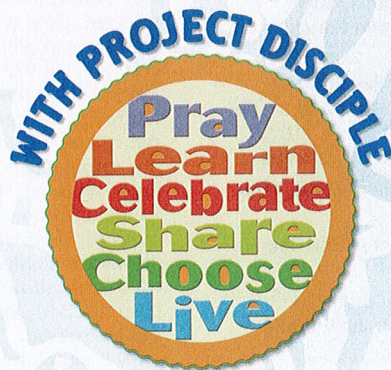


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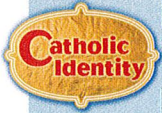
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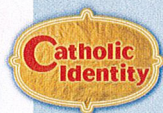
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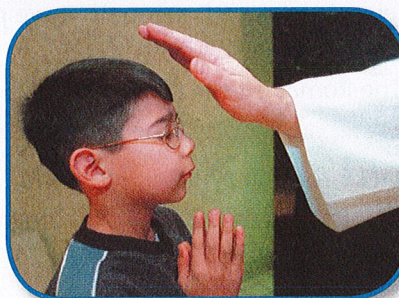


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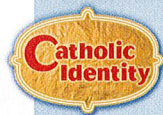
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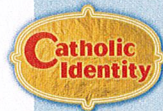
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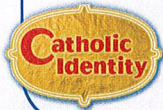
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- Easter is a season to celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus.

Luke 24:1–9

WE BELIEVE

The *We Believe* program will help us to

learn
celebrate
share

and

live our Catholic faith.

Throughout the year we will hear about many saints and holy people.

Saint Brigid

Saint Catherine of Siena

Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton

Saint Frances Cabrini

Saint Frances of Rome

Saint Francis of Assisi

Saint John Bosco

Saint Joseph

Saint Martin de Porres

Mary, Mother of God

Saint Peter

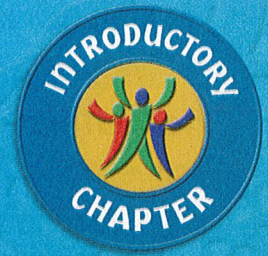
Saint Paul

Saint Philip Neri

Saint Rose of Lima

Together, let us grow as a community of faith.

Welcome!



WE GATHER

✦ **Leader:** Welcome everyone to Grade 2 *We Believe*.
As we begin each chapter, we gather in prayer.
We pray to God together.


Let us sing the *We Believe* song!

A large, stylized sun with a yellow face and rays, surrounded by several smaller suns and flowers on a green hill. The scene is set against a blue sky with white clouds.


♪ We Believe, We Believe in God

We believe in God;
We believe, we believe in Jesus;
We believe in the Spirit
who gives us life.

We believe, we believe
in God.



When we see
We Gather we also
come together as
a class.

 means it's time to


Life

think about at home
talk about in our neighborhood
write about at school
draw about in our parish
act out in our world

Talk about your life right now.

What groups do you belong to?

Why do you like to be a member of
these groups?



When we see
We Believe we learn
more about our
Catholic faith.

**Each day we learn more
about God.**

WE BELIEVE

We learn about

- God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit
- Jesus, the Son of God who became one of us
- the Church and its teachings.

We find out about the different ways Catholics
live their faith and celebrate God's love.



is an open **Bible**.
When we see it with a **blue** Scripture reference, what follows is a paraphrase of the Bible. When we see a **black** reference like this (John 13:34), that passage is directly from the Bible.

Each of these signs points out something special that we are going to do.



means that we will make the Sign of the Cross and **pray**.




means it is time to review the **important words** we have learned.



means we have an **activity**. We might

- talk
- draw
- write
- act
- sing
- work together
- imagine

There are all kinds of activities! We might see  in many parts of our lesson. Be on the lookout!



means it's time to **sing**! We sing songs we know, make up our own songs, and sing along with those in our *We Believe* music program.



As Catholics...


Here we discover something special about our faith. Don't forget to read it!

WE RESPOND

We can respond by

- thinking about ways our faith affects the things we say and do
- sharing our thoughts and feelings
- praying to God.

