping his disciples become a strong, loving community. Your family is the first community your child experiences. In the coming weeks, discuss ways of strengthening your family community. Decide together on one or two specific ways you will put into action. Some suggestions are: sharing family meals (if not daily, at least once a week), showing respect for all family members, worshipping God together at Mass each week.

Take Home

Each chapter in your child’s *We Believe* Grade 2 text offers a “Take Home” activity that invites your family to support your child’s journey to more fully become a disciple of Christ.

Be ready for this unit’s Take Home:

- Chapter 1:** Respecting all people
- Chapter 2:** Talking about Apostles and disciples
- Chapter 3:** Sharing ways to worship God
- Chapter 4:** Talking about family Baptisms
- Chapter 5:** Working to spread the Gospel

Jesus Is the Son of God

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WE GATHER

✝ **Leader:** Let us stand and pray.

Child 1: Glory to the Father,

All: Glory to the Father,

Child 2: and to the Son,

All: and to the Son,

Child 3: and to the Holy Spirit:

All: and to the Holy Spirit:

All: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

☀ God has filled our world with wonderful gifts. Name your favorite.

WE BELIEVE


God the Father sent his Son, Jesus, to be with us.

God the Father loves us very much. He gives us many gifts. Jesus is God's greatest gift to us. Jesus is the Son of God.

Mary was a young Jewish girl. God the Father sent an angel to Mary. The angel told her that God chose her to be the Mother of his Son. Mary agreed to God's plan. The angel also told her to name the child Jesus. The name Jesus has a special meaning. It means "God saves."

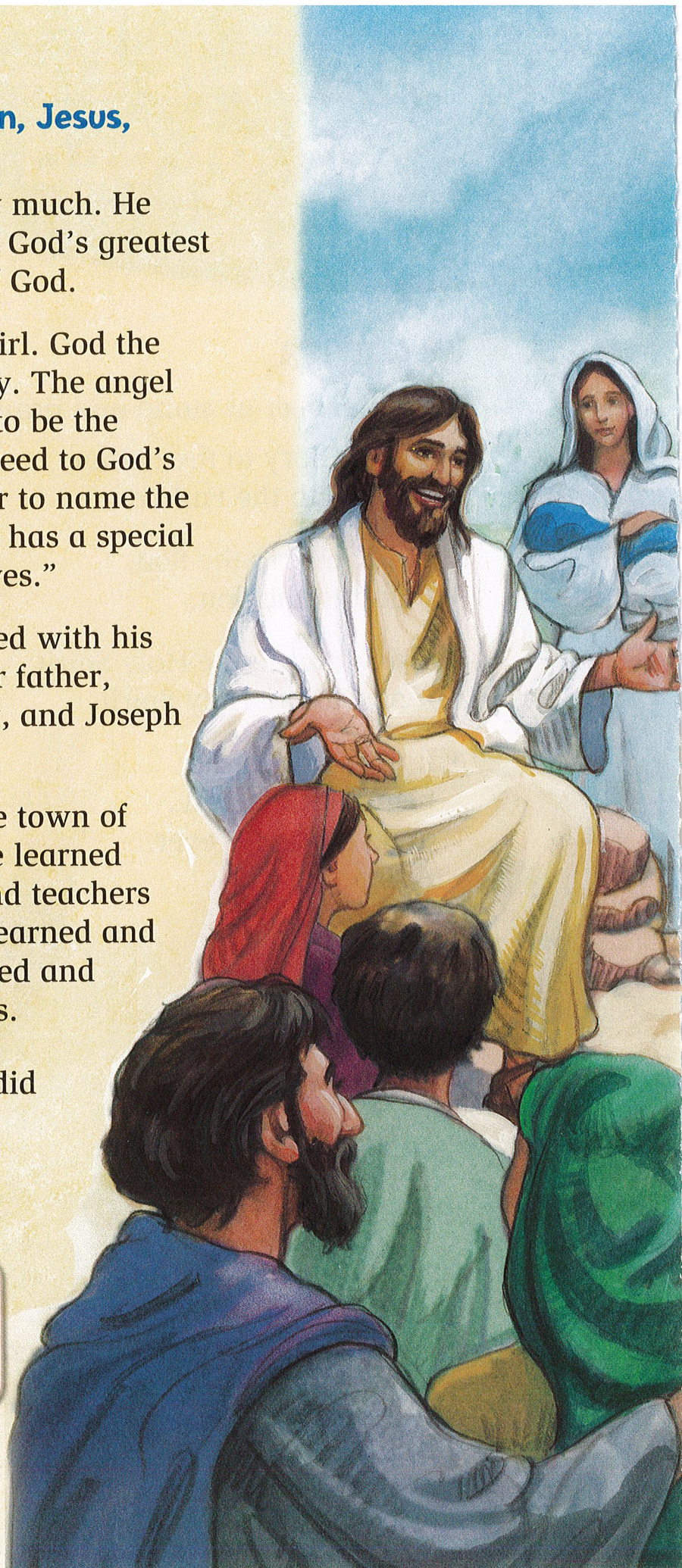
After Jesus was born, he lived with his mother, Mary, and his foster father, Joseph. We call Jesus, Mary, and Joseph the **Holy Family**.

