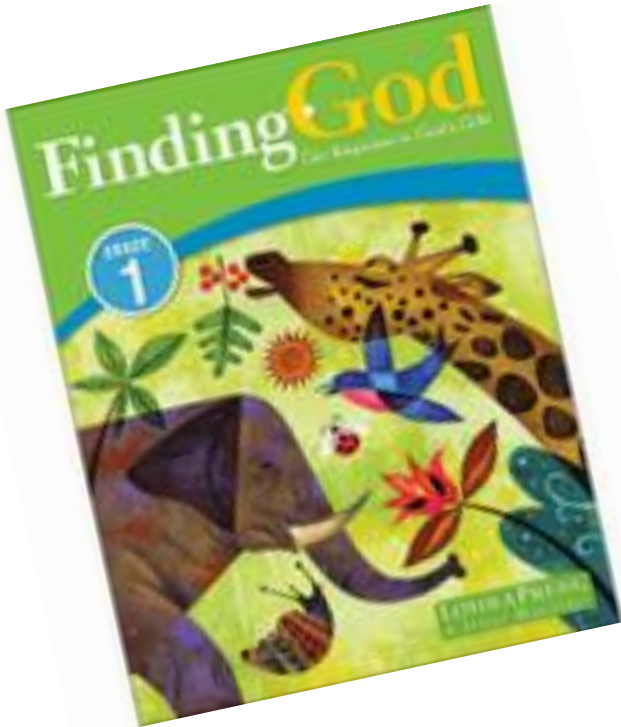


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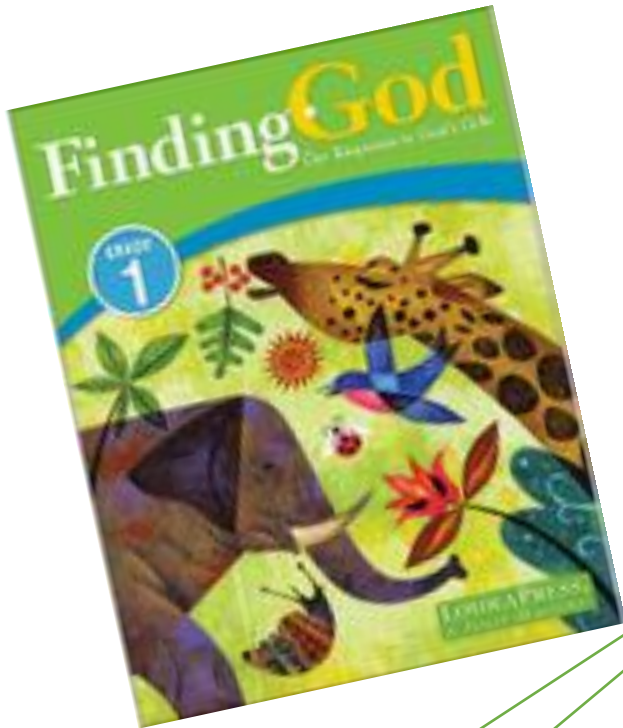
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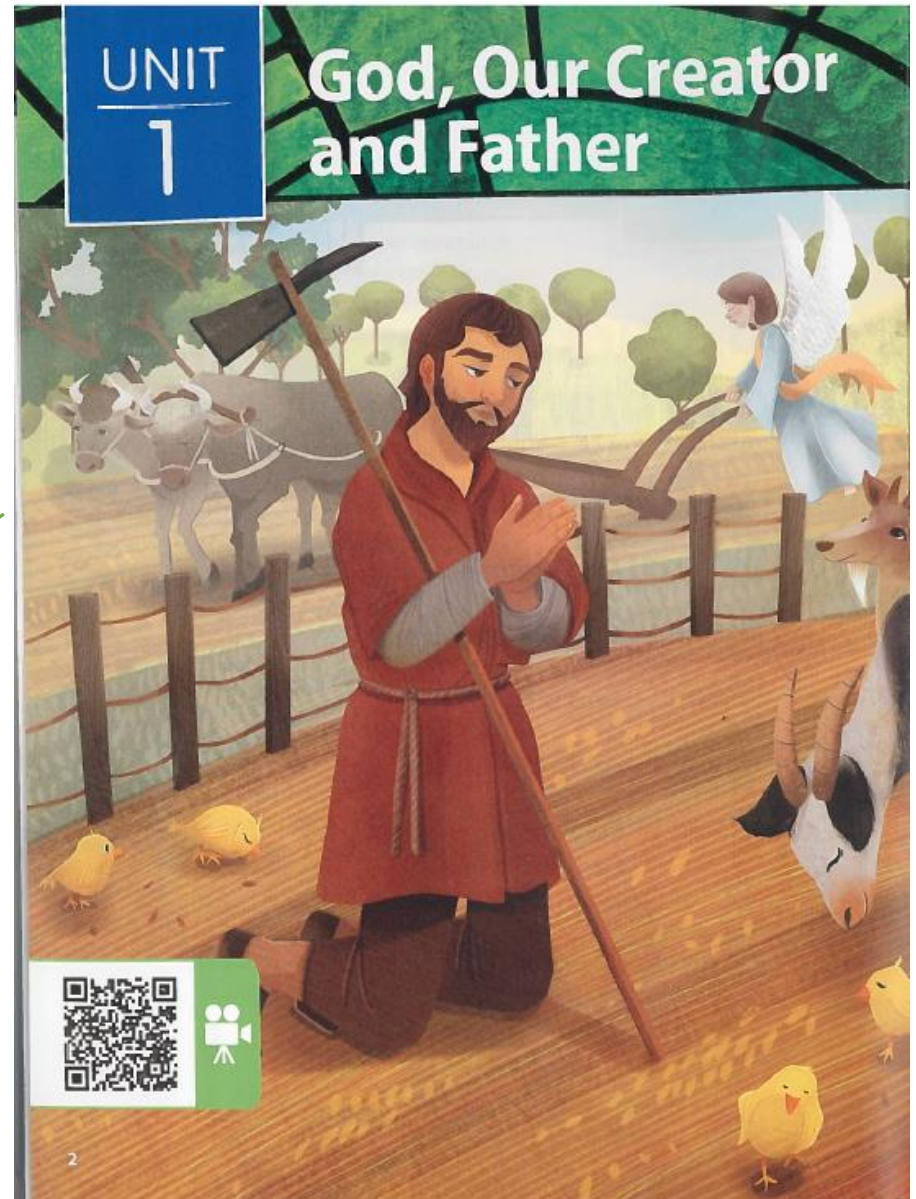
- Units are organized by topic
- Each unit begins with a saint story
- Always follow the calendar to determine which Session to focus on
- As much as possible, Session topics are similar across all grades during any given week
- The Session can be broken up throughout the week if necessary; see the information on Session sections on the following pages
- The With My Family section can be done at any time, even weeks later, as you are able