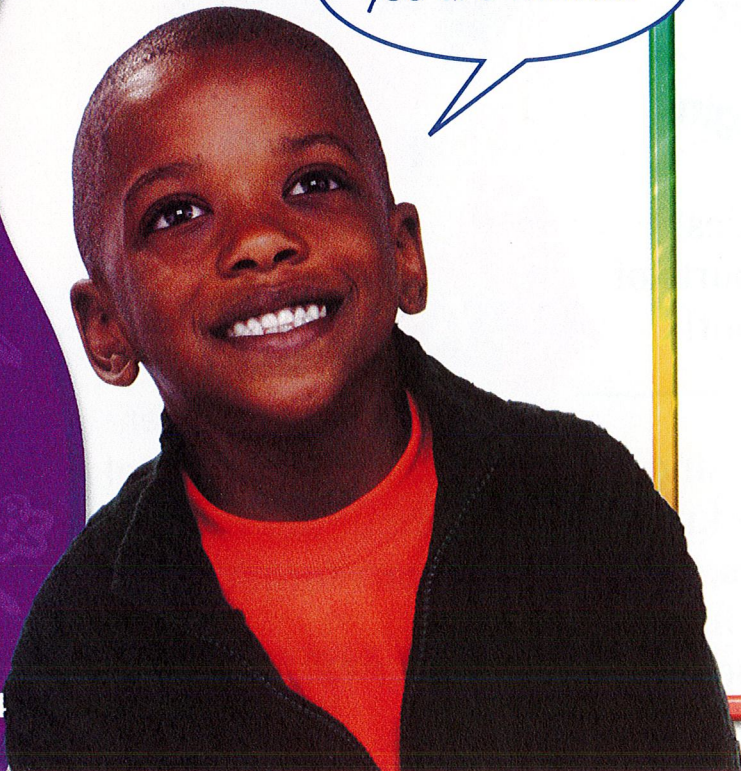
Then in our homes, neighborhood, school, parish, and world, we can say and do the things that show love for God and others.

 In this space, draw yourself as a *We Believe* second grader.

When we see **We Respond** we think about and act on what we have learned about God and our Catholic faith.



We are so happy you are with us!



Show What you Know

We “show what we know” about each chapter’s content. A disciple is always learning more about his or her faith.

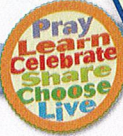
We sharpen our disciple skills with each chapter’s Project Disciple pages!

Picture This

Pictures are a great way for us to see and show our disciple skills.

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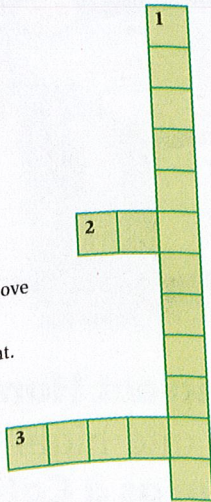
PROJECT



Show What you Know

Use the clues below to complete the puzzle with **Key Words**.

- 1 Down: Another word for God’s laws
- 2 Across: The number of special laws God gave his people
- 3 Across: The name of Jesus’ teaching to love God and others is the _____ Commandment.



Reality Check

Check the ways that you can live the commandments.

- say mean words
- help team members
- respect others
- cheat
- be honest
- lie

Reality Check

Here we get to “check-off” our ideas and choices.

Make it Happen

We make sure that we “make faith happen” by living out what we have learned.

DISCIPLE

Picture This

Which commandments are these disciples following? Draw a line to match the picture to the correct commandment.



- Keep holy the LORD’s Day.
- You shall not steal.
- Honor your father and your mother.

Make it Happen

Teach this prayer to a friend.
“The earth, LORD, is filled with your love; teach me your laws.”
 (Psalm 119:64)

Take Home

List some of your family rules.

Share it with your family. Can you think of another rule to add?

DISCIPLE CHALLENGE Circle the family rules that help you to follow the Ten Commandments.

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Take Home

We always get the chance to share our faith “at home.”

There are **LOADS** of **ACTIVITIES** that make us better disciples! Just look at this additional list.

