

Created to Be Happy

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

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Ignatius of Loyola was born in Spain. He was a soldier until he laid down his sword and pledged his life to God. He wrote a book called *Spiritual Exercises* to help people grow closer to God.

PAGE 5

God created us—the human family—after he made everything else. Before God the Father created the human family, he created light, the sky, the oceans, the land, and everything else that is living. God made us caretakers of all that life.

PAGE 5

We know God by caring for his world. Every action we take to do so, from picking up trash to saving water, is a way to thank God for his creation.

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Catholics pray a prayer called the Apostles' Creed. The Apostles' Creed states the beliefs of our Catholic faith. It begins, "I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth."

PAGE 6

An Apostle was a person who followed Jesus during and shortly after his time on earth.

PAGE 6

A creed is a statement of beliefs.

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A song of praise is a kind of prayer that tells God we believe in him and love him.

PAGE 10

The Bible is the Word of God. We can know about God and creation by reading the Bible.

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God creates all things because of his love.

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The beauty of our world reflects the holiness of God and helps us know him.

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Created to Be Together

Keep these ideas in mind as you study **Unit 1, Session 2**.

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The Sign of the Cross reminds us of the Holy Trinity.

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We pray to God our Father, who created us.

PAGE 14

We pray to Jesus, the Son of God, who is fully God and fully human. He came to tell us about the Father's love and to save us from sin.

PAGE 14

We pray to the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit helps us understand how much God loves us and show God's love to others.

PAGE 14

We pray the Sign of the Cross at the start and end of prayers and Mass and to honor the Trinity.

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The Glory Be to the Father is a prayer that praises God as the Trinity.

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Saint Elizabeth of Hungary started a hospital.

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We can be like Jesus when we treat others kindly, help those who are sick, and love others.

God Is Our Father

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PAGE 21

Jesus commands his disciples, "Love one another as I love you." In that way, Jesus teaches us about God's love.

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Jesus reveals to us that God is our Father.

PAGE 22

Sometimes Jesus called God *Abba*, a name like Dad or Papa.

PAGE 22

When we pray, we raise our hearts and minds to God.

PAGE 23

We pray the Lord's Prayer as we prepare to receive Holy Communion.

PAGE 24

Be a good listener to show others you care.

PAGE 24

God wants us to think of the feelings of others and forgive them, just as he forgives us.

PAGE 25

The Lord's Prayer is our most important prayer. It brings us closer to God the Father, to Jesus the Son, and to one another through the Holy Spirit.

PAGES 25 AND 26

Jesus taught us the Lord's Prayer. In the Lord's Prayer, Jesus tells us that God wants us to forgive others.

Jesus Is with Us

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

PAGE 29

People saw that Jesus had fed 5,000 people from five loaves of bread and two fish. They knew he was the Messiah, God with us.

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Scriptures are the holy writings in the Bible. In the Scriptures, we learn about people who have trusted God. We learn about Mary, Jesus' mother, and her husband, Joseph.

PAGE 30

An angel visited Joseph in a dream and gave him a message from God. The angel told Joseph to take Mary and Jesus to Egypt.

PAGE 31

Joseph trusted God when the angel told him to take Jesus and Mary to safety. By trusting God, Joseph helped protect Mary and Jesus.

PAGE 31

Even when we are alone or afraid, Jesus is with us.

PAGE 32

Peter's name means "rock." John's name means "God is gracious." Matthew's name means "gift of God."

PAGE 32

Christ means "the anointed one."
Emmanuel means "God is with us." *Jesus* means "God saves."

PAGE 33

When we pray the Apostles' Creed, we tell God the Father we believe in his Son, Jesus.

PAGE 34

Jesus showed us how to live the way God wants us to live.

Celebrating Ordinary Time

Keep these ideas in mind as you study **Unit 1, Session 5**.

PAGE 37

During Ordinary Time, we grow in our faith. We praise the great things God does and know how much he loves us. We learn about the life of his Son, Jesus.