The Holy Family lived in the town of Nazareth. As Jesus grew, he learned from his family members and teachers about the Jewish faith. He learned and obeyed God's laws. He prayed and celebrated religious holidays.

 Talk about what Jesus did when he was your age.

Key Word

Holy Family the family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph



Jesus is human like us.

When Jesus was about thirty years old, he began to teach in many places.

Jesus wanted everyone to know that they could share in God's great love. That was the Good News Jesus gave to God's people.

Jesus was God's Son but he was also human. People could see Jesus and talk to him. They could touch him and hear him. Jesus told them:

- God loves all people.
- God wants all people to love God, themselves, and others.
- God is their Father.
- God should be the most important one in their lives.

Jesus also taught people by his actions. He fed the hungry. Jesus comforted those who were sad or lonely. He cared for the poor.

Jesus wanted people to know that God always cares for them. Jesus helped people to know that they could always pray to God his Father. Jesus taught the people a prayer that we still pray today.



Find the name of the prayer Jesus taught. Unscramble the sets of letters.

U R O H R A F E T

As Catholics...

When Jesus taught, he used parables. Parables are short stories. In these stories, Jesus talked about things from everyday life. Some of the things he talked about were flowers, seeds, birds, sheep, and families. The crowds listened carefully to these stories. Jesus used these parables to tell everyone about God's love.

Have you ever heard one of Jesus' parables?


Jesus did things only God can do.