What’s the Word?—all about Scripture

Question Corner—take a quiz

Fast Facts—learn even more about our faith

What Would You Do?—making the right choices

Pray Today—talking and listening to God

Celebrate!—all about worshipping God

Saint Stories—finding great role models

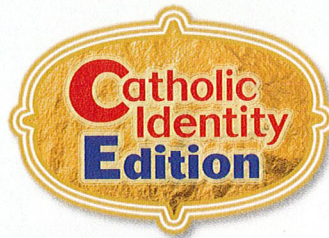
More to Explore—getting information from the Internet and library

Now, Pass It On—invites us to witness to our faith

Don’t forget to look for the **Disciple Challenge**—count how many you can do this year!

And every chapter ends with a Chapter Test!

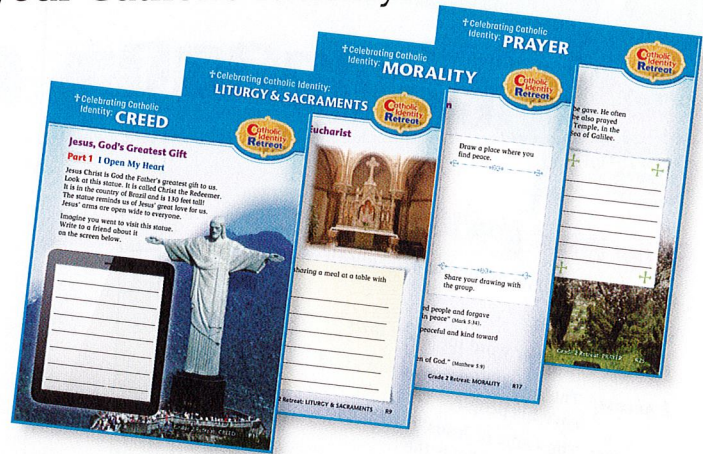
WE BELIEVE



You are on a journey to continue to grow as a disciple of Jesus Christ. You can strengthen your Catholic Identity through these new features:

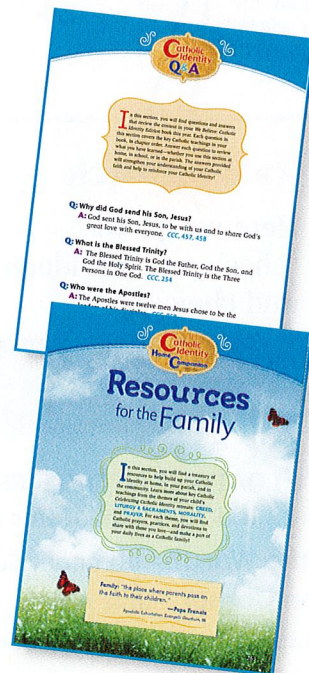
Catholic Identity: Retreats

provide time for you to reflect on what it means to be a Catholic. There are four retreats in your book.

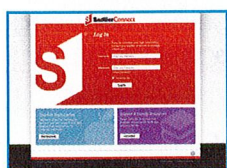


Bringing the Retreat Home helps you to share the theme and highlights of each retreat. **Why We Believe as a Catholic Family** helps you and your family to uphold and explain your Catholic faith to others.

Catholic Identity: Q & A offers you a way to review what the Church teaches. The more you know these truths the more you strengthen your Catholic Identity.



Catholic Identity: Home Companion provides you and your family with a resource of prayers, practices, and other information to enrich your identity as a Catholic family.



