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- (b) most readily comprehended at the third-grade level,
- (c) most essential to the unity, not only of the textbook for Grade Three, but of the Series as a whole.

The Catechism Questions and Answers are given in their logical place within the explanatory text of this book. To facilitate their use for review and other purposes they are also given in their numerical order at the end of this book under the title "Truths I shall remember."

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Finally the Index of Contents presents the Unit and topical subject-matter with page reference.

THE AUTHORS



Lord, help us to live in Your grace.

Living in God's Grace

Almighty God is good. He wished to share His heaven with people. So, He made Adam, Eve, and all the rest of us.

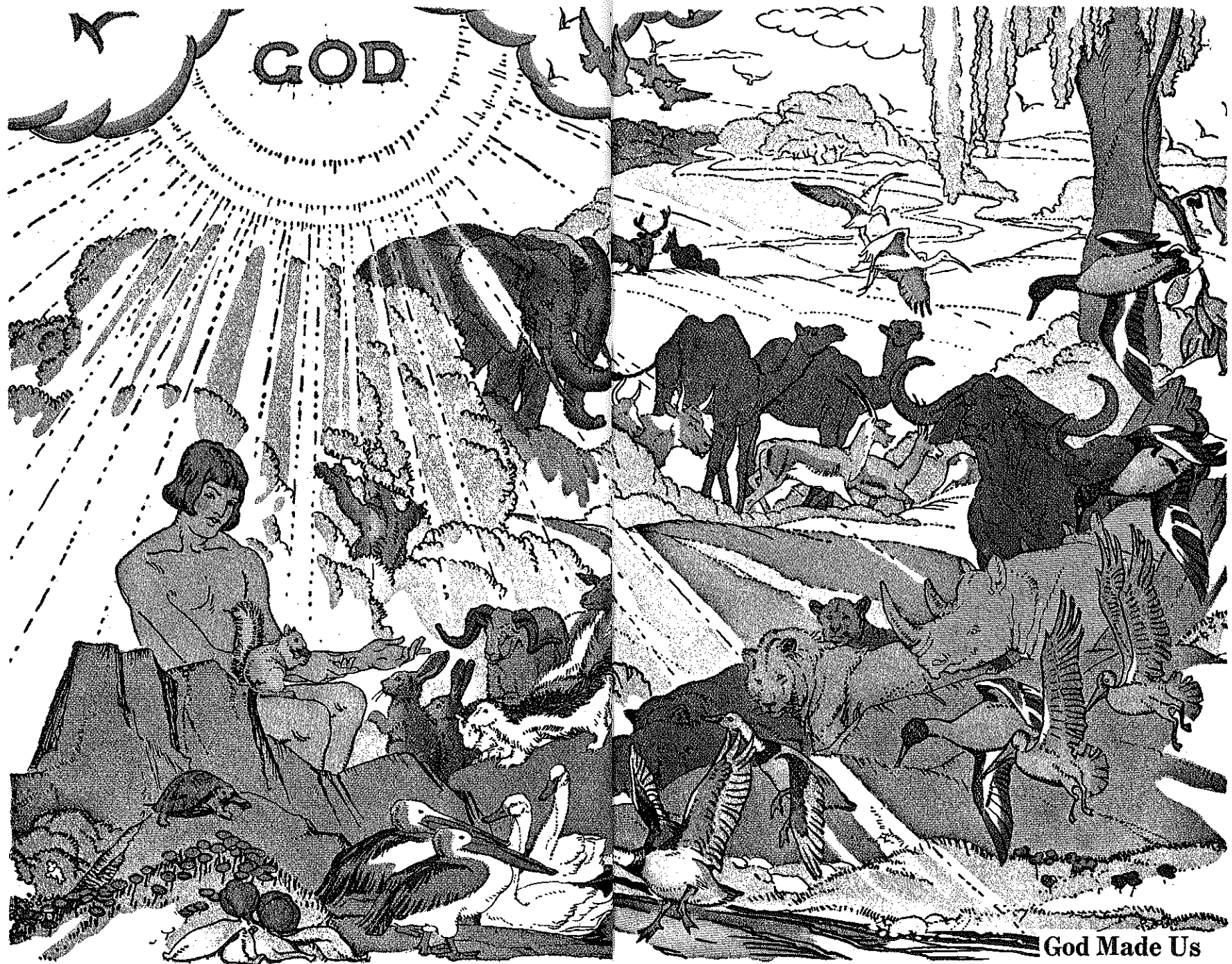
God gave a wonderful gift to the first man. It was the grace that makes our souls holy and able to live in heaven.

God really wished all of Adam's children to have this wonderful gift. He wished each one of us to live with Him in joy forever. So, God promised to give each of us His holy grace if our father, Adam, would do right.

