

Overview

In Grade 5 the students learned about the liturgy and the sacraments of the Church. In this chapter they will learn about God's self-Revelation through his creation, through the Bible, and in his Son, Jesus Christ.

Doctrinal Content

For Adult Reading and Reflection
Catechism of the Catholic Church

The students will learn:	Paragraph
• We can know God through his creation.	32
• God makes himself known through Divine Revelation.	38
• God's Revelation is handed down through the Bible and Tradition.	81
• The Bible is a collection of books.	120



Divine Revelation
Blessed Trinity
Bible
Tradition
Divine Inspiration

Catechist Background

How did you get to know your best friends?

To be loved is a wonderful gift. When people we love pledge their love for us, we experience one of life's treasured moments. And when they back up this pledge with a lifetime of fidelity and loving kindness, we know that we are truly blessed.

In many ways this is what God has done for us. He has pledged his love for us, promised to be with us always, and became flesh in the Person of Jesus Christ. "Through an utterly free decision, God has revealed himself and given himself to man. This he does by revealing the mystery, his plan of loving goodness, formed from all eternity in Christ, for the benefit of all. . . . God has fully revealed this plan by sending us his beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit." (CCC 50)

Sacred Scripture is God's Revelation of his plan for us. Using the human words of many writers inspired by the Holy Spirit, God tells us that he

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- Six Tasks of Catechesis
- Catholic Social Teaching
- *Catechetical Formation in Chaste Living.*

wants us to embrace him and to share in his divine life.

You might look upon Scripture as a love story. "In this is love: not that we have loved God, but that he loved us." (1 John 4:10) "When Israel was a child I loved him, . . . / I drew them with human cords, / with bands of love; / I fostered them like one / who raises an infant to his cheeks." (Hosea 11:1, 4) So great is God's love for us that he wants to adopt us as his own daughters and sons and have us live with him for all eternity. To accomplish this, the Father "sent his only Son into the world so that we might have life through him" (1 John 4:9). And Jesus gave us life by giving his life. Love does not get any greater than that.

How do you respond to God's love for you?

Lesson Planning Guide

Lesson Steps

Presentation

Materials

1 WE GATHER

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Prayer



Focus on Life

- Listen to Scripture.
- Respond in song.
- Discuss discovering new ideas.

For the prayer space: Bible opened to Psalm 139, two flashlights, items representing God's creation

- cell phone, wristwatch
- "God, Creator, God Most High," Janet Vogt, # 2, Grade 6 CD

2 WE BELIEVE

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We can know God through his creation.

- Read about knowing God through his creation.
- Discuss the pictures.

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God makes himself known through Divine Revelation.

- Read about and discuss Divine Revelation and the Blessed Trinity.
- Highlight ways God has revealed himself.

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God's Revelation is handed down through the Bible and Tradition.

- Read about the Bible and Tradition.
- Discuss ways the Bible and Tradition are the same or different.

pages 26–27

The Bible is a collection of books.

- Discuss the Bible as a collection of books and explain biblical citation.
- Discuss literary forms and writers' messages.
- Complete the citation activity.
- Read and discuss *As Catholics*.
- Present Reproducible Master 1.

- copies of Reproducible Master 1
- Bible

3 WE RESPOND

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- Discuss ways to know God and share this knowledge with others.

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Project Disciple

- Complete the **Project Disciple** activities.
- Explain the *Take Home* activity.
- Discuss/send home **Sharing Faith with My Family** reproducible master for this chapter.

- copies of **Sharing Faith with My Family** reproducible master, Chapter 1 (back of book)

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Chapter 1 Test

- Complete **Chapter 1 Test**.
- Work on *Alternative Assessment* activity.

- optional: copies of Scripture reproducible master, *What's the Word?*, Chapter 1 (back of book)