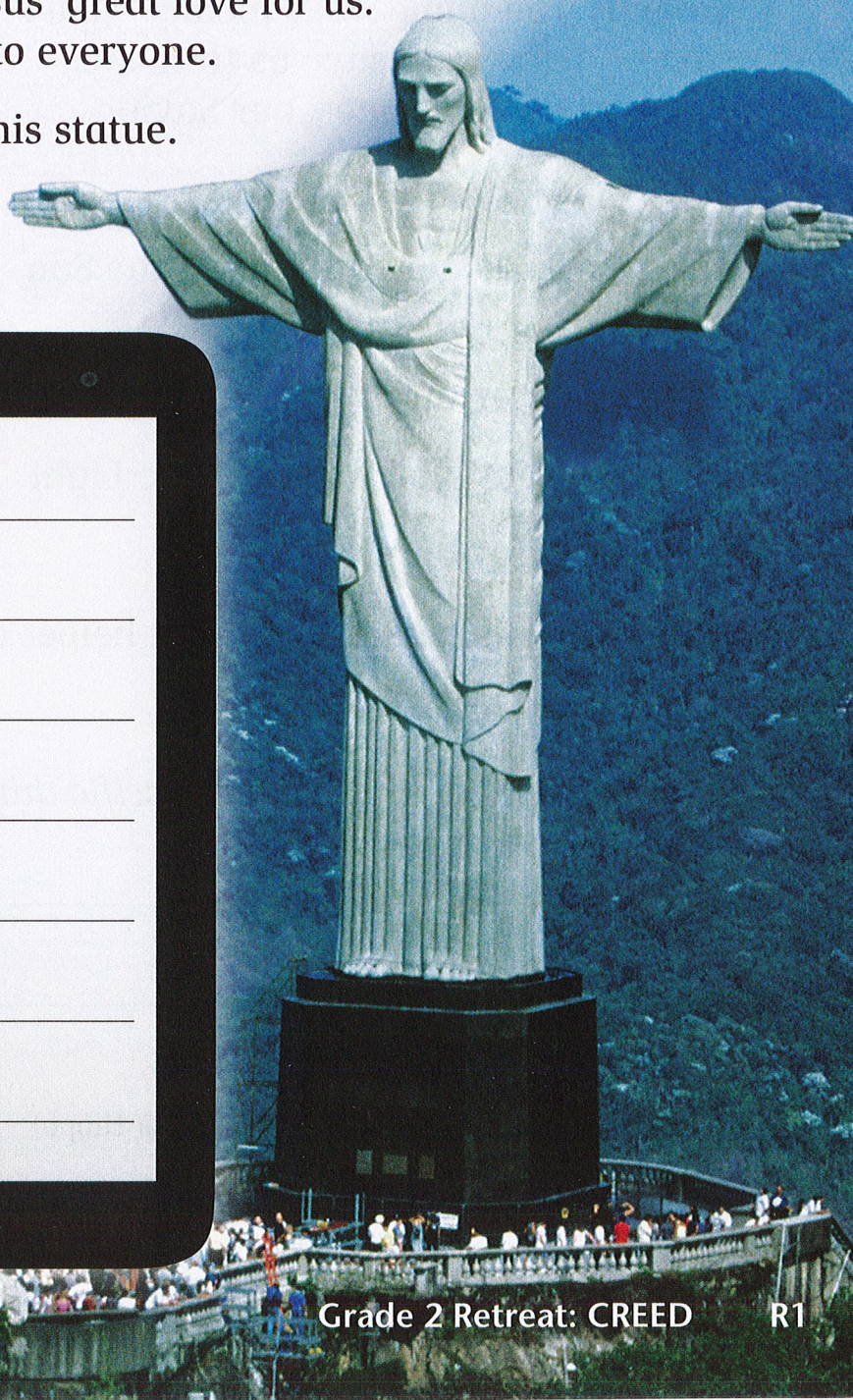
Student and Family resources are available at: religion.sadlierconnect.com

Jesus, God's Greatest Gift

Part 1 I Open My Heart

Jesus Christ is God the Father's greatest gift to us. Look at this statue. It is called Christ the Redeemer. It is in the country of Brazil and is 130 feet tall! The statue reminds us of Jesus' great love for us. Jesus' arms are open wide to everyone.

Imagine you went to visit this statue. Write to a friend about it on the screen below.

A tablet device showing a writing area with horizontal lines.

Jesus, God's Greatest Gift

Part 2 We Come Together for Prayer

All: *(Pray the Sign of the Cross.)*

Leader: Jesus, you are God's greatest gift to us. You forgive our sins. You love us. You show us how to love each other.

Reader 1: The name *Jesus* means "God saves." Jesus, you save us from sin. You are our Redeemer, our Savior.

All: Have mercy on us.

Reader 2: Jesus, you are Christ, the Son of God.

All: Have mercy on us.

Reader 3: Jesus, you are our True Light.

All: Have mercy on us.