But Adam sinned. He lost his grace and we have no grace when we are born.

The Son of God came from heaven to save us from sin and to help us get the grace that Adam lost.

Our Lord lived for us, taught us, and died for us. He gave us the Catholic Church and the sacraments. He lives with us in the Blessed Sacrament. He helps us to live in God's holy grace and to win heaven.



GOD

God Made Us



Our Maker

Long long ago, before there were any hills or fields or rivers or oceans, God was thinking of us. He was planning to share His life with us.

God's plan was good. We were to live somewhere outside heaven for a while. We were to prove that we loved God. Then He was going to take us to live with Him in heavenly joy forever.

When the time came, God made this world. It was to be our home while we were proving our love for God.

He put into our world everything we need for our food, clothing, and homes.

He filled our world with beauty: wild roses climbing the hills, woolly clouds floating in the gay blue sky, sunshine tagging shadows in and out among the willows by the river.

He filled our land with music: robins in the cherry trees, mocking birds in the pines.

He filled our woods and fields with animals: lions, tigers, chipmunks, deer, all as friendly as dogs and ponies.

When this wonderful home was ready, God made Adam and Eve. Since then, He has made all the people, even down to you and me.

Who made us?
God made us.

Our Creator

We need to know the meaning of three words: create, Creator, creature. They tell us wonderful things about God, the angels' world, our world, and ourselves.

To create means to make a thing from nothing at all. We can make a toy airplane from paper or wood or tin. We cannot make an airplane from nothing at all. We cannot create things. Only God can do that.

Creator means one who creates. In the beginning, God created all things. God is the Creator.

A creature is a thing that God made from nothing. The angels, the sun, moon, stars, earth, air, water, plants, animals, people, all are God's creatures.

create —to make a thing from nothing.

Creator —the One who creates—God.

creature—anything that was created, everything that God has made.

Ourselves

You and I and all the other people in the world are God's creatures.

A hundred years ago, where were you and I? Nowhere! What were we? Nothing!

But long before the first stars shone in God's sky, He was thinking of us. God was planning to share His joy with us forever.

When your turn came, God said: "Live!" and your life began.

When my turn came, God said: "Live!" and my life began.

God created all the people in this way, and so each of us is a creature.

Sometimes we use the word "man" instead of the word "people." Then the word "man" does not mean "a man." It means every man, woman, and child—everybody.

"Man is a creature" means "Everybody is a creature."

Man is a creature.

The word "composed" means "made up."
Each of us is composed of two things: a body and a soul.

Your body has eyes, ears, hands, and many other useful parts. Your soul cannot be seen because it is a spirit; but your soul makes you able to see, hear, think, talk, and do whatever else you do.

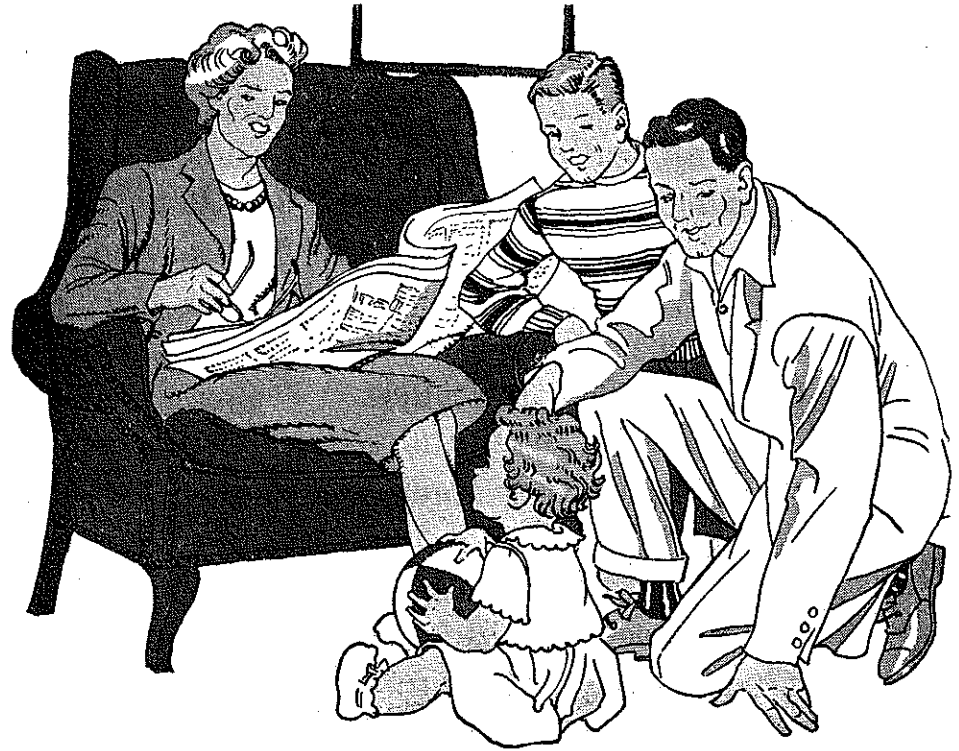
If you have a thorn in your toe, your hands pick up the foot. Your eyes find the thorn. Your fingers pull it out.

