

Jesus Is Our Friend

Keep these ideas in mind as you study *Chapter 1*.

❖ Jesus Christ is our friend. Jesus loves everyone. We want to be like Jesus. We want to love others.

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❖ Jesus likes to be with us. Jesus said, "Let the children come to me."

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❖ Jesus died on the cross for us. The cross reminds us how much Jesus loves us.

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❖ We make the Sign of the Cross. We show we are Jesus' friends.

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❖ We end the Sign of the Cross by saying Amen.

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God Is Good

Keep these ideas in mind as you study *Chapter 2*.

❖ God created the world and everything in it.

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❖ God gave the world to all of us.

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❖ The Bible tells us that God created the heavens and the earth.

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❖ God asks us to work together to keep the world beautiful. We take care of the world by keeping it beautiful.

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❖ God looked at everything he made. It was very good.

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❖ God made us like himself.
We can think, choose,
and love.

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❖ God is our heavenly Father.
We are all God's children.

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❖ When we share with others,
we show we care. We can
help people.

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❖ A good parent loves. A good
parent cares. A good parent
forgives. God always loves
and cares for us. God always
forgives us when we are
sorry.

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❖ God is our good and loving
Father.

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God Our Father Is Holy

Keep these ideas in mind as you study *Chapter 4*.

❖ Moses was God's friend.
Moses did what God asked.

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❖ Moses talked with God.
Moses listened to God. He
bowed down and worshiped
God. Moses took off his shoes.
He knew the ground was holy
because God was there.

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❖ You are God's child.

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❖ We go to church to worship
God. The church is a holy
place. We see many holy
things in church.

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❖ We pray to God in church.
The holy things in church
help us think of Jesus' love.

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God Shares His Life with Us

Keep these ideas in mind as you study *Chapter 5*.

❖ You were baptized with water. At Baptism you became a Christian.

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❖ The Church is God's family. After you are baptized, you belong to this family. You belong to the Church.

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❖ Your parents, godparents, and everyone else prayed for you at Baptism.

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❖ At Baptism holy oil was put on your head. You received a candle and a white robe. They stand for God's life in us.

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❖ Christians share Jesus' light. They help spread Jesus' love.

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❖ Saint Julie shared Jesus' light. She taught children that God is good.

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God Speaks to Us

Keep these ideas in mind as you study *Chapter 6*.

❖ God makes wonderful things happen in silence. Things move. Things grow. Things change.

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❖ God speaks to us in many ways. Elijah heard God in the gentle breeze. God can speak to us in the quiet of our hearts.

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❖ God speaks to us in the Bible, through others, and in silence.

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❖ God loves us through others. God gives us people who care for us. Those who care for us tell us how to be good children of God.

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We Pray to God Our Father

Keep these ideas in mind as you study *Chapter 7*.

❖ God spoke to Samuel. Samuel listened. Samuel spoke to God in prayer. God listened.

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❖ God talks to us. We listen. We talk to God. He listens.

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❖ God is our friend. He wants us to talk to him. We can visit with God in silence. We can visit with God using words. A visit with God is like a visit with a friend.

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❖ Four types of prayer are praise, asking, thanks, and sorry prayers.

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❖ We can praise God. We can ask God for help.

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❖ We can say thank you to God. We can tell God we are sorry.

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❖ We can pray to God every day. We can pray in the morning, at meals, and at night.

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God Promised a Savior

Keep these ideas in mind as you study *Chapter 9*.

❖ God created the whole world. He made the sky, the water, and the land. God made all the creatures.

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❖ God made Adam and Eve. They were God's friends. God was good to them. God gave Adam and Eve grace, the gift of his life.

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❖ Adam and Eve lived in the beautiful Garden of Eden. They were happy there.

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❖ Adam and Eve did not obey God. They chose to live without God's help. God told Adam and Eve to leave the garden. They were sad.

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❖ God promised to send a Savior. The people hoped and prayed for the Savior. They trusted in God's promises. The Savior would be born from the Chosen People. God told his special people to get ready for the Savior.

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God Chose Mary and Joseph

Keep these ideas in mind as you study *Chapter 10*.