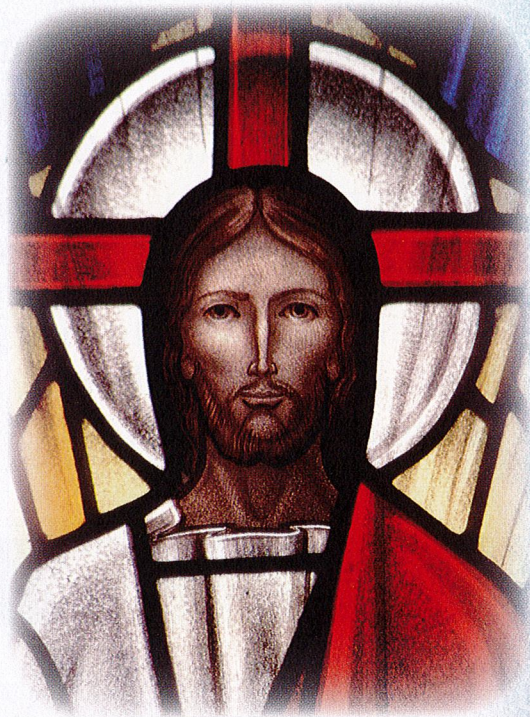
Reader 4: Jesus, you are our best helper and our friend.

All: Have mercy on us.

Leader: Jesus, you . . . *(Name specific things you love about Jesus.)*

All: Have mercy on us. Amen.

(Adapted from a prayer by Saint Augustine of Hippo)



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Part 3 I Cherish God's Word

"I am the good shepherd, and I know mine and mine know me." (John 10:14)

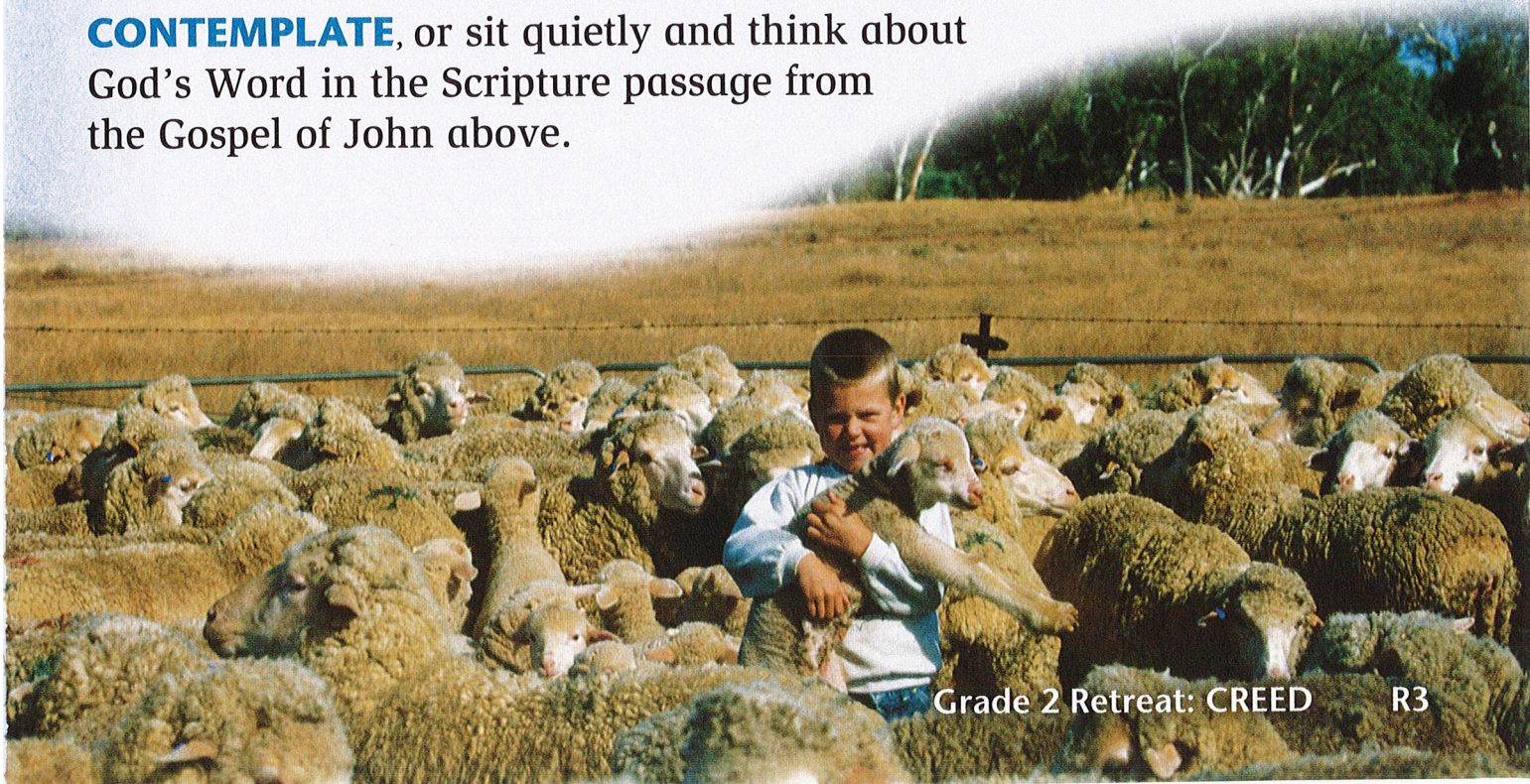
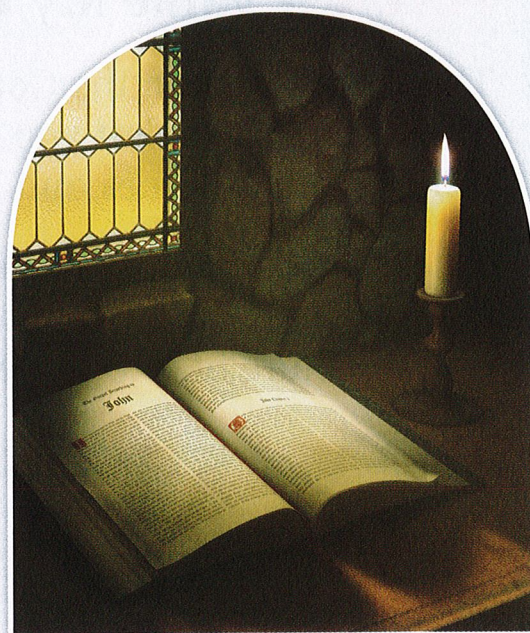
READ the quotation from Scripture. Read slowly. Pay close attention to what you are reading.