The thorn is in your body. Your soul makes you able to find the thorn, pull it out, and stop the pain.

The soul makes the body live. When God takes the soul away, the body dies. But, on the Last Day, God will send each soul back into its body. Then all the people will live again, body and soul, forever.

What is man?

Man is a creature
composed of body and soul.



"Look!" cried Michael. "Baby's eyes are blue just like Father's and mine."

"That is the truth," smiled Grandmother. "Baby is going to be the image of his father."

"I'll tell you something better still. Even now, Baby is the image of God, Our Father in Heaven. So are you, I, and all the other people in the world."

"God is the Spirit who created us. Our souls are spirits which He made from nothing. He made us like Himself."

“God knows all things. We can know many holy truths about God and heaven.

“God can say, ‘I will!’ and ‘I will not!’ He has a free will. We can say, ‘I will!’ and ‘I will not!’ We have free wills, also. God gave us free wills so that we could choose to do right and win heaven.

“God always lived and He will live forever. When our time came, God said: ‘Live!’ Then we began to live and we shall go on living forever. If we love and serve God we shall live forever in the joy of the Lord.

“God made us like Himself in four ways: He is a spirit; our souls are spirits. He can know; we can know. He has free will; we have free will. He will live forever; we shall live forever. God is all-good; He made us to His image and likeness.”

What is man?

Man is a creature
composed of body and soul, and
made to the image and likeness
of God.

The sun is all-light. When it rises the night slips away, and the sunshine spreads everywhere, over fields and rivers, into streets and windows, gaily helping everyone.

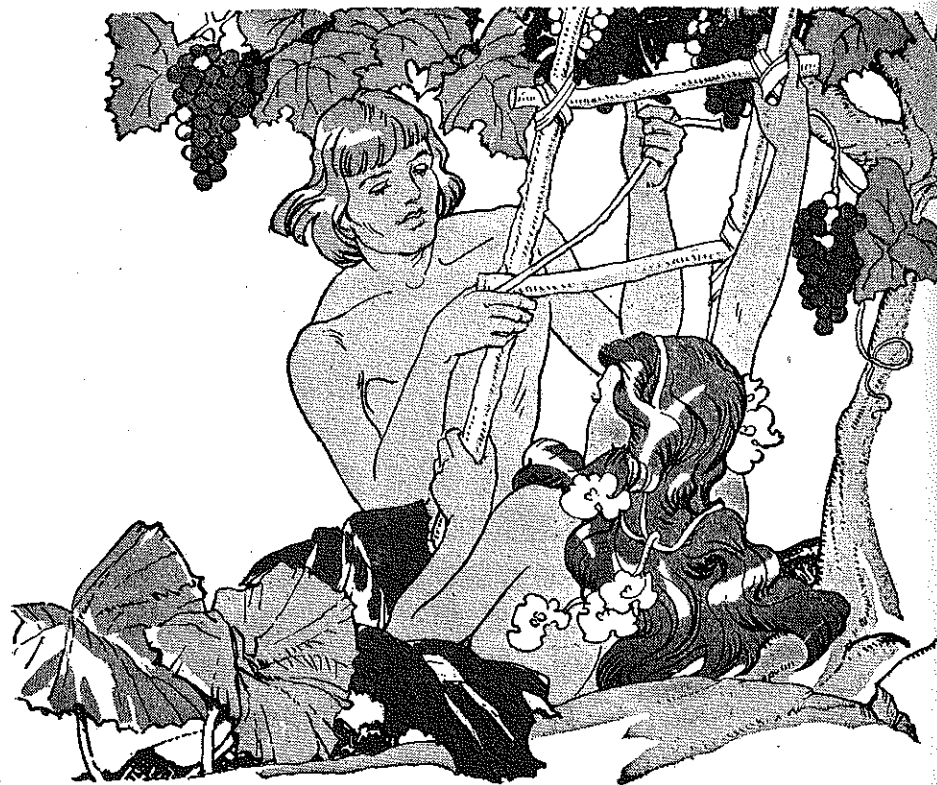
God is all-good. His goodness spreads everywhere. It is brighter, stronger, more kindly than the sunshine. It never goes away for His goodness is everlasting.

God made us because He is all-good. He made us to show forth His goodness to us.