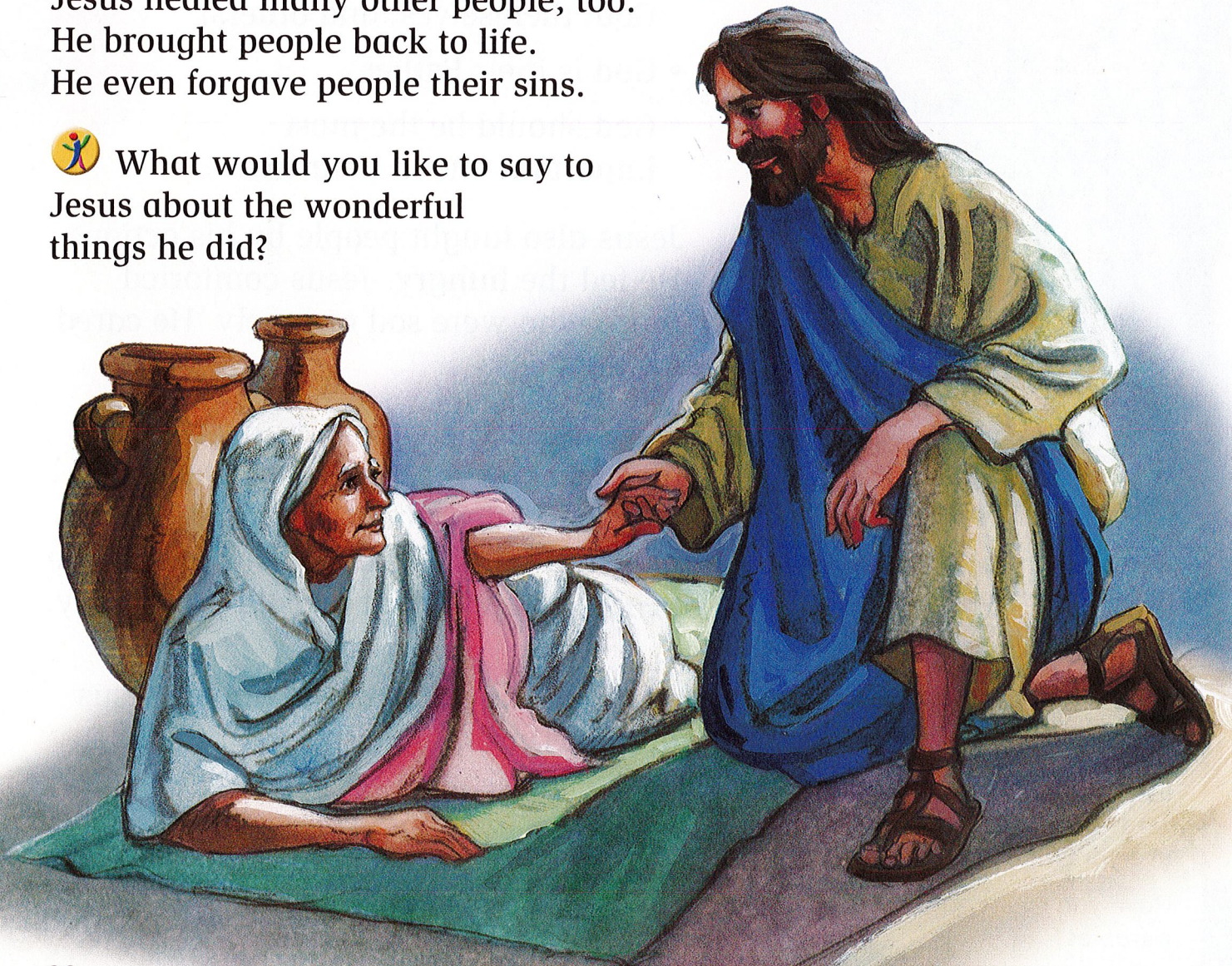
Jesus is the Son of God. He did amazing things for people. He showed people that he was divine. **Divine** is a word we use to describe God. This means that Jesus is God and could do things only God can do.

One day Jesus visited the family of Peter, one of Jesus' closest friends.

“Jesus entered the house of Peter, and saw his mother-in-law lying in bed with a fever. He touched her hand, the fever left her, and she rose and waited on him.” (Matthew 8:14–15)

Jesus healed many other people, too. He brought people back to life. He even forgave people their sins.

 What would you like to say to Jesus about the wonderful things he did?



Jesus, the Son of God, taught us about God the Father and God the Holy Spirit.

On the night before Jesus died, he shared a very special meal with his close friends. Jesus told them about God the Father. Then Jesus said that he would ask his Father to send the Holy Spirit. God the Holy Spirit would help them to remember everything that Jesus taught them.

Jesus taught us that there is only one God. But there are Three Persons in One God.

The Father is God.

The Son is God.

The Holy Spirit is God.


We call the Three Persons in One God the **Blessed Trinity**.

WE RESPOND



How can you show your love for God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit? Write one way here.

Remember the Blessed Trinity.

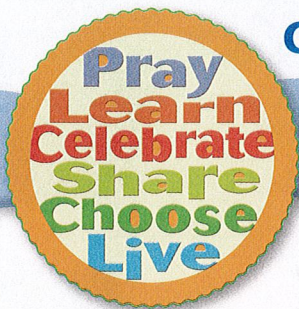
 Pray the Sign of the Cross.

