

We Worship God

Keep these ideas in mind as you study **Unit 3, Session 11**.

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Saint Ignatius of Loyola was born in Spain to a large Catholic family. He became a soldier but was wounded in battle. After returning home, he read books about Jesus and decided to devote his life to God.

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Jesus gave us the sacraments. The sacraments are powerful signs that God the Father is with us.

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God's special gift of grace, brought to us by the Holy Spirit in the sacraments, helps us live good lives.

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The Holy Spirit helps us act as God wants us to act. The good we find in our words and actions is called the Fruits of the Holy Spirit.

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Baptism is the first sacrament we celebrate. During this Rite—a special way of celebrating—water is poured over a person's head.

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Baptism takes away Original Sin. Original Sin is in the world because Adam and Eve chose not to obey God.

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We prepare for the sacraments with a life of prayer, which helps us turn our hearts to God.

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Jesus tells us he is the vine, and we cannot grow strong unless we stay close to him.

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Celebrating Reconciliation

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When we are forgiven, we feel healed and our hearts are at rest. The same is true when we forgive others.

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We choose to turn away from God when we sin.

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Mortal sin is a very serious wrong.

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Venial sin is a less serious wrong.

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Sin is forgiven when we celebrate the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation.

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Contrition is the sadness we feel when we have sinned.

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In confession, we confess our sins to a priest and tell God we are sorry.

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Before going into confession, we make an examination of conscience by thinking about the choices we have made.

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Zacchaeus was a dishonest tax collector when Jesus told him he wanted to stay at his house.

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Zacchaeus told Jesus he would give away half of everything he had. Jesus told him he was saved that day.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation

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After the Resurrection, the disciples were afraid.

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The risen Jesus appeared to the disciples. He comforted them and gave them the Holy Spirit.

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Our sins are forgiven as the priest extends his hands over us and prays the prayer of absolution.

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A priest keeps absolutely secret the sins confessed to him. This is called the seal of confession.

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After we confess our sins, the priest gives us a penance. This is a prayer we pray or a good deed we do to help us change our lives.

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In the Sacrament of Reconciliation, we are relieved of the burden of our sins. We feel joy in the freedom of forgiveness.

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Jesus forgave the sins of a man who was paralyzed. He healed the man so he could walk.

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When we sin, we ask God and others for forgiveness.

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Mary Shows Us the Way

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The angel Gabriel told Mary that she would be the mother of Jesus. Soon after that, Mary went to visit her cousin Elizabeth.

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Elizabeth called Mary blessed. Mary told Elizabeth, "My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord."

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The words Mary used to praise God became a special prayer, called the *Magnificat*. This prayer proclaims the greatness of the Lord.

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Mary is the Mother of the Church.

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God gives us the same help, or grace, that he gave Mary.

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Mary prays for us so that we will listen to God.

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Mary had the courage to do what God asked her to do.

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We can follow Mary's example by praising God as she did.

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We can share God's love through our actions and words.

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Celebrating Christmas

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The birth of Jesus brought hope and light by reconciling all people to God the Father.

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God the Father gave his Son, Jesus, to the whole world.

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During Christmas, we gather as families to celebrate Jesus in our midst.

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We prepare to receive God's gift—his Son, Jesus, in the Eucharist.

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A Nativity scene includes Joseph, Mary, and the baby Jesus.

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Christmas is a time for giving. It is also a time to celebrate with our families.

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The mystery of Jesus' birth is celebrated on the feast of Christmas.