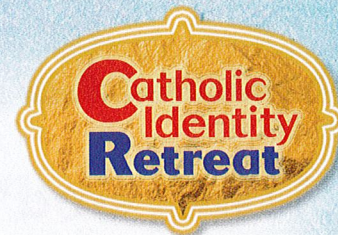
REFLECT on what you read. Think about:

- What does a shepherd do?
How is Jesus a good shepherd?
- What do you love about Jesus?
- Think about the times you have felt Jesus' love and care for you.

SHARE your thoughts and feelings with Jesus in prayer. Speak to Jesus as a friend.

CONTEMPLATE, or sit quietly and think about God's Word in the Scripture passage from the Gospel of John above.





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Part 4 I Value My Catholic Faith

The Redeemer and the Good Shepherd are names and images for Jesus that you have learned about. Can you think of other names and images for Jesus?


Discuss these images or names for Jesus. Choose one that you like. Write about it. Then draw that image or find a picture of it to paste or tape below.

A large rectangular area with a decorative border, intended for drawing or writing. The border consists of a repeating pattern of small white crosses on a dark blue background, with a scalloped edge. The interior of the rectangle is white and blank.

Jesus, God's Greatest Gift

Part 5 I Celebrate Catholic Identity

Read the words inside the heart. Share how you follow Jesus. Then write your name on the line.



I am a follower
of Jesus.

Make a heart out of clay. Write the name Jesus in the middle of the heart. This is a small monument to help you remember Jesus' love for you. Keep the heart in a special place at home to help you remember his love.