❖ Mary belonged to God's people. God chose Mary to be the mother of the Savior.

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❖ The angel Gabriel came to Mary. He told her that God had chosen her to be Jesus' mother. Mary said yes to God. She got ready for Jesus.

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❖ Jesus is God's Son. Jesus is God.

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❖ Mary went to visit Elizabeth. Mary went to help her relative. Elizabeth was happy to see Mary. She said to Mary, "Blessed are you among women."

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❖ God chose Joseph to care for Jesus and Mary. Joseph was a carpenter. He worked hard for his family.

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Jesus Our Savior Was Born in Bethlehem

Keep these ideas in mind as you study *Chapter 11*.

❖ God gave us his Son, Jesus, to be our Savior. God showed how much he loves us.

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❖ Jesus was born on Christmas. God gave us Jesus as the first Christmas gift.

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❖ There was only room for Mary and Joseph in a stable. Jesus was born there. Mary wrapped the baby Jesus in warm clothes. She put him in a manger.

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❖ The angels sang “Glory to God in the highest.” An angel told the shepherds about Jesus. They came to see him.

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❖ The Wise Men from the East saw a special star. They followed it to where Jesus was.

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❖ Jesus is our Savior. He came to save all people.

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Jesus Calls Apostles

Keep these ideas in mind as you study *Chapter 13*.

✦ Jesus wants everyone to know how good and loving his Father is. He called 12 apostles to help spread the good news of God's love.

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✦ Jesus calls all of us to help make the world a better place. We have to work together to fill the whole world with God's goodness.

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✦ All kinds of people help bring God's love and care to our world.

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✦ Jesus stopped a storm because his apostles were afraid. Jesus takes care of us. He is with us when we are afraid. Jesus helps us through other people.

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✦ We are all called to be Jesus' helpers.

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✦ Some special helpers of Jesus are priests and religious sisters.

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❖ Our world is full of good and beautiful things made by God. But some things in our world are not good.

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❖ The Bible tells how Jesus showed God's love for people. Jesus healed sick people. He raised Jairus's daughter from the dead.

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❖ Jesus cares about all people. He helped people in need. He wants us to help people in need.

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❖ Jesus forgave people who had done wrong.

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❖ Jesus brings God's love to people today through others. When we share what we have, we are like Jesus.

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❖ The greatest law of God is to love God with all our heart.

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❖ In the Morning Offering, we offer ourselves to God.

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❖ Jesus loved God his Father. He always did what his Father wanted.

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❖ Saint John is called the apostle of love. John loved Jesus very much. He stayed with Jesus when he died. Then he took care of Mary. John's teachings are in the Bible.

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❖ When we obey, go to Mass, or pray, we show we love God.

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❖ Jesus offered himself to the Father. At Mass we remember how Jesus offered himself. We offer ourselves to God too.

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❖ In the story of the Good Samaritan, two men passed by the hurt man and did not help. The Good Samaritan stopped to help because he was kind.

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❖ Jesus tells us to be like the Good Samaritan. God says to love your neighbor as yourself.

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❖ The woman in the Temple gave the only two coins she had. Jesus praised her. God is happy even when we have only a small amount to give.

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❖ The entire world is our neighborhood. Jesus told us that everyone is our neighbor.

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❖ “You shall love your neighbor as yourself” is the Golden Rule.

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Jesus Calls Himself the Good Shepherd

Keep these ideas in mind as you study *Chapter 17*.

❖ Jesus says, “I am the good shepherd.” Jesus is our Good Shepherd because he calls us and guides us. Jesus loves and cares for us as a shepherd takes care of his sheep.

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❖ Jesus loves us. He always forgives us when we are sorry. Then he brings us back to his love.

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❖ We follow Jesus by doing what he asks. We go to Jesus when we pray. We listen when he tells us to be loving.

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❖ At Mass we tell God we are sorry when we say, “Lord, have mercy.” We are happy that God has forgiven us.

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❖ We give the sign of peace at Mass.

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❖ Jesus loves us with his whole heart. He forgives us when we are sorry. The Good Shepherd guides his sheep.