God could have kept His goodness for Himself, alone. He did not. He made us so that He could share His joys with us.

Why did God make us?

God made us
to show forth His goodness
and
to share with us
His everlasting happiness
in heaven.



God's Gifts to Adam and Eve

Adam and Eve were the first man and woman. God gave them perfect bodies and souls. He gave them a home in Paradise.

They were healthy, strong, and full of life. They never had toothache, bruises, or any other kind of pain.

Best of all they had the gift of God's holy grace. That gift made it easy for them to be good.

All these gifts came to Adam and Eve from the loving kindness of God, and He was ready to do far more. He was planning to share the joys of His heaven with them if they would be good.

To win heaven, Adam and Eve had to do the same three things which we must do: know, love, and serve God.

They knew God better than we can know Him, for God used to talk to Adam and Eve as they walked in the Garden of Paradise.

Now it was time for them to prove that they loved God and would serve Him always.

What must we do
to gain the happiness of heaven?
To gain the happiness of heaven
we must know,
love,
and
serve God
in this world.

Every good thing that we can see, hear, or touch, is a gift of God. Skies at sunset, violets down by the water, apples, peaches, oranges, glad songs, cool winds in summer, snug blankets in winter, all these things come to us from the goodness of God. We call them natural gifts of God.

Grace is far above, far higher than, any natural gift. "Super" means "above" or "higher." Grace is a supernatural gift.

Adam had better eyes, ears, hands, and feet than we have; but he could not climb to heaven just by using them. He needed a supernatural help from God to make him able to know, love, and serve God.

Adam needed grace to help him win heaven. We, too, need grace to help us save our souls. So God, in His goodness, is willing to give us all the grace we need.

What is grace?

Grace is a supernatural gift of God which helps us to save our souls.

The Grace We Must Have

All graces help us to save our souls, but there is one grace we must have. We cannot go to heaven unless we have it.

When God created us, He said: "Live!" Then our souls began to live. God gave us our natural life. He made us able to live in this world.

When God gives us sanctifying grace, He does something greater. He gives us a new and far higher kind of life. He gives us our supernatural life. He makes us able to live in heaven.

This new life of grace is holy. It makes our souls holy.

When our souls are holy, they are very pleasing to all-holy God.

Sanctifying grace

makes our souls holy and pleasing to God.

God is our Creator. He gives us our natural life. So everybody, every child of Adam, black or white, yellow or red, good or bad, is a child of our Heavenly Father.

But God does much more. He gives us our supernatural life, sanctifying grace.

This grace makes us His own dearly-loved children, His adopted children. Then God is our Father, Jesus Christ is our Brother, Mary is our mother, and so we really belong in God's family. He takes loving care of us now and He will share His heavenly home with us if we live as God's children should.

Adam was the first of God's adopted sons. God gave him sanctifying grace, the Garden of Paradise, and many other wonderful gifts. God promised to give him heaven if he would act as a good son should; but Adam sinned.

If Adam had kept his grace, we would have been born the adopted children of God.

Sanctifying grace
makes us adopted children of God.

When God gives us sanctifying grace, the Holy Ghost comes to live in us. The Holy Ghost makes our souls beautiful. He makes us His own holy temples.

A temple is a beautiful and most holy place where people worship God. Many temples shine with gold and jewels but the one God likes best is a loving soul.

Every time we do a kind act or say a kind word or pray, the Holy Ghost is more pleased than if we gave Him all the gold and jewels in the world.

God helps us do these things. He makes our little acts good enough to win for us more and more of the joys of heaven.

The Holy Ghost came into the soul of Adam as soon as he began to live. If Adam had kept his grace, each one of us would have been born a little temple of God.

Sanctifying grace
makes us temples of the Holy Ghost.

Sanctifying grace makes us children of God. A child has a right to live in his father's home. Sanctifying grace gives us the right to live in our Heavenly Father's home—heaven.

God gave Adam sanctifying grace. He promised to give it to all Adam's children if Adam obeyed, but Adam did not obey.

If Adam had kept his grace, we would have been born holy, pleasing to God, adopted children of God, and temples of the Holy Ghost. We would have had a right to heaven.

What does sanctifying grace do for us?

Sanctifying grace:

- first,
makes us holy
and pleasing to God;
- second,
makes us adopted children of God;
- third,
makes us temples
of the Holy Ghost;
- fourth,
gives us the right to heaven.



God's Helping Grace

Suppose Mother said, "Go to the store and buy a loaf of bread for lunch."

You have two feet and a tongue. You can get the bread. You can do that with the natural powers God has put in your body and your soul. It is a natural act.

Mother may give you a cookie, an apple, or some other natural thing as a reward.

Natural acts may win natural rewards.

