

Overview

In Chapter 3 the students learned about humanity's relationship with God. In this chapter the students will learn about the effects of Original Sin.

Doctrinal Content

For Adult Reading and Reflection
Catechism of the Catholic Church

The students will learn:	Paragraph
• God promised to send a Savior.	410
• The first human family struggled because of Original Sin.	401
• God made a covenant with Noah.	58
• The unity of the human race was lost.	57



Gospel

Catechist Background

Have you experienced betrayal?
How did it make you feel?

If our first parents had not sinned, would the world have known Jesus? If they had not scorned God's friendship, would we have experienced Jesus' friendship? If they had not acted so selfishly, would the human race have ever seen the example of perfect selflessness that was Christ? Why didn't God simply prevent our first parents from sinning?

To attempt a partial answer to these questions, we need to turn to people of wisdom in our Church's history. Saint Thomas Aquinas wrote: "There is nothing to prevent human nature's being raised up to something greater, even after sin; God permits evil in order to draw forth some greater good" (CCC 412). Saint Paul preached that "where sin increased, grace overflowed all the more" (Romans 5:20). And the Church at the Easter Vigil sings "O happy fault, . . . / which gained for us so great a Redeemer" (Exsultet).

Go to www.webelieveweb.com, Catechist/Teacher, We Believe Correlations for this chapter's correlation to:

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

One thing to remember when posing such questions is this: God is God and we are not. With this in mind, we can learn from the fall of Adam and Eve that God can turn around even the worst tragedies of life. God is God and can make his grace abound when to our limited vision only hatred, greed, oppression, and bloodshed are abounding. What may seem to us a monstrous sin is to God an occasion for an unimaginable miracle. And with faith and hope in God, our times of greatest pain and loss can be transformed into a season of grace.

How can you increase your ability to see the world through God's eyes?

Lesson Planning Guide

Lesson Steps

Presentation


Materials

1 WE GATHER

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 **Prayer**

 **Focus on Life**


- Meditate on Jesus.
- Pray a litany to Jesus.

 Discuss times when you need help.


- for the prayer space: Bible, pictures of places to go to meditate

2 WE BELIEVE

pages 56–57
God promised to send a Savior.


- Read about God’s promise to send a Savior.
-  Discuss sharing in God’s life and friendship.
- Reflect on grace and the sacraments with *As Catholics*.


pages 58–59
The first human family struggled because of Original Sin.

- Read about and discuss Cain and Abel.
-  List ways people can overcome anger and resentment.


pages 60–61
God made a covenant with Noah.

 *Genesis 6:7—9:17*

- Present the text about Noah and the flood.
-  Design stained-glass windows.


 “Water of Life/Agua de Vida,” Jaime Cortez, instrumental version, #6, Grade 6 CD; also vocal version, #5 (option)

pages 62–63
The unity of the human race was lost.

- Present the text about the Tower of Babel.
-  Discuss “not speaking the same language.”

3 WE RESPOND

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 Produce a talk show.

pages 64–65
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 4 (back of book)

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Chapter 4 Test

- Complete **Chapter 4 Test**.
- Work on *Alternative Assessment* activity.

- optional: copies of Scripture reproducible master, *What’s the Word?*, Chapter 4 (back of book)