After the Session has been completed, the **Interactive Session Reviews** are completed by the child and emailed by the parent – please see the detailed instructions on completing the review in the Session Review portion of this document beginning on page 9

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A saint story  
begins each  
unit



# Finding God

## Saint Isidore the Farmer

Isidore lived in Madrid, Spain. He and his wife, Blessed Maria de la Cabeza, lived on a rich man's farm. Isidore took care of the man's land with love. While Isidore worked on the farm, he prayed to God. Angels often helped him with his chores.

Isidore suffered hard times, but he was always loving and caring. He was devoted to God and his work. Isidore cared for the earth, plants, and animals. He understood that it is important to care for all of creation. Although Isidore and his wife were poor, they shared what they had with others. They often gave food to those who were hungry.

Saint Isidore is the patron saint of farmers and laborers. We celebrate his feast day on May 15.



### Be Inspired

[Jesus] said. . . . "The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few; so ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest."

*Luke 10:2*



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## UNIT OPENER

### Labor of Love

Saint Isidore prayed while he worked. He had love in his heart. We can work with love in our hearts too. We can talk to God while we do our chores. Like Isidore, we can find joy in all of God's creation. When we think about God's goodness as we work and enjoy creation, our hearts are filled with love.



### Reading God's Word

Praise the LORD from the earth,  
Mountains and all hills,  
fruit trees and all cedars;  
Animals wild and tame,  
creatures that crawl and  
birds that fly.  
Hallelujah!