PAGE 38

Ordinary Time is a time to be grateful we belong to our church community. We grow in community by being Jesus to the world.

PAGE 38

Our church community consists of the people who participate in our Church and its activities.

PAGE 39

A parish bulletin tells you about opportunities to serve others.

PAGE 39

Members of a parish sing together, pray together, and love and serve others.

PAGE 39

A missal is a book of prayers used to follow along and pray during Mass.

PAGE 40

We know that God's love is present in our lives every day.

PAGE 41

We celebrate Ordinary Time twice each liturgical year.

Jesus, Our Lord and Savior

Keep these ideas in mind as you study **Unit 2, Session 6**.

PAGE 45

Saint Scholastica and her brother Saint Benedict grew up in Italy. They were best friends. They both started religious communities. They met once a year to pray together and talk about God.

PAGE 48

Jesus told parables, or stories, to help people understand what the Kingdom of God is like.

PAGE 48

In one of Jesus' parables, he shows how God the Father's great, welcoming kingdom exists within the smallest of things. Small acts of kindness can help people know the Kingdom of God.

PAGE 49

We can serve the Kingdom of God just like Jesus did by loving one another and living according to God's rule and direction.

PAGE 49

Jesus loves everyone.

PAGE 49

We can serve God's kingdom in our daily lives.

PAGE 50

Saint Benedict's motto was "pray and work." The name *Benedict* means "blessed." The name *Scholastica* means "learned woman."

PAGE 50

A community of monks lives in a monastery. A community of nuns lives in a convent.

PAGE 52

In one of Jesus' parables, he said the Kingdom of God is like yeast. When we make bread, it takes only a small amount of yeast to get the dough to rise.

PAGE 53

Jesus teaches us that small acts of kindness can bring about much goodness.

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Following Jesus

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A rich man asked Jesus what he must do to inherit (gain) eternal life.

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Jesus told the rich man to follow the Ten Commandments. Jesus also told him to sell what he had and give it to people who had little.

PAGE 57

God wants us to love him above all else.

PAGE 57

Every day we make choices about how to act toward God and others.

PAGE 57

When we sin, the Holy Spirit gives us the grace to turn back to God. This is called *conversion*.

PAGE 57

Following the Ten Commandments enables us to live in peace with one another.

PAGE 57

As we offer the Sign of Peace at Mass, we share the peace of Christ.

PAGE 60

Jesus wants us to follow the Ten Commandments, but he also asks us to do more. He teaches us to give to others and follow him.

Jesus Gathers Disciples

Keep these ideas in mind as you study **Unit 2, Session 8**.

PAGE 63

The disciples wanted to be with Jesus and learn from him. Jesus welcomed them, saying, "Come and you will see."

PAGE 64

The Gospels form the part of the Bible where we learn the Good News of Jesus' life.

PAGES 64 AND 65

Peter was a fisherman. Before he followed Jesus, he was called "Simon." Jesus told Peter that from now on, instead of fish, Peter would be catching people.

PAGE 66

Jesus chose the Twelve Apostles to lead the Church and sent them on a mission. That mission was to proclaim the Kingdom of God.

PAGE 66

Besides choosing Apostles, Jesus chose disciples to help him spread God's Word.

PAGE 66

The Apostles' mission today is continued by the pope and bishops of the Catholic Church.

PAGE 68

Jesus sent 72 disciples out in pairs to every town and place he planned to visit.

Jesus Dies and Rises

Keep these ideas in mind as you study **Unit 2, Session 9**.

PAGE 72

At the moment Jesus died on the cross, the gates of heaven opened for all the just people who had died before him. Two days later, Jesus was raised from the dead and appeared to Peter and the other Apostles.

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We call Jesus' passage from Death to Resurrection to Ascension the Paschal Mystery.

PAGE 72

Because Jesus Christ is the Son of God, we call him Lord.

PAGE 72

Jesus Christ shares his life with us by sending the Holy Spirit to us.

PAGE 72

Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life; . . . everyone who lives and believes in me will never die."

