

We Believe in God

Keep these ideas in mind as you study *Chapter 6*.

❖ At Mass, we pray the Nicene Creed. Another creed is the Apostles' Creed. A creed tells what we believe as Catholics.

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❖ A mystery is a religious truth that we cannot completely understand with our minds. With God's help, we will understand them with our hearts.

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❖ There are three Persons in one God—God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. This is called the mystery of the Trinity.

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❖ God made all of creation. He made the universe, the planets, and the stars. He made all the creatures, plants, and rocks on earth.

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❖ God's most special creation was the human family. He made us in his own image. He made us because he loves each one of us.

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❖ The Israelites were slaves in Egypt for many years. The story of their escape is told in the Book of Exodus. According to the Book of Exodus, God spoke to Moses through a flaming bush. He said that he had chosen Moses to lead the Israelites out of slavery.

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❖ Moses asked Pharaoh to let the Israelites go. Pharaoh refused. Moses warned him that terrible things would happen, but Pharaoh still refused to free the slaves. After other signs of his power, God sent an angel to take the oldest son of each family. The Israelites were told to put lamb's blood on their doors. Death passed over the houses with lamb's blood on the doors.

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❖ God promised to send us a Savior. He sent his Son, Jesus, to save us from sin and death.

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