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The original editions of the *Our Holy Faith* series textbooks were published between 1959 and 1964. They were compiled by many different authors over the course of several years. Consequently, the texts varied in their organization from year to year, with similar sections appearing with different names throughout the series and often in varying sequences.

For greater ease of use and consistency, we have reorganized each book so that the Catechism lessons, tests, and other exercises are placed at the end of each relevant chapter or lesson. We have also included answer keys for your convenience in the back of each book.

While the teachings in the original editions remain relevant due to the enduring truths of our Faith, it was necessary to update other aspects in order to more accurately reflect the Church today. These new editions have been revised to incorporate some of the changes to the practices of the Catholic Church.

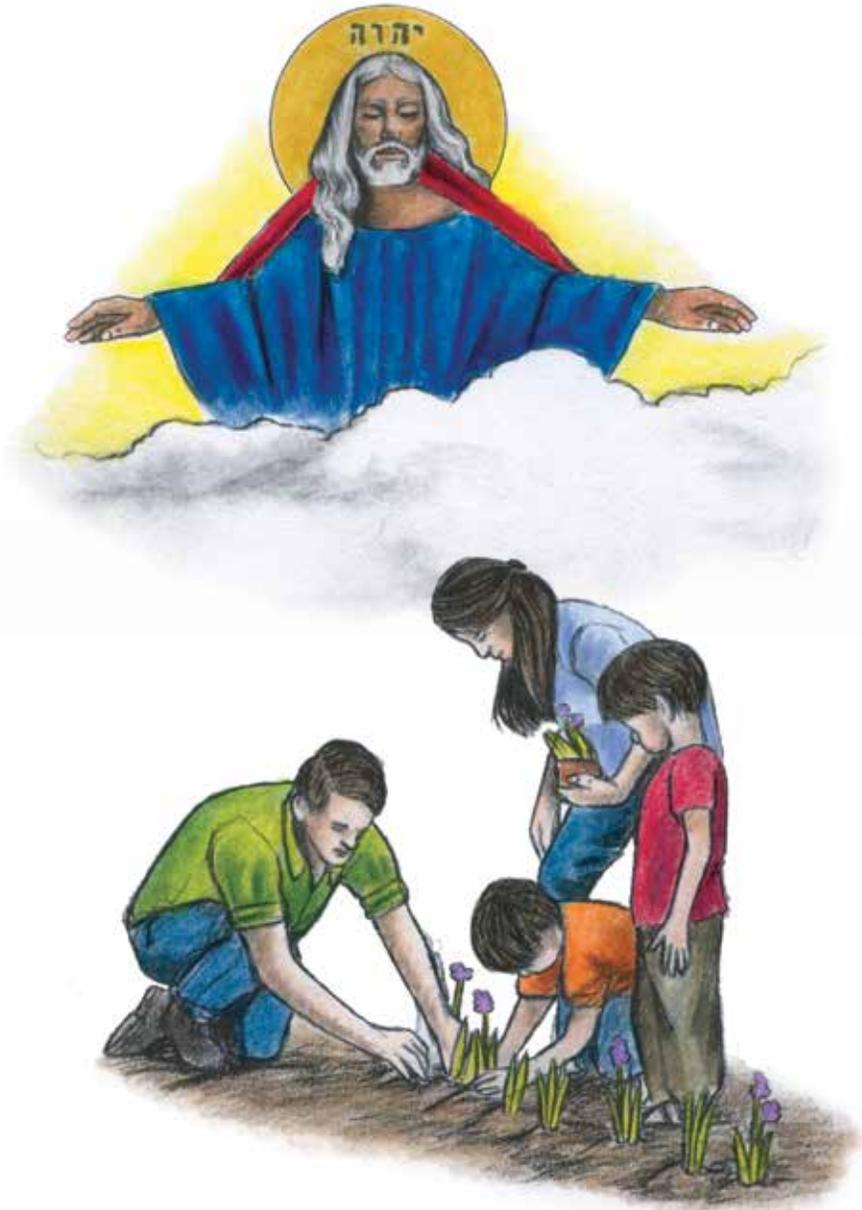
To the extent possible, we have adapted the text to reflect both the ordinary and extraordinary forms of the Mass and liturgical calendars. In addition to these updates, we have inserted, where relevant to the text, traditional prayers and quotes from the Bible, the Catechism, and the saints.

This new *Our Holy Faith* series is faithful to the work of the original authors. It honors the fundamental and unchanging truths of the Catholic Church and is heavily influenced by tradition. We believe it is the catechesis you can trust with your children's faith.

UNIT

1

Our Heavenly Father Takes Care of Us



CHAPTER 1

God

God is my heavenly Father.
God made me to show His goodness and to make me happy
with Him in heaven.
He gave me my body, my soul, my life.
All that I am or do is God's gift.
I belong to God.