PAGE 73

Jesus suffered under Pontius Pilate and rose from the dead on the third day.

PAGE 76

A symbol of Jesus' Resurrection is the butterfly.

PAGE 74

Saint Paul wrote a letter to his friends in Corinth so they would believe and be saved.

PAGE 77

Through Jesus' Death and Resurrection, we are saved.

Celebrating Advent

Keep these ideas in mind as you study **Unit 2, Session 10**.

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We celebrate Advent after we celebrate Ordinary Time.

PAGE 79

Advent begins four Sundays before Christmas, December 25, and ends at Christmas Mass.

PAGE 79

Advent is a time to prepare our hearts and homes to celebrate the birth of Jesus.

PAGE 80

One way you can prepare your home for Advent is by setting up an Advent wreath or putting up an Advent calendar.

PAGE 81

Advent candles remind us that we are preparing the way for Jesus, the Light of the World.

PAGE 81

During Advent, the altar cloth and the priest's vestments are violet. Violet reminds us that Advent is a time of preparation.

PAGE 81

The word *Advent* comes from a Latin word that means "coming" or "arrival."

Jesus Sends the Holy Spirit

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

PAGE 87

Katharine Drexel was born to a wealthy Catholic family. Her parents taught her to use her wealth to help others.

PAGE 87

When the pope challenged Katharine to do more, she started the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament.

PAGE 87

Mother Katharine Drexel began about 60 schools and missions in the United States.

PAGE 90

After Jesus' Ascension, his disciples gathered in Jerusalem during a time of celebration.

PAGE 90

Tongues of fire appeared over the disciples' heads. The disciples were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in different languages.

PAGE 91

The Holy Spirit gave the disciples the strength to continue their mission of telling people all over the world about Jesus.

PAGE 91

The Holy Spirit helps us act as witnesses to Jesus' Death, Resurrection, and Ascension.

PAGE 91

The Feast of Pentecost is celebrated seven weeks after Easter Sunday.

PAGE 92

The image of a dove symbolizes the presence of the Holy Spirit.

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When the Holy Spirit guides our actions, the results are the Fruits of the Holy Spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, gentleness, faithfulness, self-control, goodness, modesty, and chastity.

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The Catholic Church

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The Church is a sign that we are one with the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

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The Vicar of Christ is the title given to the pope. He leads and cares for the whole Church.

PAGE 98

Men who lead, teach, and guide the Church and appoint pastors are called bishops.

PAGE 98

A pastor is a priest who is the spiritual leader of a parish.

PAGE 99

The Church can be seen on earth and felt in our hearts. This is why we call the Church the Mystical Body of Christ.

PAGE 99

The Church has four important characteristics, or marks. The Marks of the Church are that it is one, holy, catholic, and apostolic. *Catholic* means “universal.”

PAGE 99

At Mass we pray for the Church and our leaders during the Eucharistic prayer.

PAGE 100

Jesus told Peter that he would give him the keys to the Kingdom of Heaven.

PAGE 100

Peter’s name means “rock.” Rocks and keys are symbols of Saint Peter.

PAGE 103

Jesus chose Peter and the other Apostles to be the leaders of the Church. The bishops and pastors, with the pope as their head, are today’s leaders. They continue the mission of the Apostles.

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The Church Prays

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PAGE 106

Jesus is especially with us at Mass. Through the Holy Spirit, Jesus is present there in the priest, in the people gathered, in the Scriptures, and in the Sacrament of the Eucharist.

PAGE 106

Jesus gave us seven sacraments. The sacraments nourish our relationship with God the Father through Jesus the Son and through the Holy Spirit.

PAGE 107

The sacraments are outward signs of God's grace. With the sacraments, we receive God's grace.

PAGE 107

The signs of God's grace include eating the bread and drinking the cup in the Eucharist.

PAGE 107

The church gives us other signs called sacramentals. Sacramentals are objects, prayers, or blessings that help us grow in our spiritual life.

