Jesus, the Son of God

GRADE 7

CHAPTER 1 Study Guide

Keep these ideas in mind as you study ***Chapter 1****.*

God created everything out of his goodness, and everything reflects God's goodness in its own unique way. The whole of the material world has been created for your good. That means you are to see what God has given you as a gift to be cared for and to be used wisely.

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We were made in God's image. God created humans to share in his truth, goodness, and beauty. With your intellect and free will you can make decisions and judgments. Each day you can choose God or selfishness. Because you have this freedom, you are responsible for your actions.

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You cannot change your heredity. You cannot control many things in your physical environment. But you can control the friends you choose, the books you read, and the TV shows you watch. More importantly, you can control your reactions and attitudes.

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Jesus is always with you, supporting you, calling you to be his disciple, and leading you to the Father. The key to knowing yourself and becoming the person God created you to be is to know Jesus.

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Jesus calls us to follow him. Beginning with the first disciples until today, Jesus has revealed the Kingdom of God and teaches us to follow his Father's will.

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Christians believe in the mystery of the Trinity, which is three Persons in one God—God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. These divine Persons are equal and work together, existing in a community of love.

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The mystery of the Son of God taking on our human nature without loss of his divinity is called the Incarnation (*in* + *carn* = in the flesh). The Incarnation began with Jesus' conception through the power of the Holy Spirit.

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The Paschal Mystery is the work of salvation accomplished by Jesus Christ through his suffering, Death, Resurrection, and Ascension. By taking our sins upon himself and dying and rising, Jesus ended the power of sin and death over us.

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