Suppose you think: "God has told me to obey my mother lovingly and well. I will go to the store because I ought to go."

You are serving God—not just going to a store. You are doing something really good. God will give you a reward for it.

Serving God is a higher-than-natural act, a supernatural act. God will give you a heavenly reward, an increase in heavenly joy. That will bring you more happiness than all the money in this world can buy.

You cannot do a supernatural act by yourself. Even the Blessed Virgin could not do that. But God will help you to do many supernatural acts every day if you ask Him to help you.

God will give you a supernatural help. It is called actual grace.

What is actual grace?

Actual grace is
a supernatural help of God.

Our natural acts, alone, are not good enough to win heavenly rewards; but our acts plus actual grace are good enough to win the joys that last forever and ever.

We do hundreds of natural acts every day—rising, washing, dressing, working, playing, walking, running, laughing, singing, talking, even thinking.

We forget God but God never forgets us. The Holy Ghost came to live in our souls so that He could help us. If we really want His grace, He will make every one of our common little acts beautiful and fit to be offered to Almighty God.

We can talk to the Holy Ghost like this: "Dear God, I want to obey my parents, do my work in school, be fair and kind at playtime, and do all that You want me to do. Please help me. Please make everything I think, say, or do count for heaven."

The Morning Offering is the prayer which asks for this very grace. Let us say it well every day.

Short prayers like this are helpful, too: "All for Thee, sweet Jesus!"

While you were reading the last page did you think something like this?

“How many heavenly rewards I could get if I really tried! God is good! He will help me! I am going to try!”

If you did, the Holy Ghost was giving you another actual grace that very minute; and you were making good use of it, too.

The Holy Ghost was helping you to see what you should do.

You saw and then you said, “I will do it!” The Holy Ghost helped you to say that, too.

God helped you to see. He turned on a light in your mind so that you could see well. He enlightened your mind.

God turned on the light of actual grace. It gave your mind a supernatural light so that you could see how to serve God.

Actual grace enlightened your mind.

Actual grace
enlightens our mind.

This happened to Peter Conway the other day, but something like it has happened to you, hasn't it?

Peter's father was angry and he said: “Did you break my watch? Tell the truth! God loves honest children but he hates lies and so do I.”

Peter was afraid. It was father's best watch. Peter took it to time Joe's pulse when they were playing wounded-fireman. The watch slipped and crashed on the sidewalk.

He knew he had done wrong. Of course he did not mean to break the watch, but he should not have taken it.

Peter knew he should tell the truth. He wanted to be honest but he was afraid, much afraid.

Suddenly Peter felt stronger and he said: “Yes, Dad, I did it. I'm sorry.”

The Holy Ghost was helping Peter. First, God turned on the light of grace.

Peter saw clearly what he should do—tell the truth. He wanted to be honest. He chose to tell the truth. He chose to do right, but he was afraid to do it.

Then the Holy Ghost helped Peter again.
God turned on the strength of grace.

And Peter told the truth.

He could have done right at first because God always gives enough grace; but Peter was slipping; and God, in His goodness, gave him more help, more strength.

God is always helping us. His holy grace comes quietly into our souls just when we need it. The more we need the more He gives.

First, God helps us to see what is right. Then He helps us to do right but He never makes us do right. He lets us choose.

We have free will. We can always say, "I will do right!" and we can do it, too, because God helps us. He turns on the strength of grace for us. He makes our will strong. He gives us actual grace and it strengthens our will.

Actual grace
strengthens our will.

When we pray, obey our parents, say kind words, help people, act honestly, we are doing good things. Actual grace helps us to do good.

If we do what we know is wrong, we sin. We do something evil. "Avoid" means "keep away from." God helps us to avoid evil by giving us actual grace.

What is actual grace?

Actual grace is
a supernatural help of God
which
enlightens our mind
and
strengthens our will
to do good
and
to avoid evil.

How many kinds of grace are there?

There are two kinds of grace:
sanctifying grace and actual grace.



God's Command

God is all-good. When He says: "Do this!" He is pointing out the best thing to do. He is telling us how to get real happiness now and everlasting joy by and by.

God is all-wise. When He says: "Do that!" He is pointing out the wisest way to act.

God is our Heavenly Father. He will let us share His home forever if we prove that we love Him as good children should.

Long ago in the beginning, God made the first man and woman; and He proved His love for them in wonderful ways.

The time came for Adam and Eve to prove their love for God by obeying His holy command.

Then Almighty God said:

"Of every tree of Paradise thou shalt eat. But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat.

"For in what day soever thou shalt eat of it, thou shalt die the death."

Who were the first man and woman?

The first man and woman
were Adam and Eve.

What commandment did God give
Adam and Eve?