PAGE 108

In the story of Jesus and the Roman officer, the officer had never met Jesus but had faith in him and wanted Jesus to heal his servant.

PAGE 110

Jesus tells us that the Kingdom of God is among us.

PAGE 111

You are like Jesus when you reach out to someone who is different from you.

Mary Is Holy

Keep these ideas in mind as you study **Unit 3, Session 14**.

PAGE 113

On the night of Jesus' birth, shepherds visited Mary, Joseph, and Jesus. An angel of God had told the shepherds that Mary and Joseph's newborn son is the Savior.

PAGE 114

Mary is the Mother of God and the Mother of the Church.

PAGE 114

Together with those who have died, we are one body in Christ. We call this one body the Communion of Saints.

PAGE 114

There are 19 feast days that honor Mary, Mother of God, in the liturgical year.

PAGE 115 AND PAGE 116

The angel Gabriel appeared to Mary and told her she would be the mother of Jesus. This event is called the *Annunciation*.

PAGE 115

Praying the Rosary is one way to honor Mary. When we pray the Rosary, we reflect on a mystery—an event in the life of Jesus, Mary, and the Church.

PAGE 115

A rosary is a string of beads with a crucifix. Each of the five sets of 10 beads on a rosary is called a *decade*.

PAGES 115 AND 118

The Visitation tells of Mary's visit to her cousin Elizabeth, whose child would be John the Baptist.

PAGE 118

Mary praised God when she learned her child would be Jesus, the Son of God. We call Mary's prayer of praise the *Magnificat*.

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Celebrating Christmas

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PAGE 121

Joseph was visited by an angel who brought a message from God. Mary was to give birth to Jesus, the Savior.

PAGE 121

We celebrate Jesus' birth at Mass on the night of Christmas Eve.

PAGES 121 AND 124

On the twelfth day after Christmas, we celebrate Epiphany—the visit of the Magi to the infant Jesus. These wise men believed that a star they saw was announcing the birth of the Son of God. Their visit was a sign that Jesus' birth was world changing.

PAGES 122 AND 123

When we go to Mass during Christmas, we hear about Bethlehem, the city of David, where Jesus was born. In Hebrew, *Bethlehem* means "house of bread."

PAGE 123

We call Jesus the Bread of Life because he came to nourish all who hunger for life in the Holy Spirit.

PAGE 123

White, the color of the liturgical season of Christmas, reminds us of purity and joy.

PAGE 123

A Nativity scene shows the Holy Family right after Jesus was born.

PAGE 123

The word *Christmas* means "Mass of Christ."

PAGE 124

Christmas reminds us how much God loves us. That is what we celebrate during this season.

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Sacraments of Initiation

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A man named Saul wanted to destroy the Church. On his way to Damascus, he was blinded by a bright light and heard the voice of Jesus. He was baptized and took the name Paul.

PAGE 129

Paul wrote letters to the people in newly formed churches to help them become better Christians.

PAGE 132

Members of the Church community are also called the People of God.

PAGES 132 AND 133

Baptism is a gift from God. Through Baptism, Original Sin and all personal sins are washed away.

PAGE 133

At Confirmation, we are anointed with Chrism, scented oil blessed by the bishop.

PAGE 133

In the Eucharist, bread and wine are consecrated and become the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ.

PAGE 133

When we receive the Eucharist, we become one with Jesus Christ.

PAGE 134

Many disciples traveled long distances to continue Jesus' mission.

PAGE 134

Philip helped the Ethiopian court official understand the Scriptures.

Celebrating Reconciliation

Keep these ideas in mind as you study **Unit 4, Session 17**.

PAGE 139

Zechariah was the father of John the Baptist. When John was born, Zechariah praised God.

PAGE 140

After the Resurrection, Jesus Christ visited the disciples. He gave them peace in which to live together. He also gave them the authority to forgive sins.

PAGE 141

When we disobey God and act in self-centered ways, we are committing personal sin. When we totally reject God, we commit a mortal sin.

