

God Reveals Himself to Us Through His Son

Keep these ideas in mind as you study Chapter 1.

- ❖ God reveals himself through the Trinity. We will come to know God in many ways, but especially through Jesus.
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- ❖ God calls us friends. He reveals himself because he loves us. God wants us to know him better so that we will love him more.

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- ♣ All the things God has created tell us something about him.
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- ❖ God reveals himself perfectly through Jesus. The Incarnation is when the Son of God became man.

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- God reveals himself in the words he speaks to us and in the deeds he does for us.
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- God became man so that everyone who believes in him will have eternal life.
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❖ Jesus visited the apostles after he rose from the dead. Thomas was not with them. When the apostles told him, Thomas did not believe. He wanted to see Jesus for himself.

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- God gave us a share in his own life and the gift of faith when we were baptized. Faith is a precious gift that helps us believe in him.
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- We strengthen our faith by doing what God tells us, celebrating the sacraments, listening to God's Word, and studying the Church's teachings.

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❖ We haven't actually seen God, but we believe in him because we have faith. We receive the gift of faith when we are baptized.
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