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Part 6 I Honor My Catholic Identity

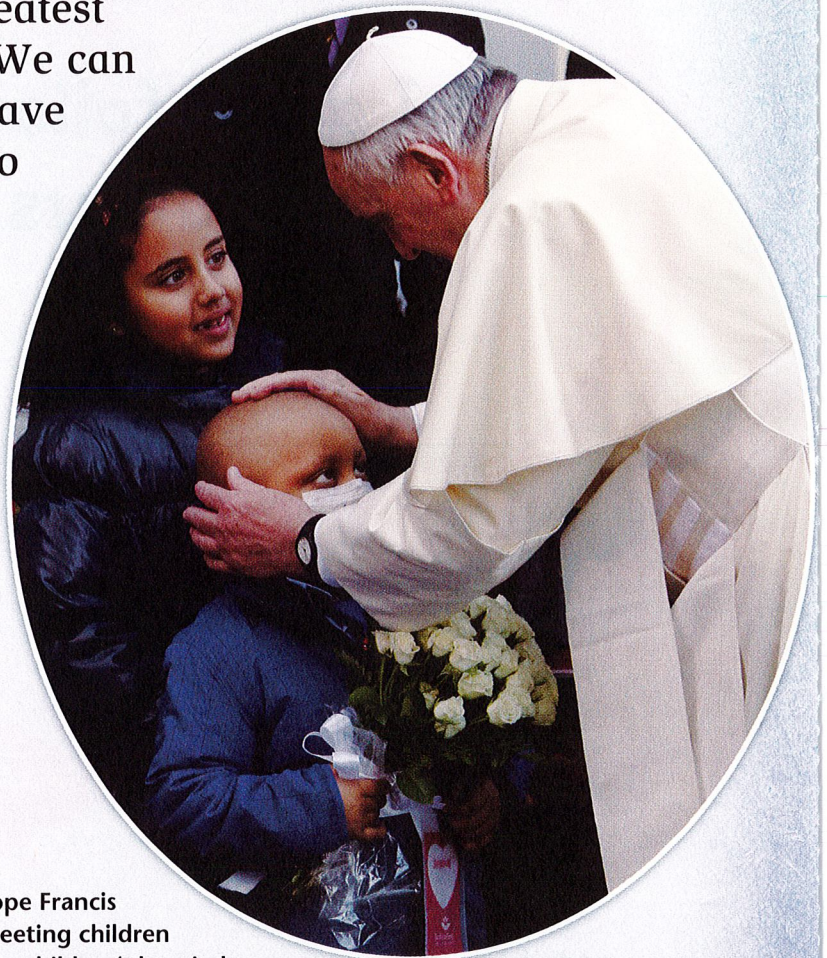
All: *(Pray the Sign of the Cross.)*

Reader 1: “For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son.” (John 3:16)

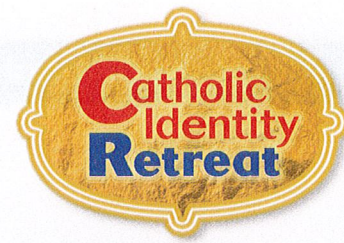
Leader: Let us pray: Jesus, you are the Son of God and Savior of the World. You are our friend and guide. You are the greatest sign of God's love for us. We can love others because you have shown us what it means to love each other.

Reader 2: Jesus said, “I am the way and the truth and the life.” (John 14:6)

All: Jesus, we believe in you. Teach us how to love as you love. Help us to follow you every day. Amen.



Pope Francis
greeting children
at a children's hospital
in Rome



Bringing the Retreat Home

Jesus, God's Greatest Gift

Retreat Recap

Review the pages of your child's *Celebrating Catholic Identity: Creed* retreat. Ask your child to tell you about the retreat. Talk about what you know about Jesus:

- Jesus is the greatest sign of God's love for us.
- Jesus came into the world to be our friend, our helper, our Savior, and our guide.
- Jesus is always present in our lives.

Followers of Jesus

We become members of the Church and followers of Jesus at Baptism. We show that we are followers of Jesus when we share his love with others. Discuss with your child ways in which your family can share God's love with others each day. Write your ideas on the hearts below.