In the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Key Words

divine a word used to describe God

Blessed Trinity the Three Persons in One God



PROJECT

Show What *you* Know

Use the **Key Words** in the box to complete the activities below.

- Underline the word that means the family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph.
- Circle the word used to describe God.
- Check the word that is the Three Persons in One God.

divine

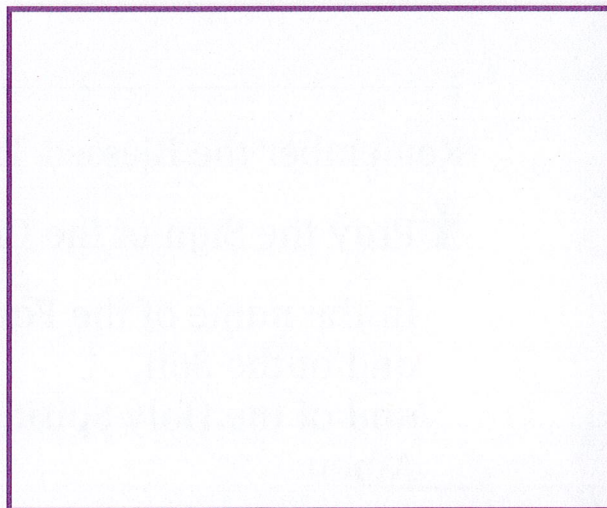
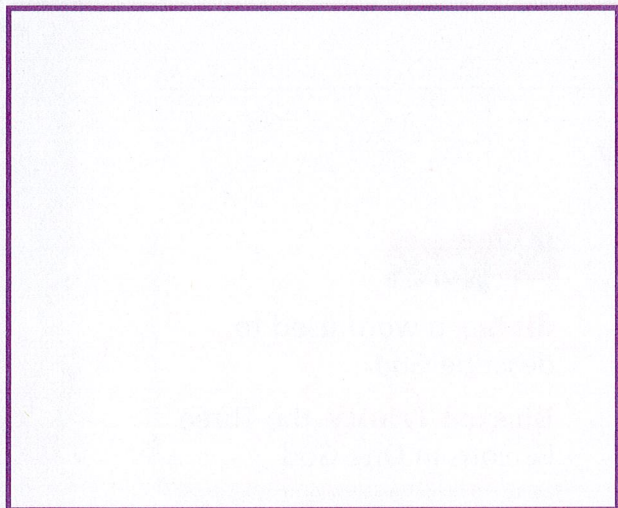
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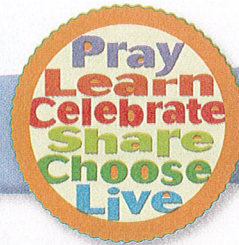
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Jesus is human like us.
Draw something Jesus did that you can do.

Jesus is divine. He did things only God can do.
Draw something Jesus did that only God can do.



DISCIPLE



Put the parts of the prayer in order.
Number the pictures from 1 to 5.



Amen.



and of
the Son,



Spirit.



In the name
of the Father,



and of the Holy

DISCIPLE CHALLENGE Say this prayer with a friend.



Make it Happen

What is an amazing thing that Jesus did?

Now, pass it on!

Take Home

God wants us to respect every person on earth. He wants us to respect people who are older than us. He wants us to respect people who are our age, or younger than us. He wants us to respect people who are different from us. As a family, think about some ways you can show respect to people you know.

CHAPTER TEST

Fill in the circle beside the correct answer.

1. The members of the Holy Family are Jesus, Mary, and _____.
 Peter Joseph

2. The name _____ means “God saves.”
 Jesus Trinity

3. _____ told Mary God wanted her to be the Mother of his Son.
 An angel Joseph

4. Because Jesus is _____, he did things only God can do.
 human divine

5. The prayer we say to remember the Blessed Trinity is the _____.
 Our Father Sign of the Cross

Circle the correct answer.

6. Did Jesus teach people only by things he said? **Yes** **No**

7. Did Jesus teach that God always cares for us? **Yes** **No**

8. Are there Three Persons in One God? **Yes** **No**

9–10. Write two things Jesus did to help people.