God gave Adam and Eve
the commandment
not to eat of the fruit
of a certain tree
that grew
in the Garden of Paradise.

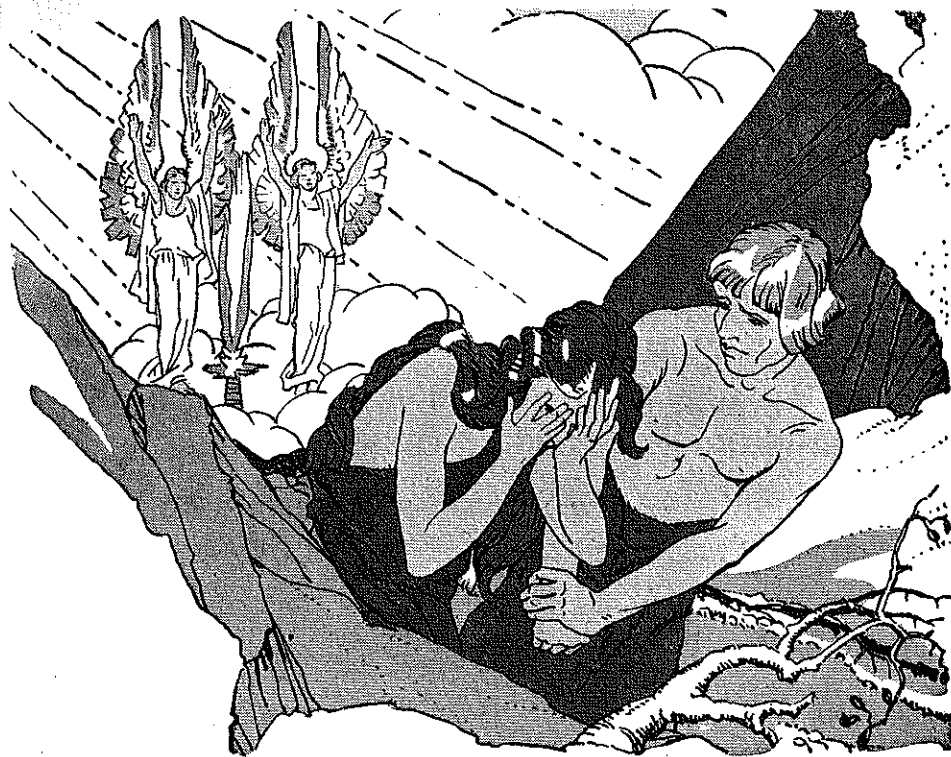
God had promised to let Adam and Eve and all their children live in Paradise if they obeyed. But one day the devil came into the garden and said to Eve, "Why doesn't God let you eat from every tree?"

Eve answered: "We do eat the fruit from the trees in Paradise. But in the middle of the garden there is one. God commanded us not to eat from it, not even to touch it, because we shall die if we do."

"No, you will not die," lied the devil. "God knows that if you eat that fruit, your eyes will be opened. You will be like gods knowing good and evil."

Eve believed the devil's lie. She ate the forbidden fruit. Then she gave some to Adam and he ate it.

Did Adam and Eve obey
the commandment of God?
Adam and Eve did not obey
the commandment of God,
but ate of the forbidden fruit.



God told the truth. He always does.

The devil told a lie. He always does.

Before Adam and Eve sinned, they knew about God and goodness. They were strong and happy. Their home was Paradise. They had the new life of grace which made them holy and pleasing to God. They were His dear children and had a right to heaven.

After Adam and Eve sinned, they knew about the devil and sin, sorrow and shame, sickness, pain, and death.

The moment Adam and Eve sinned, the holy life of grace died out of their souls. All their sanctifying grace was gone.

The Holy Ghost would not live in souls that were black with deadly sin. He went away and they were no longer His temples.

Adam and Eve were no longer God's dear children. They had no right to heaven.

Then they were driven out of that lovely garden, and angels with a flaming spirit-sword came to guard the place, so that Adam and Eve could never go back again.

What happened to Adam and Eve
on account of their sin?

On account of their sin

Adam and Eve lost
sanctifying grace

and

the right to heaven

and

were driven

from the Garden of Paradise.

Adam's Children

All of us—men and women, boys and girls, black, white, red, brown, and yellow—all of us are the children of Adam.

When we are born, we have a life in our bodies and in our souls. We can move, cry, smile, drink milk, and sleep. We have the kind of life that we need to live on this earth as children of Adam.

But, when we are born, we have none of the holy life of grace in our souls. We cannot do even one tiny act that is holy. We have none of the kind of life we need to live as children of God, either on this earth or in heaven.

If Adam had kept his grace, each one of us would have been born with God's holy grace in our souls; but Adam sinned. He lost his grace, and we are born without grace.