Take a Moment

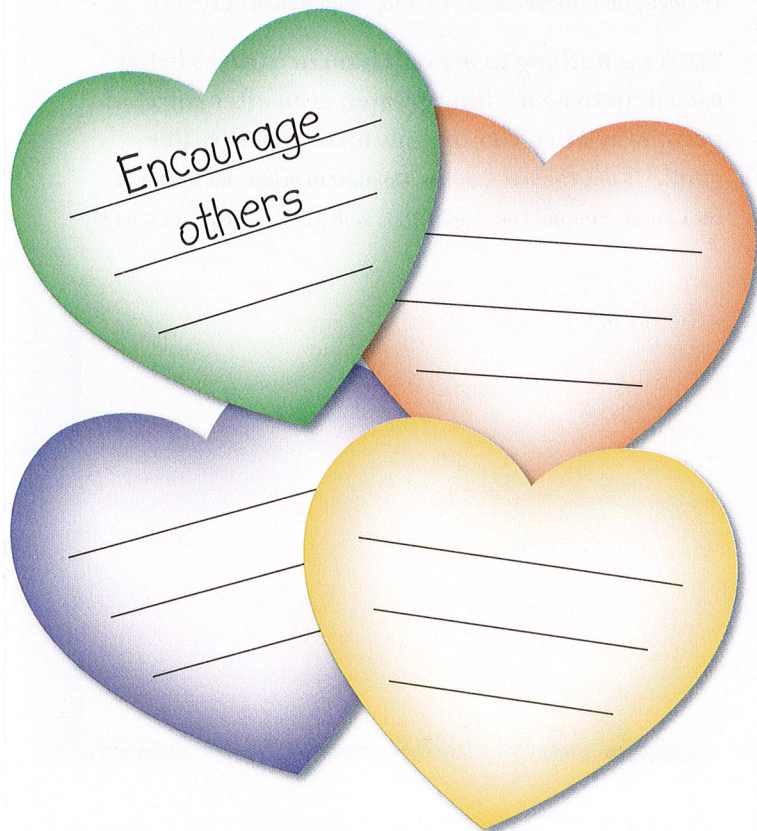
During the retreat, your child explored different images or names of Jesus. Share an image of Jesus that is inspiring to you or has significance for your family. Encourage your child to share an image that he or she found inspiring.

Family Prayer

Pray this prayer with your family at the beginning of the day to remind one another to share God's love with others.

Jesus, be with us as we begin our day.
Let your love shine through all our actions
so that we can be your followers in all we do.
Amen.

For more resources, see the *Catholic Identity Home Companion* at the end of this book.



Why We Believe As a Catholic Family

What if someone asks us:

- Why did God send his Son to earth?

The following resources can help us to respond:

One of the core tenets of our faith is that Jesus died and rose to save us from sin. Jesus Christ is our Redeemer, our Savior.

What does Scripture say?

“For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him.” (John 3:17)

“I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly.” (John 10:10)

“Indeed, only with difficulty does one die for a just person, though perhaps for a good person one might even find courage to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us.” (Romans 5:7–8)

God is our Creator. God loves us. In creating us, he gave us the ability to choose how to respond to that love. That is our free will. The first human beings used their free will to turn from God. Their turning from God was the first sin. It is known as Original Sin. Original Sin weakened all of human nature.

Original Sin separated humans from God and gave us a tendency to sin. Because of Original Sin, ignorance, suffering, and death became part of our human condition. We had to be restored to our original relationship with God. And to accomplish this, God promised a Savior.

Out of his great love for us, God the Father sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, to be our Savior. Jesus Christ, the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity, is God. It is

impossible to overestimate the abundance of love and generosity in this gift of becoming one of us and suffering and dying for our sins.

Through his suffering, Death, Resurrection, and Ascension, Jesus Christ offers us freedom from sin and the hope of eternal life. He also showed us how to be human beings who reflect the image of God, to be loving and forgiving. Christ's perfect sacrifice and example of love and obedience have saved us from sin.

What does the Church say?

“Jesus means in Hebrew: ‘God saves.’ ... The name Jesus ... expresses both his identity and his mission.” (CCC, 430)

“Everything comes from love, all is ordained for the salvation of man, God does nothing without this goal in mind.” (Saint Catherine of Siena, Doctor of the Church, 1347–1380, as quoted in CCC, 313)

“There is nothing to prevent human nature's being raised up to something greater, even after sin; God permits evil in order to draw forth some greater good.” (Saint Thomas Aquinas, Dominican priest and Doctor of the Church, 1225–1274, as quoted in CCC, 412)

Notes: