

# God Is Powerful and Loving

Keep these ideas in mind as you study *Chapter 7*.

❖ After the Israelites escaped from Egypt, Pharaoh changed his mind about letting them go and sent his army after them. Moses told the Israelites that God would save them. God made a path of dry land to let them cross the Red Sea. The waters flowed back upon Pharaoh's army.

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❖ Just like the Israelites, we must trust in God's power to save us. God is all-powerful and frees us from our greatest enemy, sin.

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❖ God fed his people manna, a kind of bread, in the dry, empty desert until they came to Canaan. God looked after them like a loving father or a caring mother. God told his people to take only the bread they needed each day. He wanted them to trust that he would care for them enough to send bread every day.

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❖ God shows his loving care for us today. He feeds us with the Body and Blood of his own Son, Jesus Christ, in the Holy Eucharist. Jesus told us in John's Gospel that he is the living bread sent from heaven, and if we eat of him, we will live forever.

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❖ God made an agreement, or covenant, with the Israelites. He would be their God, and they would be his people. Through the Ten Commandments, God and his people were bound together with love. They would worship and obey him, and he would care for them.

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❖ We are the people of God today. We also have a covenant of love with God. To honor our covenant, we promise to live by God's laws and to follow his Son, Jesus.

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