On account of the sin of Adam
we come into this world
without grace.

Sanctifying grace and all the other wonderful blessings of Paradise were God's free gift. Adam did not have any natural right to grace and neither do we.

Adam sinned and lost grace, so we come into this world without grace, and we have the disgrace and troubles his sin brought on us.

This sin in us is called original sin.

**What has happened to us
on account of the sin of Adam?**

On account of the sin of Adam
we come into the world
without grace,
and
we inherit his punishment.

What is this sin called in us?

This sin in us is called
original sin.



Mary Immaculate

The word "immaculate" means "without a spot or a stain." An Easter lily is pure white. It is immaculate. The snow as it drifts down from heaven is beautiful and clean. It is immaculate.

Our Lady's soul was more pure and spotless than any lily. It was more beautiful and clean than the gently falling snow. Her soul was immaculate.

Our Lady's soul was pure. There never was a spot or a stain of sin in her; but, always, her soul was beautiful, holy, and full of heavenly grace.

From the first moment of her life to the day she died, Mary's soul was sinless.

Original sin never stained her soul, because God would not let Adam's sin harm the one who was going to be His mother.

Actual sin never stained her soul, because always, every moment that she lived, Mary was trying her best to obey all God's laws. She never sinned.

The Blessed Virgin Mary was the holiest person ever made by God.

Was any human person ever free
from original sin?
The Blessed Virgin Mary was free
from original sin,
and
this favor is called
her Immaculate Conception.

God's Mercy

God helped our first parents to be sorry for their sin. Then He gave them His holy grace again. He told them to obey God's law and wait until the Saviour came.

Adam and Eve, their children, and all their children's children were in trouble; but God's promise comforted them.

They had to work hard to make a living because their beautiful home was gone.

Thorns and thistles grew out of the earth instead of fruits, grains, vegetables, and other useful things. They had to think and think, and try-try-again, before they learned how to make food-plants grow.

Often they were sick or in pain because Adam had eaten the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. Then they would remember that God had said: "In what day soever thou shalt eat of it, thou shalt die the death."

Often they fell into sin. Bad sons gave their fathers much sorrow. Selfish girls were very unkind to their own mothers. Many wrong things were done.

It was not easy for them to be good because Adam had lost the gift that made it easy to be good.

But God's people hoped in Him. They knew that He would not leave them alone in their trouble. He would not abandon man.

Adam's children remembered God's promise. They knew that, some day, God would send a Saviour.

He would free them from their sins. He would reopen the gates of heaven.

So they trusted in God's promise and they waited for the Saviour to come.

**Did God abandon man
after Adam fell into sin?
God did not abandon man
after Adam fell into sin,
but promised
to send into this world a Saviour
to free man from his sins
and
to reopen to him the gates of heaven.**

Our Saviour

Long ago, the children of Adam used to think and talk about this Saviour who was coming. They hoped that He would be a good, brave, and strong king; but, when the time came, the Blessed Trinity sent Someone far greater than any earthly king.

God the Father loved us so much that He sent His only Son, the second Person of the Blessed Trinity, Our Lord Jesus Christ, to be our Saviour.

Now, we shall learn how God the Son came from heaven, lived in our world, taught us the truth, and died on the cross for Adam's sin and for our sins, also. We shall see how He won back the grace that old Adam lost and reopened the gates of heaven. We shall learn to know and love Our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

**Who is the Saviour of all men?
The Saviour of all men is Jesus Christ.**

Exercises and Tests

We exercise our muscles to make them quick and strong. We want our minds to be quick and strong so that we can learn to know, love, and serve God and so win heaven. These exercises will help us.

After each exercise there is a test. We test ourselves. If we make any mistakes, we exercise our minds again; we study. Then we try the test once more. As soon as we are perfect in the first test, we are ready to begin the next exercise, and so on.

At the end of this book there are some important words arranged under the letters of the alphabet.

A B C D E F G H I J K L M
N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

We look under "A" for words beginning with "a," under "B" for words beginning with "b," and so on.

First Exercise

Part I

Look in the list of important words. It is in the back of the book. Find "C." Under "C" find these words:

create
Creator
creature

See if you understand what they mean.

Part II

Study this short way of giving their meaning:

create —make a thing from nothing.
creates —makes a thing from nothing.
created —made a thing from nothing.
Creator —the One who makes things from nothing: God.
creature—anything made from nothing, everything made by God.

Cover the items on the right side with a card. See if you know what each word means.

First Test

Part I

Read these sentences putting in the correct words. Then write the sentences. Try to do very neat work.

God was all alone. There was nothing at all but God. Then the Lord said: "Let the angels be made!" At once there were many angels. God made them from nothing.