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❖ On Palm Sunday, people had a parade for Jesus. They put their cloaks on the street for him to walk over. They waved palm branches to honor Jesus. They shouted “Hosanna” to Jesus. They wanted Jesus to be their king.

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❖ Jesus celebrated his last meal with his friends on Holy Thursday. That meal was the Last Supper. It was the night before Jesus died.

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❖ At the Last Supper, Jesus gave himself to his friends. The bread and wine became Jesus’ Body and Blood.

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❖ Jesus becomes present in the bread and wine after the priest says Jesus’ words. God’s people receive the gift of Jesus in Holy Communion.

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❖ Jesus gave his life for us on the cross. He died for us on Good Friday.

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❖ Mary is Jesus’ mother. Jesus gave us Mary for a mother.

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❖ Jesus died and rose to free us from sin. Now we have new life because Jesus freed us from sin.

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❖ On Easter Sunday, Jesus rose from the dead with new life. This is called the Resurrection. After the Resurrection, Jesus had a glorified body.

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❖ Jesus is with us in the Eucharist. Jesus is with us in all things that are good and beautiful.

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❖ When Jesus' friends learned he had risen, they were happy.

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❖ We can meet Jesus through other people. We can also meet Jesus in the Bible and at Mass. Jesus is with us in many ways.

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❖ Jesus gives peace to his friends. He wants his friends to bring peace to others.

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Jesus Sends Us the Spirit

Keep these ideas in mind as you study *Chapter 21*.

❖ Jesus told his apostles to teach everything he had told them. He told them to go and baptize all people.

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❖ The Holy Spirit is with us too. The Holy Spirit helps us show everyone that Jesus loves us all.

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❖ Jesus promised to send the Holy Spirit.

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❖ At your Baptism, you received many gifts called virtues. Three special virtues are faith, hope, and love. You believe in God, love God and others, and trust that God will help you.

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❖ Jesus returned to his Father. His friends no longer saw him.

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❖ The Holy Spirit came to Mary and the apostles. They saw tongues of fire. They heard a strong wind. They knew God was there.

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❖ The Holy Spirit is God. He was sent by Jesus and the Father.

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❖ The Holy Spirit helped the apostles begin God's new family, the Church. The Holy Spirit made the apostles loving and brave.

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Jesus Is with Us in His Church

Keep these ideas in mind as you study *Chapter 22*.

❖ God's big Christian family is called the Church. The Holy Spirit is with the Church.

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❖ Jesus chose Peter to be the first pope.

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❖ The pope acts for Jesus on earth. The pope is also called the Holy Father. The pope and the other bishops lead Catholics in spreading Jesus' love.

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❖ The Catholic family welcomed us into the Church when we were baptized. Everyone is invited to belong to Jesus' Church. All baptized Christians everywhere are part of the Church.

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Mary Is the Mother of the Church

Keep these ideas in mind as you study *Chapter 23*.

❖ Jesus gave us Mary to be our mother too. Mary is our Blessed Mother. She is the Mother of the Church. Mary always listened to God.

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❖ Jesus took Mary, body and soul, to heaven. He made Mary Queen of Heaven. Mary prays for us and helps us be like Jesus.

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❖ We love Mary and honor her. We try to be kind and loving as Mary is.

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❖ Mary shows us how to be like Jesus. She shows us how to be good Christians.

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❖ Mary helps us be holy.

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❖ Saint Thérèse showed us how to honor Mary.

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The Holy Spirit Helps the Church

Keep these ideas in mind as you study *Chapter 24*.

❖ The Holy Spirit helped the apostles teach people about Jesus. The Holy Spirit helped people write the Gospels.

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❖ Jesus said, “You are the light of the world.” The Holy Spirit helps us spread the Good News of Jesus.

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❖ The Gospels are part of the Bible. They tell the Good News that Jesus loves us and saved us.

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❖ We can help people we meet know Jesus. We can pray that many will join God’s family, the Church.

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❖ The Holy Spirit helps us listen when the priest tells us about Jesus at Mass.

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❖ Saint Martin remembered what Jesus said about love. He gave half of his cloak to a man who had no warm clothes.

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❖ The Holy Spirit helped the first Christians love God and others. The Holy Spirit helped them pray and share.

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