PAGE 141

Baptism takes away Original Sin.

PAGE 141

When we sin, the Holy Spirit leads us back to God. God, in his grace, wants all his children to live with him in heaven.

PAGE 141

Venial sins are less serious than mortal sins.

PAGE 141

After we confess our sins, the priest gives us a penance.

PAGE 142

In the Sacrament of Reconciliation, we confess our sins to a priest and receive absolution. God forgives us, and we can then be at peace with God and ourselves.

PAGE 143

We pray the Prayer of the Penitent to tell Jesus we are sorry.

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When others hurt our feelings, we offer them forgiveness.

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Celebrating the Eucharist

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PAGE 147

At the Last Supper, Jesus gave the disciples the most precious gift—the gift of himself.

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We feel at one with our family in Jesus Christ when we receive Holy Communion.

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In his Epistles, or letters, Saint Paul told people what he had learned about Jesus' life.

PAGE 152

As Catholics, we are called to celebrate the Eucharist on Sundays and holy days of obligation.

PAGE 149

At Mass, the priest repeats Jesus' words from the Last Supper. Jesus is present there with us.

PAGE 152

The Church asks us to receive Holy Communion as often as possible.

PAGE 149

The Mass is the central celebration of our faith. It is offered for everyone, the living and the dead.

Christian Living

Keep these ideas in mind as you study **Unit 4, Session 19**.

PAGE 155

Jesus taught his disciples that true leaders are those who serve God and help others. Those who will be “first” don’t act as if they are more important than others.

PAGE 156

God gives us many wonderful gifts. These are our special talents and abilities. The Holy Spirit calls us to share our gifts with the Church and community.

PAGE 156

Each of us is called to a vocation, or way of life.

PAGE 156

Some men become priests. Other men serve the Church by being ordained as deacons. Both priests and deacons celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Orders.

PAGE 156

Outside of the Sacrament of Holy Orders, some men and women publicly dedicate their lives to serving God and the Church.

PAGE 157

The Holy Spirit calls some men and women to be married. They agree to live in faithful love in the Sacrament of Matrimony.

PAGE 157

Some people choose to remain single. Single people serve God in their lives and in the work they do in the world.

PAGE 157

Saint Andrew Kim Taegon was the first priest born in Korea.

PAGE 158

At the Dismissal at the end of Mass, the priest or deacon sends us with instructions to spread God’s love and peace.

PAGE 159

We can ask Jesus to help us recognize our gifts and talents.

PAGE 160

God has given us each gifts and talents. We can use them for the glory of God—to help others and to make our world better for everyone.

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Celebrating Lent and Holy Week

Keep these ideas in mind as you study **Unit 4, Session 20**.

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The season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday. It is 40 days of fasting, almsgiving, and prayer to prepare for Jesus' Resurrection on Easter.

PAGE 163

During Lent, we think about how we treat one another. We open ourselves to a new friendship with Jesus and with God the Father.

PAGE 164

During Lent, we practice almsgiving by sharing time and resources to help others.

PAGE 165

When we go to Mass throughout the year, we pray the Prayer of the Faithful, or general intercessions. We pray for the needs of the Church, the world, and the local community.

PAGE 165

During Lent, the Church appears simple and plain. The priest wears violet vestments.

PAGE 166

When Jesus fasted and prayed in the desert, he resisted temptation by the Devil.

PAGE 166

We make our hearts ready for Easter by caring for those in need, resisting temptation, and remembering how Jesus suffered.

Faith, Hope, and Charity

Keep these ideas in mind as you study **Unit 5, Session 21**.

PAGE 171

Saint Monica is the patron saint of married women.

PAGE 171

Monica wanted all her family to know Jesus' love. Monica's son Augustine did not accept Jesus at first.

PAGE 171

Monica prayed patiently that Augustine would come to know and accept Jesus' love. Her prayers were answered. Augustine became a bishop, teacher, and saint.

PAGE 175

God gives us gifts called *virtues* to help us live good lives. Faith, hope, and charity are three of the virtues.

