

Lesson Two Preparation: Colossians 1:15-20

God Fully Reveals Himself to Us in Jesus

Lesson Supplies

Catholic Children's Bible with table of contents page marked (page 3)

Journal for each family member and writing supplies

Videos cued up on your device

Objectives

- God communicates Himself to us
- God can be known by human reason and divine revelation
- Divine revelation consists of Sacred Tradition, Scripture, and the Magisterium (teaching office of the Church)

Read

From the Bible

Colossians 1:15-20

From the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*

By natural reason man can know God with certainty, on the basis of his works. But there is another order of knowledge, which man cannot possibly arrive at by his own powers: the order of divine Revelation. Through an utterly free decision, God has revealed himself and given himself to man. This he does by revealing the mystery, his plan of loving goodness, formed from all eternity in Christ, for the benefit of all men. God has fully revealed this plan by sending us his beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit. (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, paragraph 50)

From the *Compendium to the Catechism of the Catholic Church*

Read questions 3-24. This will take seven minutes.

Watch

[Scripture and Tradition](#) (8:24)

[The Complete Bible Story in 3 Minutes](#) (3:03)

[Why Does God Reveal Himself?](#) (2:48)

Reflect

God created you to be in a real relationship with you. Relationships require communication; they require personal revelation. For someone else to know you deeply, there are certain things about you that they can figure out and there are certain things that you must reveal. The same is true of God.

We can know that God exists just by thinking about it. For all the chaos in the world, it is a very orderly place. Just look at the countless patterns in nature. Order does not happen on its own; someone has to cause order. Your house doesn't clean itself! We can tell from the order that there is an Orderer—God.

God wants us to know him more deeply than just to know that he exists, so he started telling people about himself. The Bible is the written story of God's long-running relationship with humanity. God completely revealed himself to us in Jesus, and he inspires his Church and her Sacred Tradition to help us remember who God is and what he has done for us.

God wants to know you personally, to know your family deeply. Do you want to know Him?

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Lesson Summary

We can know that God exists by thinking about it.

God tells us about himself in the Bible, the Church, and Sacred Tradition.

Jesus Christ is the fullest revelation of God to us.

Pray

1. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.
2. Who or what would you like to pray for today?
3. Our Father (*Catholic Children's Bible* page 1992)

Read

Colossians 1:15-20 – Jesus Christ: The Visible Likeness of God

- Read the passage slowly and out loud at least three times, maybe taking turns.
- Pay attention for a word or phrase that sticks out to you.
- In your journal, write about that word or phrase. Use some of the suggested journal prompts if you need help.

Reflect

Jesus makes God visible for us. In Jesus, people could look at God, touch God, and eat meals with God. He also showed us God's love in action by dying for our sins and rising from the dead. Jesus wants to have a relationship with you. And that requires communication.

Jesus is still present in the world today in his Church. He speaks to us in the Bible, in his Church's teachings, and in the Sacred Tradition of his Church.

If you want to know that God exists, pay attention to what he says! If you want a real relationship with God, talk to him every day in prayer.

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Discuss

- When has someone showed you love and mercy? How did it make you feel?
- What is your favorite book? What do you like about it? Which book in the Bible would you like to read?
- Talk about a family member or friend that has handed down the faith to you.

Salvation History

Sometime this week, read **Adam and Eve Disobey God (Genesis 3:1-24)**, pages 26-27 in the *Catholic Children's Bible*.

This is the story the very first sin, when Adam and Eve chose to ignore God's plan to make them happy.

Live

- Explore your children's Bible together. Check out pages 14-15.
- Read the introduction to the Old Testament pages 18-19.
- Read the introduction to the New Testament pages 1444-1445.
- Come up with one way each family member can pass down Jesus' teachings today. What can you do to show God's love and mercy at school and at work? Make a plan in your journal and do it!

