

Getting Ready for Chapter 7

Take Home



God Made Us to Be Good and Holy

In this chapter the children will learn that God made us to be loving people. By loving as Jesus did, we will recognize God's image in others and become holy. The children will also learn that God wants us to be happy with him forever in heaven.

ACTIVITY

God's Presence Explain to your child that God made us and that he is present in each of us. Make a poster with the title, "God is present in everyone." Help your child paste photos or drawings of family members and friends onto the poster. Label the pictures.

WEEKLY PLANNER

On Sunday

God is present in everyone in your parish community. Introduce yourselves to someone you have not yet met before.

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Saint of The Week



St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
(1774–1821)

Elizabeth Seton, a wife and mother, felt God's call to become a Catholic after her husband died. She became a teacher and opened the first Catholic girls' school in the U.S. in Maryland. Elizabeth Seton founded the Sisters of Charity. In 1975 she became the first American-born saint.

Feast Day: January 4



**A Prayer
for the
Week**

Dear God, guide us along the path to heaven. Help us trust in you and show our love for others by following the example of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton. Amen.

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Scripture Background

In the Time of Jesus

Scribes Scribes were Jewish men capable of reading and writing, who were experts in the law. They studied the Hebrew Scriptures, since they contained so much of the law of Israel. In the New Testament, scribes are often seen confronting Jesus on questions of the Mosaic Law. The scribe, or scholar of the law, in Luke's Gospel demonstrates his knowledge of the Book of Deuteronomy, where the Great Commandment is first found.

You can read about the Great Commandment in Luke 10:25–28 and in Deuteronomy 6:5.

OUR CATHOLIC TRADITION in Holy People

Saints Throughout history the Church has declared certain good and holy people saints. Most saints had ordinary lives before they became famous. They were dismissed or thought unusual by others for much of their lives. It was only after their deaths that their good works became known. Then the Church began the process that led to canonization.

All the saints had one thing in common. They lived out the Great Commandment found in the Gospel of Luke, by loving God and loving their neighbor as themselves.