God gave me my father and my mother.
God gave me my brothers and sisters.
He gives me everything I need.
God takes care of me all the time.
I love God because He is so good to me.

I will thank Him for all His goodness to me.
I want to know more about God.
I want to love Him more.
I will give myself and my work to Him each day.

One day, with God's help, I will go to my true home in heaven.
In the meantime, I will live heaven on earth by doing the will of
God.

As we pray in the Our Father, "Thy will be done on earth as it is
in heaven."



Catechism Lesson

1. Who is God?

God is the Creator of heaven and earth and of all things.

2. Who made you?

God made me.

3. Why did God make you?

God made me to show His goodness and to make me happy with Him in heaven.

4. What must you do to be happy with God in heaven?

To be happy with God in heaven I must know Him, love Him, and serve Him in this world.

5. Who will help me get to heaven?

God will give me all the help I need to get to heaven.

CHAPTER 2

God's Creations

God is everywhere.
God knows all things.
God can do all things.
No one is greater than God.
There is no one like God.
God always was and God always will be.

There is only one God.

In God there are three Divine
Persons:

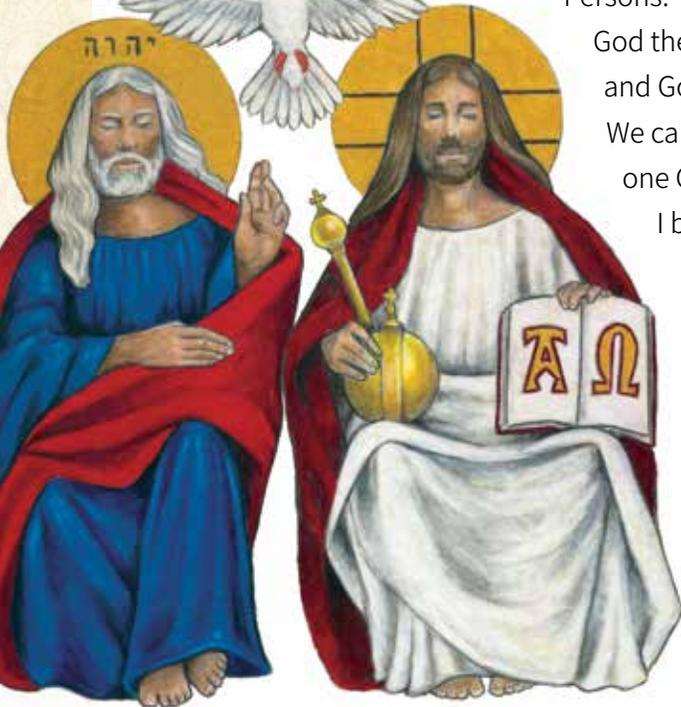
God the Father, God the Son,
and God the Holy Spirit.

We call these three Persons in
one God the Blessed Trinity.

I believe that there are
three Persons in one

God because God has
told us so.

I think of the three
Divine Persons each
time I make the Sign
of the Cross.



When I make the Sign of the Cross carefully, I praise God.
I will bless myself and say slowly: “In the name of the Father,
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.”

Catechism Lesson

6. Where is God?

God is everywhere.

7. Does God know all things?

Yes, God knows all things.

8. Can God do all things?

Yes, God can do all things.

9. Did God have a beginning?

No, God had no beginning; He always was.

10. Will God always be?

Yes, God will always be.

11. Is there only one God?

Yes, there is only one God.

12. How many Persons are there in God?

In God there are three Persons—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

13. What do we call the three Persons in one God?

We call the three Persons in one God the Blessed Trinity.

14. How do we know that there are three Persons in one God?

We know that there are three Persons in one God because we have God's word for it.

CHAPTER 3

Angels



God made the
angels.
We do not
see angels
because they
are spirits.
Spirits do not have
bodies as we
do.

Angels are powerful and have great knowledge.

Good angels are in heaven with God.

Good angels sometimes come to earth with messages from
God.

Good angels praise God in heaven and on earth.

The angels who did not obey God are called bad angels or
devils.

These bad angels chose hell.

These bad angels suffer very much.

They do not like us because we are God's children.

Bad angels try to make us disobey God.

Good angels help us to love and obey Him.

Good angels who watch over us are called guardian angels.

Our guardian angels help us to love and obey God.

Catechism Lesson

15. Who made the angels?

God made the angels.

16. What are angels?

Angels are spirits created by God.

17. Why did God make the angels?

God made the angels to love and adore Him.

18. Did all the angels stay good?

No, some of them disobeyed God and were sent to hell.

19. Where did the good angels go?

The good angels went to heaven with God.

20. What do the angels do in heaven?

The angels love and praise God in heaven.

21. What do the bad angels do in hell?

The bad angels suffer and hate God.

22. What do the good angels do on earth?

The good angels watch over us, pray for us, and sometimes bring messages from God.

23. What do the bad angels do on earth?

The bad angels try to harm us by tempting us to do wrong.

