

YOUR CHILD LEARNED >>>

This chapter is about God's gift of creation and the special place humans have in it because we are made in the image and likeness of God.

God's Word



Read **Luke 1:1–2** to learn more about those who have worked to tell God's story.

Catholics Believe

- God is the Creator of all that is good.
- Jesus is God's greatest gift. Jesus is the Son of God.

To learn more, go to the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* #256, 319, and 454 at usccb.org.

People of Faith

This week, your child met the Blessed Virgin Mary who we honor as the Mother of God and the Mother of the Church.

CHILDREN AT THIS AGE >>>

How They Understand God's Creation Most children at this age have a strong sense of cause and effect. This makes it natural for them to believe in a Creator when they see the created world. They also have a strong sense that everything has a purpose. For this reason, it is an excellent time for them to learn that everything in the natural world is a gift from God and has a God-given role or meaning.



CONSIDER THIS >>>

When was the last time that God's creation amazed you?

Do you realize creation is one of the many ways God shows himself to you? God... "is living and personal, profoundly close to us in creating and sustaining us. Though he is totally other, hidden, glorious, and wondrous, he communicates himself to us in Jesus Christ, whom we meet in the Church, especially in Scripture and the Sacraments. In these many ways, God speaks to our hearts where we may welcome his loving presence" (*USCCA, p. 51*).

LET'S TALK >>>

- Ask your child to talk about God's gifts. Which is his greatest? (Jesus)
- Talk about ways your family uses God's gifts of creation in your daily routines.

LET'S PRAY >>>



Mary, Mother of God, pray for our family and help us always love your Son, Jesus. Amen.



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