Lesson Two Supplemental Materials

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Doctrinal Summary Statements

- God reveals himself to man, and wants to be in relationship with man.
- God reveals himself through Human Reason and Divine Revelation.
- Man can know God by studying and reflecting on creation and one's own interior experience using human reason.
- Because Human reason is limited, God also reveals himself through divine revelation.
- Divine revelation begins with Abraham and ends with Jesus.
- Jesus, God made man, is the ultimate expression of Divine Revelation.
- Divine revelation consists of scripture, sacred tradition, and magisterium.
 - **Scripture** is the part of the Sacred Tradition written down. It is the Bible.
 - **Sacred Tradition** is the oral teaching of Jesus passed down through teaching, worship, witness, and institutions of the apostles to their successors the bishops.
 - **Magisterium** is the authentic interpretation of Sacred Tradition and Scriptures. It consists of the living teaching office of the church, the bishops.
- The Bible is the word of God in written form.
- The Bible has two parts: Old Testament and New Testament.
- The Gospels (New Testament) consist of the story of Jesus and his teaching.
- The canon of scripture consists of the 46 books of the Old Testament and 27 books of the New Testament.
- The Bible is not one book. It is a collection of books that encompass different literary styles.
- The Bible is divided into testaments, books, chapters, and verses.
 - John 3:16 refers to the New testament book of John, chapter 3, verse 16.

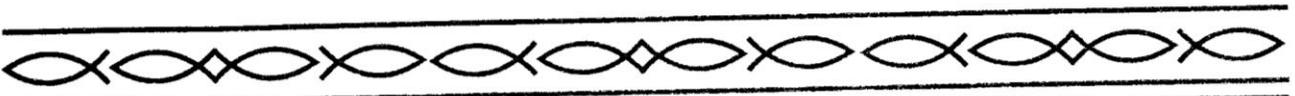
More Resources to Answer Your Questions

Videos

- [Bishop Barron on Faith and Reason](#) (10:00)
- [5 ways of St Thomas to prove the existence of God](#) (4:36)
- [Ways to Read the Bible](#) (8:17)
- [Intro to the Bible part 1](#) (4:30)
- [Intro to the Bible part 2](#) (9:32)
- [Intro to the Bible part 3](#) (24:04)
- [Intro to the Bible part 4](#) (16:55)
- [4 Senses of Scripture](#) (3:32)

Websites

- [Catholic Answers](#)
- [Credible Catholic](#)
- [Formed.org](#)



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Tricked for a Treat

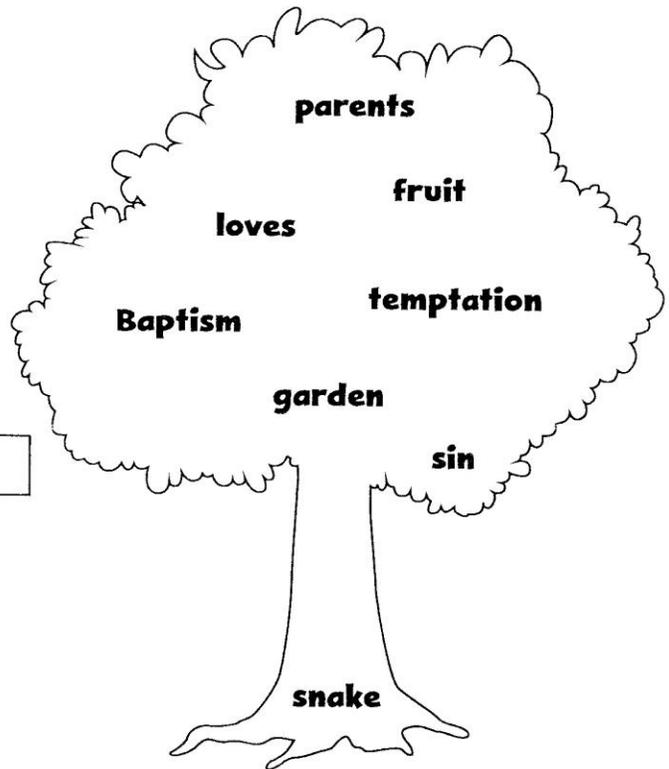
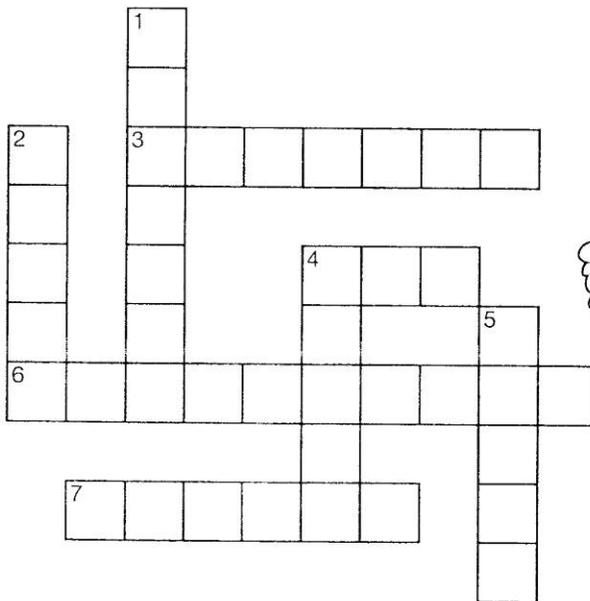
Find and read Genesis 3:1–13 in your Bible. Read each clue below. Find the answer in the tree. Write the word in the puzzle.

