

God Is the Giver of Gifts

FOCUS: In this chapter, you will be helping your child to understand that we were made like God and given many gifts.

Poets capture in words the wonder of the world and the vitality of life. Their sensitivity to sights, sounds, and feelings helps us see familiar things in new ways and increases our awareness of the greatness of God.

The psalmist, reflecting on how the human person surpasses the other marvels of creation, says

When I see your heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and stars that you set in place—
What are humans that you are mindful of them,
mere mortals that you care for them?
Yet you have made them little less than a god,
crowned them with glory and honor.
You have given them rule over the works of your hands,
put all things at their feet:

Psalm 8:4–7

Scripture in This Chapter

Psalm 139:14 Psalm of Praise
Mark 16:15 Share the Gospel.

Catechism of the Catholic Church

299, 301, 355–358, 422

In this chapter, help your child to

- ✦ describe the gifts of God's love that are experienced each day.
- ✦ explain that God's love is known through the love of the people in their lives.
- ✦ explain that God's gifts are for sharing.
- ✦ explain that we are made in the image of God.
- ✦ describe God's never-failing care for creation.

Word Your Child Should Know

- ✦ Trinity

Key Terms for Your Information

- ✦ angels—creatures God made that are pure spirits
- ✦ creation—everything God made
- ✦ image—a likeness; something that is like another thing in form