

## Overview

In Chapter 2 the students learned that God is the source of all life and that we are made in his image and likeness. In this chapter they will learn that through humanity sin entered the world.

Doctrinal Content	For Adult Reading and Reflection <i>Catechism of the Catholic Church</i>
The students will learn:	Paragraph
• God created human beings, body and soul. . . . .	362
• God called us to be stewards of creation. . . . .	373
• Evil entered the world through a human act. . . . .	397
• All people suffer from the effects of Original Sin. . . . .	404



**soul**  
**steward**  
**sin**  
**Original Sin**

## Catechist Background

**W**hen in your life do you truly feel free?

Science fiction gives us images of a future populated by robots and “droids” and other automations. Such creatures are programmed to be totally obedient. They have no free will and are devoid of active intelligence. God could have created humans to be this way and thus avoided all the messiness of human sin and suffering.

Instead “God created man in his image; / in the divine image he created him; / male and female he created them” (Genesis 1:27). It was God’s will that men and women have the ability to know God, to freely love God, and to willingly serve God. It was God’s will that all humanity share in God’s life and do so knowingly and intentionally.

The story of Adam and Eve illustrates the awesome gifts with which God endowed the human race. God established this couple firmly in his friendship, set up housekeeping for them in

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- *Catechetical Formation in Chaste Living.*

paradise, and gave them an existence of tranquility. God intended that Adam and Eve neither suffer nor die nor be burdened with work.

The Church calls the status enjoyed by our first parents “original justice.” This original state of holiness and friendship with God was the way God intended all humans to live. But as we know Adam and Eve did not cooperate. They preferred themselves to God “and by that very act scorned him” (CCC 398). And so they chose “forbidden fruit” over a loving God, thus losing for themselves and for all humanity their original state of harmony and peace.

**H**ow can you grow in your identity as an “image of God”?

# Lesson Planning Guide

## Lesson Steps

## Presentation

## Materials

### 1 WE GATHER

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Prayer



Focus on Life

- Listen to Scripture.



- Discuss things only humans can do.

For the prayer space: Bible, pottery items, lump of modeling clay

### 2 WE BELIEVE

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*God created human beings, body and soul.*

- Read and discuss God’s creation of human beings.



- Discuss and depict gifts and abilities.

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*God called us to be stewards of creation.*

- Present God’s call to us to be stewards of creation.



- Do the stewardship activity.



- Respond in song (option).

- pictures of people caring for creation



“And It Was Good,” by Jack Miffleton, #4, Grade 6 CD (option)

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*Evil entered the world through a human act.*

- Present the entry of sin into the world.
- Complete Reproducible Master 3.



- Discuss choices that lead people away from God.

- copies of Reproducible Master 3
- copies of magazine and newspaper articles that depict human suffering

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*All people suffer from the effects of Original Sin.*

- Read about and discuss Original Sin and God’s mercy.
- Read and discuss *As Catholics*.

### 3 WE RESPOND

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- Read news stories about human suffering and discuss ways to help.

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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 3 (back of book)

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Chapter 3 Test

- Complete **Chapter 3 Test**.
- Work on *Alternative Assessment* activity.

- optional: copies of Scripture reproducible master, *What’s the Word?*, Chapter 3 (back of book)