FAMILY+FAITH
LIVING AND LEARNING TOGETHER

YOUR CHILD LEARNED >>>

This chapter explains how the Holy Trinity — God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit—worked as one to create the world.

God's Word

Read **Psalm 139:13–15** to find out how each one of us is special to God.

Catholics Believe

- God created everything. All creation shows God's goodness.
- God created humans in his image and likeness with a unique role in his creation.

To learn more, go to the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* #339, 358 at **usccb.org**.

People of Faith

This week your child met Saint Rabanus Maurus, a German monk and prototype scientist. He understood that we know God better when we learn about the things God created.

CHILDREN AT THIS AGE >>>

How They Understand Creation Children this age enjoy being outside and are often very interested in science and nature. They understand cause and effect and are usually very curious about how things work. This is an excellent age for appreciating God's thoughtful and marvelous design and our responsibility in caring for creation.

CONSIDER THIS >>>

How much does an artist reveal about himself in his work?

Whether it is Michelangelo or your third grader, what a person creates is an extension of him or herself. Human beings are God's creation. "God's image is not a static picture stamped on our souls. God's image is a dynamic source of inner spiritual energy drawing our minds and hearts toward truth and love, and to God himself, the source of all truth and love" (*USCCA, p. 67*).

LET'S TALK >>>

- Ask your child to name some signs of God's goodness that he or she sees around them.
- Talk about the different ways you can care for God's creation as a family.

LET'S PRAY >>>

Dear God, Saint Rabanus Maurus said we know you better when we learn about the things you created. We thank you for creating the plants and animals and each one of us. Amen.

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