*Psalm 148:7,9-10,14*

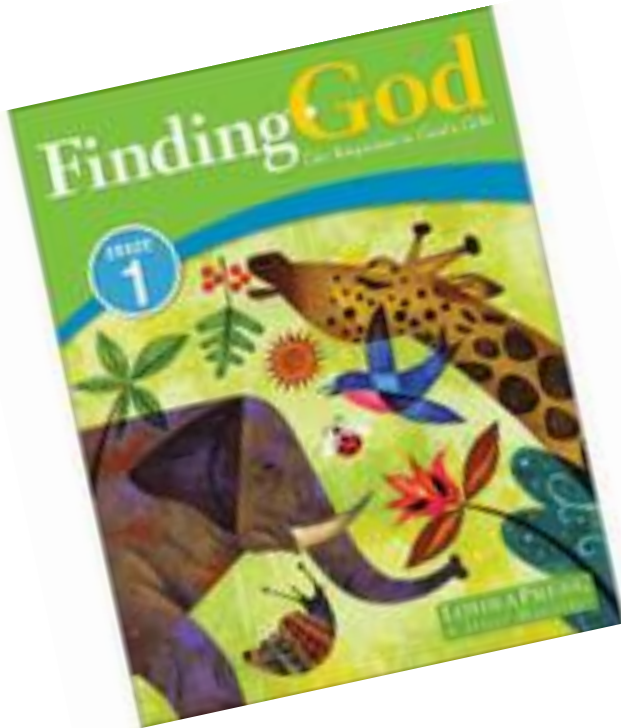


### ACTIVITY: Love and Kindness

Saint Isidore cared for the earth and was kind to animals. Draw a picture that shows you treating an animal with kindness.



# Finding God



Prayer to  
begin each  
session

# God Creates Us

SESSION 1



**GOD'S WORD**  
Read and listen to  
Genesis 1:26-27.



**God the Father creates everything** in our world, including people. He makes us like himself. Of all the wonderful and amazing creations in our world, we are closest to and the most like God. He loves and cares for us. God gave us the important job of taking care of his creation, just as he takes care of us. We can praise and thank God by treating all living things with love and respect. When we show love for God's creation, we are showing love for God.

 **Prayer**  
Dear God, thank you for making me and everyone I love. I will help care for your gift of creation.

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# Finding God

## Explore

### EXPLORE

#### Our Loving God

God our Father made the world and everything in it. All **creation** is a gift from God. We are thankful for all God has given us.

There is one God. God is Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. They make up the Three Persons of the Holy Trinity. God loves us and cares for us. He always stays close to us.



#### Reading God's Word

Everything created by God is good. *1 Timothy 4:4*



### EXPLORE

#### God's Blessings

People are the most important part of God's creation. God gave us the earth to live on, plants to eat, and animals to help us. God wants all people to love and care for one another and for the world he has created. God wants us to be **holy**. We can be holy because God loves us.

#### ACTIVITY: God's Blessings Help Us

Write one of God's blessings that helps you each day.

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\_\_\_\_\_

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#### Ready for the Sacraments

This year you will prepare to receive Holy Communion, the Sacrament of the **Eucharist**, for the first time. You will also prepare for the Sacrament of **Penance and Reconciliation**. As you learn about these special sacraments, remember God loves you and is always with you.

# Finding God

ART PRINT  
**1**

*Art Print 1 shows God's creatures of the air, land, and sea. How is God's creation a gift to us? How can we care for God's creation?*

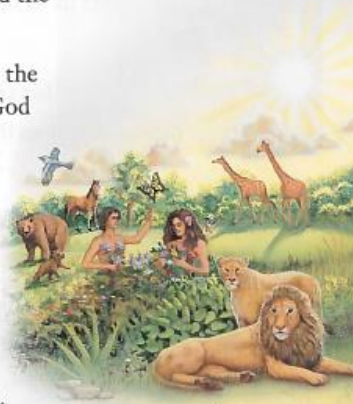
## God Made Heaven and Earth

The Book of Genesis tells us that at first, there was only God—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

God made the world. He made the sky, the sun, and the moon. He made the sea. God filled it with different kinds of fish. He made the land. He filled it with many kinds of animals.

Then God made a man and a woman. He blessed them and told them to have children. He told them to take good care of the earth.

God looked at everything he had made. God was pleased with all he had done.



### ACTIVITY: Taking Care of God's Earth

God created the sky, land, sea, and animals. Like the first man and woman, God wants us to take care of the earth. How do you show your family and friends that you take care of God's creation? Write one thing you do. Write one thing you see others do.

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Art Print

# Finding God

## Reflect

**REFLECT**

### Give Glory to God

God the Father is so wonderful. He makes everything around us. We pray that God will bless us in everything we do. One way we praise God is by praying the Glory Be to the Father.

Thank God for creating and loving you. Then pray the prayer below.

