

God Makes Everything

Keep these ideas in mind as you study **Unit 1, Session 1**.

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Francis of Assisi loved all that God made. He especially loved animals. Francis made friends with a wolf that was bothering people. Soon people were no longer afraid of the wolf.

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God created the world from nothing. God created everything in the world. We see God's goodness in his creation.

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God is the Creator of everything. He creates everything because he loves us. God wants us to love what he creates.

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God wants us to be happy. We can be happy by showing love for God. We can show love for God by helping others. We can show love for God by praying.

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Francis of Assisi helped others. He showed a strong love for God. Francis of Assisi became a saint. A saint is a true friend of God.

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Saint Vincent de Paul helped people in need. Like him, we can show love for God by helping others.

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When we pray, we talk with God. We use prayer to tell God our thanks. We begin our prayer with the Sign of the Cross. Then we talk with God. We end our prayer with the Sign of the Cross and *Amen*.

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When God looked at his creation, he saw that it was very good. God's world is good.

God Cares for Us

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God the Father cares for us. He gave us the gift of his Son, Jesus. Jesus shows us how to care for others. We thank God for the gift of his Son, Jesus.

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We know God cares for us because he gives us good things. We should enjoy the good things God gives us.

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We gather at Mass to show God we care. Mass is a special kind of liturgy. We pray together at Mass. We also hear stories about God. We sing together and receive Holy Communion. We celebrate the great things God does for us.

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At Mass we praise God together as one family. We tell God how happy we are for who he is. We thank God for all he does.

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God made us because he loves and cares for us. God made us to be like him. We show our love for God when we love and care for others.

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We can pray and give thanks to God for loving us. We can thank God for taking care of us.

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God Is Our Father

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When we pray, we talk to God and listen to him. We can thank and praise God. We can ask for help for ourselves and others. We can thank God and tell him we are sorry.

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Jesus tells us that God is his Father and our Father too. We learn this in the Bible. The Bible tells about God the Father and his Son, Jesus. The Bible is the Word of God.

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The writings in the Bible are called Scriptures. The Old Testament is the first part of the Bible. It tells how God the Father always cares for us.

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The New Testament is the second part of the Bible. It tells how Jesus lived and how we can live joyfully.

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Jesus teaches us that God is our Father. He tells us and shows us how much God loves us.

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God thinks each of us is special. God is always with us. We can talk with God in prayer. God always hears us.

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We are at home with Jesus when we welcome and talk with him.

God Gives Us Peace

Keep these ideas in mind as you study **Unit 1, Session 4**.

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God the Father loves and welcomes all people. He wants us to live in peace.

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We share God's peace at Mass. We offer one another a Sign of Peace.

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Jesus gave his friends a gift of peace. He gave them the Holy Spirit. Jesus gives us the Holy Spirit too. The Holy Spirit brings us God's peace.

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God the Father, Jesus the Son, and the Holy Spirit are the Holy Trinity. They are Three Persons in one God.

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Love and peace are God's gifts to us.

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God wants us to share our peace with others. Smiling is one way we can bring peace to others.

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God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit are always with us. We praise the Holy Trinity when we pray.

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When Saint Francis saw a friend, he said, "Peace and all things good."

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Celebrating Ordinary Time

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Psalms are songs and poems of prayer. Psalms are one way we talk with God.

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The Church keeps a calendar to show the seasons of the Church and important times in the lives of Jesus, Mary, and the saints. We call the Church's year a *liturgical year*.

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Ordinary Time is the longest season in the liturgical year. We celebrate Ordinary Time from Christmas until Lent. Then we celebrate it again from Easter until Advent.

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Ordinary Time is a time to thank God for his many gifts.

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During Ordinary Time, we see flowers and plants around the altar. We also see gifts of bread and wine.

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The priest offers gifts of bread and wine at every Mass. These two gifts become Jesus himself.

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The liturgical color for Ordinary Time is green.

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We are thankful for God's creation every day. We also are thankful for the many gifts that God gives us.