

Getting Ready for Chapter 5

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God Is Our Loving Father

We look around us at all that God created and see signs of a loving Father. God not only gave us the gift of life, but continues to care for us. In this chapter the children will learn about God the Father's love for us and for all creation. They will discuss ways of caring for creation and will pray a prayer of thanks.

ACTIVITY

Pick a Card Remove the fours, threes, twos, and aces from a deck of cards. Shuffle the removed cards and put them face down on a table. Invite each family member to pick a card and to name different gifts from God. In other words, if a four is turned over, name four gifts; if an ace is turned over, name one gift.

WEEKLY PLANNER

On Sunday

At Mass we give thanks for all God's gifts. On the way to church, ask yourselves, "For what gifts are we thankful?"

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Saint of The Week



Saint Francis of Assisi
(About 1181–1226)

Francis experienced a conversion that led him to choose a simple life-style. The Gospel inspired him to follow Jesus with joy, even in suffering. Francis founded three religious orders. All members are asked to help the poor and to see God in all creation.

Patron Saint of: ecology
Feast Day: October 4



**A Prayer
for the
Week**

God, our Creator, we thank you for this wonderful world. Help us to be your partners in caring for the earth and all its creatures as Saint Francis did. Amen.

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Scripture Background

Before the Time of Jesus

Genesis and Creation Genesis, the first book of the Bible, tells the story of creation and of God's encounter with his first people. The Genesis account was not intended to be a scientific or historical account of creation. The authors of Genesis used the literary form of an allegory to reveal important truths about the nature of God. These truths include the preexistence of God, his wisdom and goodness, God's power through which all things are made, and the creation of man and woman in God's own image and likeness. The belief that God created everything good is repeated over and over again in Genesis.

You can read about creation in Genesis 1, 2.

OUR CATHOLIC TRADITION in Science

Teilhard de Chardin Many people think there is a conflict between believing in the Bible and believing in evolution. They believe that if God created the world, then evolution could not have taken place. A French Jesuit priest in the early twentieth century tried to help us see God's hand in the scientific universe. Pierre Teilhard de Chardin believed that evolution was the ongoing work of God. He once wrote that he wanted to teach people how to see God everywhere, even in the most hidden places in the world.