In a Changing World

GRADE 8

CHAPTER 17 Study Guide

Keep these ideas in mind as you study ***Chapter 17****.*

In the 16th century, scientists discovered that the earth and other planets revolve around the sun. This and other discoveries during the Age of Enlightenment in the 1700s led to a belief that God was not involved in the world. As Catholics, we understand that the words we pray, "Our Father who art in heaven," describe God's amazing presence in our hearts and not in some distant place.

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Vincent de Paul realized that detachment from material goods is necessary to truly love God and others and that it is a privilege to serve those who are poor. Vincent remained friends with rich and influential people so that they could help those in need. With the help of Louise de Marillac, Vincent de Paul founded the Daughters of Charity, made up of religious sisters who cared for those who were sick and poor.

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The French Revolution attacked not only the existing government but also the Church, which supported the government.

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Saint Julie Billiart was a remarkable woman who founded a community dedicated to teaching children who were poor.

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In the 1700s, many people began to think that we could solve all of humanity's issues scientifically. These people are called *rationalists.* Their philosophy is known as *rationalism.* During the Age of Enlightenment, some people went as far as to deny the existence of God—a belief called *atheism.*

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In 1868, Pope Pius IX convened the First Vatican Council to define the Church and discuss its role in the rapidly changing world.

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The Fourth Commandment tells us to honor our parents, but it also calls us to respect legitimate authority. We should help those in authority build a society that is just and truthful. We should work to help provide all people with what they need for human decency. We should not follow orders that are contrary to the Gospel.

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