CHAPTER 4

God Our Creator and Saviour

A long, long time ago there was no one but God.
There were no angels.
There was no world.
There were no animals.
There were no plants or trees.
There were no men.
There was only God.
But God was not lonely.
He was very happy.
God does not need anything to make Him happy. He is
happiness.
God is good; because He is good He wants to share His
happiness with us.

To show His goodness and to share it with us God made:
the day and night
the sky
the water and land
the sun, moon, and stars
the plants and the trees
the fishes and birds
the animals and man.

God made these things by His almighty power.
All things belong to God.



God watches over all things.

All people belong to God.

I belong to God.

God watches over me.

God watches over all people in the world.

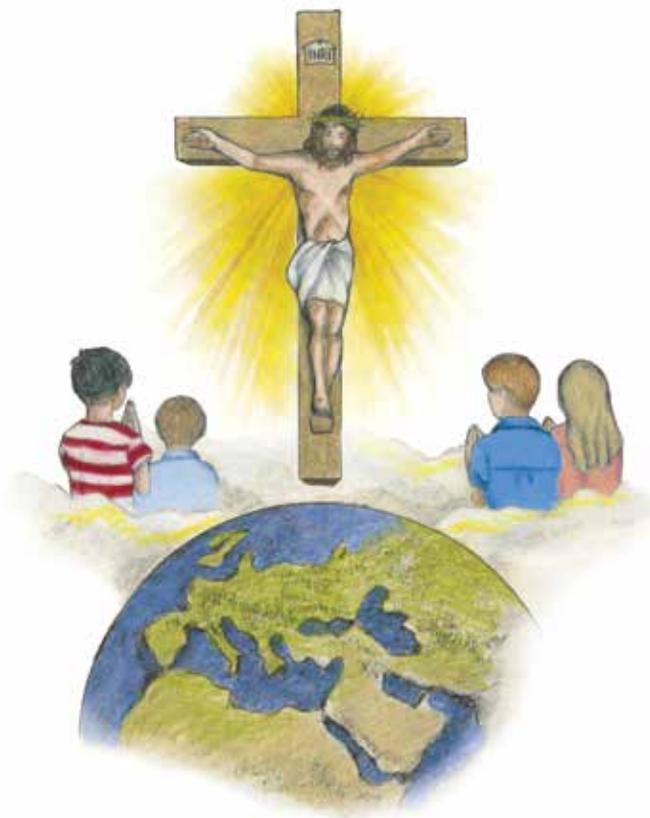
Adam and Eve were our first parents.

When God made them He gave them many gifts.

Adam and Eve lost these gifts when they disobeyed God.
Their sin was the first sin on earth.
God punished Adam and Eve for their sin.
Adam and Eve were no longer God's adopted children, and
they lost many gifts God had given them.
But God promised to send them a Saviour.



I came into this world without sanctifying grace. This kind of
grace is a sharing in God's life.
I was born with sin on my soul.
This sin is called original sin.
Everyone, except Jesus and His Mother, comes into this world
with this sin.



God sent His only Son, Jesus Christ, to be the Saviour.
That is, He sent Him to free us from sin and give us grace.
God the Son became man to save us from hell and win for us
His Father's pardon.
He became man to help everybody to gain heaven.
Jesus offered His sufferings and death to God in satisfaction
for the sins of men.
The Saviour, Jesus Christ, brought back to men the great gifts
God had once given them.
Jesus founded the Catholic Church to help all men gain
heaven.

Catechism Lesson

24. Did God make all things?

Yes, God made all things.

25. Who were the first man and woman?

The first man and woman were Adam and Eve.

26. Where did God place Adam and Eve?

God placed Adam and Eve in the Garden of Paradise.

27. What did God do for Adam and Eve?

God gave Adam and Eve many gifts to make them very happy.

28. What did God tell Adam and Eve not to do?

God told Adam and Eve not to eat of the fruit of a certain tree that grew in the Garden of Paradise.

29. Who committed the first sin on earth?

Our first parents, Adam and Eve, committed the first sin on earth.

30. What happened to Adam and Eve when they disobeyed God?

When Adam and Eve disobeyed God they sinned and lost many of their gifts.

31. Is this sin passed on to us from Adam?

Yes, this sin is passed on to us from Adam.

32. What is this sin in us called?

This sin in us is called original sin.

33. Is Jesus Christ both God and man?

Yes, Jesus Christ is both God and man.

34. Why did God the Son become man?

God the Son became man to satisfy for the sins of all men and to help everybody to gain heaven.

35. How did Jesus satisfy for the sins of all men?

Jesus satisfied for the sins of all men by His sufferings and death on the cross.

36. How does Jesus help all men to gain heaven?

Jesus helps all men to gain heaven through the Catholic Church.

37. Was anyone ever free from original sin?

The Blessed Virgin Mary was free from original sin.