**Prayer**

**Glory Be to the Father**

Glory be to the Father  
and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit,  
as it was in the beginning  
is now, and ever shall be  
world without end.



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**REFLECT**

### Glorify God for Creation

We can see God's love in the beautiful world he creates for us. We give God glory for his creation.

**ACTIVITY: Thanks and Praise to God**

Talk to God in your heart. Give him thanks and praise for his creation. Then draw a picture of something in God's creation that you love and enjoy.



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# Finding God

## Respond

### RESPOND

#### Living My Faith

##### Faith Summary

Because he loves us, God the Father made all things in heaven and on earth. God's creation is good. God wants us to take care of creation.



##### Prayer

Dear God, help me to appreciate everything you have made.

##### Words I Learned

creation

Eucharist

holy

Penance and Reconciliation

##### Ways of Being Like Jesus

Jesus loves us and everything that God the Father makes. *Show love and kindness toward people, animals, and the earth.*



##### ACTIVITY: Praise God for Creation

We praise God when we enjoy the things he has made and the gifts he has given us. Tell about your favorite things in God's creation. Complete the sentences below.

God's creation is so amazing!

A plant I like is \_\_\_\_\_

My favorite animal is \_\_\_\_\_

A person I love is \_\_\_\_\_

## At Home

### AT HOME

#### With My Family

##### Scripture Together

God the Father creates us to be in relationship with him and to reflect his glory. He gives us this beautiful world. God's gifts in creation show how much he loves us.

As a family, read **Genesis 1:27-30**. When you have finished, discuss the Scripture using the following questions to guide you:

- What gifts in creation does God give to us?
- What is the meaning of this phrase: "God makes us in his image?"
- How can you take better care of others and all of God's gifts?

##### Ready for the Sacraments

Talk about the sacraments of the Eucharist and Reconciliation.

##### ACTIVITY: Creation Walk

Take a family walk at a park or a nature preserve. Enjoy God's creation and give thanks for your time together.



##### Family Prayer

###### Pray together:

Dear God, bless our family. Help us care for one another and everything you create. Amen.





# Finding God – Interactive Session Review

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When all Session activities have been completed, children should click on the **Interactive Session Review** link in the weekly guide on their grade-level page.

The review should be completed by the child and returned to Saint Anne Faith Formation as follows:

- See a sample Session Review in the pages that follow this one
- In the **To Address** box, enter the parent email address followed by the Saint Anne Faith Formation address as follows:  
youremail@provider.com,stannefaithformation@stannebarrington.org
- Be careful to follow your email address with ***a comma and no space*** before entering our address: [stannefaithformation@stannebarrington.org](mailto:stannefaithformation@stannebarrington.org)
- In the **From** box, your child should type their first and last name.
- Parents, please watch for the email to come to you and save it in a folder in your email for the entire formation year. We will ask you to forward those results to us in the event that we do not receive them.

# Finding God – Interactive Session Review

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## Finding God

Our Response to God's Gifts

### Grade 1, Session 1 Review

**True/False:** Click on the correct answer.

**Multiple-Choice:** Click on the correct answer. If your answer is incorrect, you will get a hint. Then you can try again.

**Fill in the Blank:** Use your keyboard to type the answer. When you type each correct letter, it will appear in the box. You can click on the button for a hint if you are stuck.

Try for a perfect score! You can send your score by e-mail. You can also download a study guide for this chapter when you are finished.

Begin

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## Question 2

When we pray, we \_\_\_\_ with God.



Score

100

Enter the missing 4 letter word below.

[Need a Hint?](#)

# Finding God – Interactive Session Review

## Question 2

When we pray, we \_\_\_\_ with God.

**Correct!**

**Score**

**200**

**The correct answer is:**

**TALK**

Through prayer we talk to God and listen to him in our hearts.

[Continue](#)

# Finding God – Interactive Session Review

**WAY TO GO!**

**Here's how you did:**

**Score: 800**

**You got: 8 out of 8 correct.**

[Continue](#)

# Finding God – Interactive Session Review

## Checkpoint

How well do you understand these things? Rate yourself by typing a number in each box. The guide below will help you decide which number to choose.

- 1 - I know it very well.
- 2 - I know it, but I have some questions.
- 3 - I do not know it.

God is the Creator of all people and all things.

We can show God our love.

Type your question below (optional):

Continue

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## E-mail Your Results

To e-mail address:

From (first and last name):

[Send e-mail](#)

[Take Review Again](#)

[Exit Review](#)

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