PAGE 175

We need faith to be saved and to live as God wants.

PAGE 175

We show charity when we love God above all things and love our neighbor as ourselves.

PAGE 176

A cross is a symbol of our faith. It reminds us that Jesus died for our sins.

PAGE 178

Jeanne Jugan and her friends formed a community to help other women. The Little Sisters of the Poor still serve those who do not have resources.

Making Good Choices

Keep these ideas in mind as you study **Unit 5, Session 22**.

PAGES 182 AND 184

Jesus rejected the Devil's temptations because they would turn him away from God the Father.

PAGE 183

The moral law is made up of rules that help us do good and avoid evil.

PAGE 183

The Ten Commandments teach us how to honor God and live in peace with others.

PAGE 183

The Second Commandment teaches us not to use God's name in vain.

PAGE 183

The Third Commandment teaches us to keep the Lord's Day holy.

PAGE 183

The first three commandments teach us to honor God. The next seven commandments teach us how to live in peace with our neighbor.

PAGE 185

Each day, we can say a prayer devoting ourselves to God.

Living as God's Children

Keep these ideas in mind as you study **Unit 5, Session 23**.

PAGE 190

The family is a “domestic church,” a community open to the graces of the Holy Spirit. We obey and respect our parents, as Jesus did. We treat our family and others with justice by treating them fairly.

PAGE 190

Actual graces from the Holy Spirit help us live in peace, harmony, and justice. We share the Holy Spirit's love when we help members of our family and those who cannot help themselves.

PAGE 191

Both Vincent de Paul and Louise de Marillac cared for people who were in need.

PAGE 191

When Louise de Marillac's husband died, she devoted her life to God. She was eventually placed in charge of a new order of women called the Daughters of Charity. Under its new name, *Sisters of Charity*, members of this order still help people today.

PAGE 192

Saint Paul heard how some of his friends were growing in their faith, so he wrote them letters telling them how much he loved them.

PAGE 194

In peaceful homes, children obey and respect parents, and family members show one another that they care.

All Life Is Sacred

Keep these ideas in mind as you study **Unit 5, Session 24**.

PAGE 197

To love God means to love all the people he has created, just as God's Son, Jesus, did.

PAGE 198

When he was a 20-year-old student, Frédéric Ozanam and his friends formed the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. When a disease called cholera spread, Frédéric's group helped people in the poorest part of the city.

PAGE 198

Everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God.

PAGE 199

God makes each person sacred from the first moment of life. Each person is an important member of the human family. Jesus said that whatever we do for the least fortunate, we do for him.

PAGE 199

With the words of Dismissal at Mass, we are sent forth to glorify God by our lives. To glorify the Lord means to care for his people—each person he has made.

PAGE 199

We make choices that show God's love for the people we meet.

PAGE 200

Big jobs are best accomplished with a team. Working together makes a job feel smaller and more fun.

PAGES 202 AND 203

We are called to take care of all of God's creation. Taking care of our planet and all living things on it is our job.

Celebrating Easter

Keep these ideas in mind as you study **Unit 5, Session 25**.

PAGES 205 AND 208

Easter is the celebration of life. Easter Sunday is the most important day of the church year. We celebrate Jesus' Resurrection.

PAGE 207

Before receiving Communion, we call upon Jesus, the Lamb of God, to have mercy on us. The image of the Lamb of God reminds us of Jesus' great sacrifice.

PAGE 205

During the Easter season, we also celebrate Jesus' Ascension into heaven.

PAGE 207

White is the liturgical color of the Easter season and represents the joy of Christ's Resurrection.

PAGE 205

The Easter season begins with the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday and ends on Pentecost Sunday.

PAGE 207

White lilies symbolize our new life in the risen Christ.

PAGE 206

On the Second Sunday of Easter, we celebrate God's mercy.

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We celebrate Easter by committing ourselves to the service of others.

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Mercy is made up of compassion and forgiveness.

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