Across

- The woman and man were our first _____.
- _____ hurts our friendship with God.
- When we give in to _____, we fail to love.
- The woman and man were in a beautiful _____.

Down

- The Sacrament of _____ gives us God's life again.
- God told the woman not to eat the _____ from the middle tree.
- The _____ tricked the woman.
- God _____ us very much.



Seek and Find: Look at pages 26 and 27 of your Bible. What animal is hiding in the leaves above the story pages?

Name: _____

The Sad Story of the First Sin

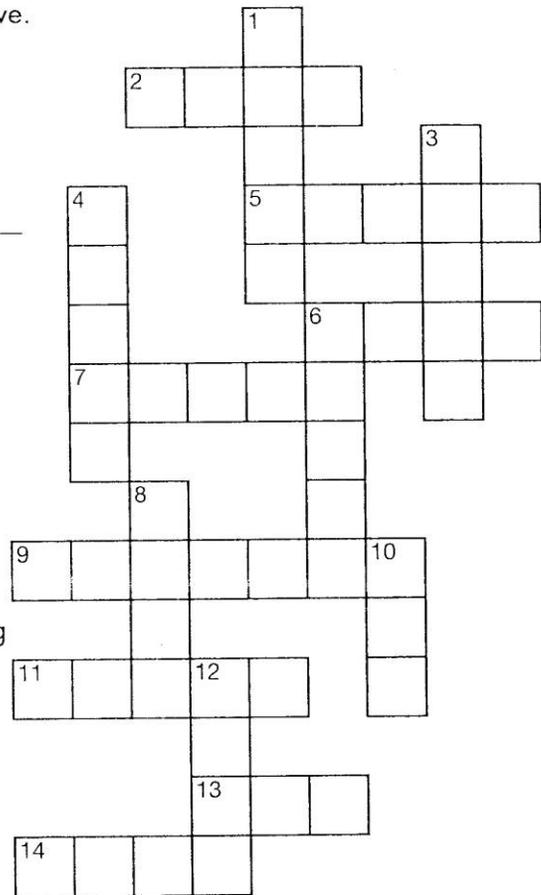
Put the missing word in each sentence in the crossword puzzle.

Across

2. Eve thought that the fruit would make her as wise as the _____ God.
5. A flaming _____ kept people from the tree of life.
6. Because our first parents sinned, they would die and become _____ again.
7. Adam blamed the _____ for his disobedience.
9. God made _____ for Adam and Eve.
11. After disobeying God, Adam and Eve realized they were _____.
13. _____ is the mother of all human beings.
14. The woman's punishment was _____ in giving birth.

Down

1. God said that the offspring of the woman would _____ the snake's head.
3. Adam and Eve were not to eat the _____ from a certain tree.
4. God punished the snake by making it _____.
6. Eve blamed the _____ for tempting her to eat what God had forbidden.
8. The man's punishment was to _____ hard to produce food.
10. The disobedience of Adam and Eve was the first _____.
12. Adam and Eve had to leave the Garden of _____.



Seek and Find: Look at pages 26 and 27 of your Bible. How many fruits are in the tree at the top of the story pages and in the box on the first page?