God.....the angels.

God is the.....of the angels.

An angel is a.....

It was dark everywhere. There was no light at all. The Lord said: "Let there be light!" At once light was shining everywhere. He made the light from nothing.

God.....the light.

God is the.....of the light.

Light is a.....

God made our souls from nothing. God is our

We are God's.....

First Test

Part II

Copy List 1 on the left side of a paper. Then copy List 2 on the right side.

Draw a line from the first word in List 1 to the items in List 2 which belong to it. Do the same for the other words in List 1.

List 1

List 2

create ——a thing made from nothing.

Creator ——make a thing from nothing.

creature ——the One who makes things from nothing.

make a thing from nothing.

the One who makes things from nothing.

a thing made from nothing.

make a thing from nothing.

the One who makes things from nothing.

a thing made from nothing.

the One who makes things from nothing.

God.

Second Exercise

Look for "N" in the list of important words. Find the word "natural." Under it these words are explained:

nature
natural
super
supernatural

Read carefully all that is said about each word. See how much you can understand.

The meaning of these words is not very easy; yet we use the words "nature" and "natural" very often; and, in a way, we do understand them.

If you can fit the words "nature," "natural," and "supernatural" into the blanks of the Second Test you understand these hard words well enough for a third grade pupil.

Study these:

super ——— higher than.
supernatural ——— higher than natural.

Second Test

A cat has cat nature.
A dog has dog.....
A bird has bird.....
A child has human nature.
A kind boy is good.....d.
It is natural for a cat to eat mice.
It is.....for a dog to wag its tail.
It is.....for a bird to fly.
It is.....for a child to play.
It is.....for a child to love its own
mother.

God has given us many natural gifts.
Apples are natural gifts of God.
Peaches are.....gifts of God.
The sky is a.....gift of God.
The earth is a.....gift of God.
Our bodies are.....gifts of God.
Our souls are.....gifts of God.
Grace is a supernatural gift of God.
The Blessed Sacrament is a.....
gift of God.

Third Exercise

Part I

Find these words in the list of important words under "A," "G," and "S."

grace
sanctifying
actual

Read the explanations carefully. Turn to them every time you need them. If you are not sure, look and see. That is the best way to learn. Never guess. Find out the truth. Then you will be sure about your religion.

Study these facts until you know them.

Grace is a supernatural gift of God which helps us to save our souls.

Sanctifying grace makes our souls holy.

Sanctifying grace makes us able to live in heaven.

Actual grace helps us to do right.

We must have grace because we cannot win heaven unless we have it.

God gives us grace.

Third Test

Part I

Read these questions carefully. If you are not sure of an answer, look and see. Never guess. Study. Then try the test again. Keep on until you are sure of every answer. That is the best way to learn.

What is grace?

Who gives us grace?

Why does He give us grace?

Why must we have grace?

Is grace a natural gift or a supernatural gift?

What does "sanctify" mean?

Why is one kind of grace called "sanctifying grace"?

What does sanctifying grace do for us?

What does "actual" mean?

Why is one kind of grace called "actual grace"?

What does actual grace do for us?

Third Exercise

Part II

Study these carefully.

Sanctifying grace makes us holy.

Sanctifying grace makes us pleasing to God.

Sanctifying grace makes us the adopted children of God.

Sanctifying grace makes us temples of the Holy Ghost.

Sanctifying grace gives us the right to heaven.

Actual grace enlightens our mind.

Actual grace strengthens our will.

Actual grace helps us to do right.

Actual grace helps us to do good.

Actual grace helps us to keep away from sin.

Actual grace helps us to avoid evil.

strengthen— to make strong.

avoid — to keep away from.

evil — sinful thoughts, words,
or acts.

Third Test

Part II

Some of these facts belong to sanctifying grace. The others belong to actual grace.

Read the sentences and fill in the blanks with the correct words. Then write the sentences neatly.

..... makes us holy.

..... helps us to do right.

..... helps us to keep away from sin.

..... makes us pleasing to God.

..... makes us adopted children of God.

..... helps us to do good.

..... makes us temples of the Holy
Ghost.

..... enlightens the mind.

..... helps us to avoid evil.

..... gives us a right to heaven.

..... strengthens our will.

..... makes us holy and pleasing to
God.

..... strengthens our will to do right.

..... strengthens our will to do good.

..... strengthens our will to avoid evil.

Third Exercise

Part III

Sanctifying grace gives our souls a new kind of life. It is our supernatural life. It makes us able to live in heaven.

We must have sanctifying grace or we cannot gain heaven. Even a baby must have this grace or he cannot go to heaven.

God gives us sanctifying grace when we are baptized.

Actual grace helps us to know, love, and serve God. We cannot do anything that will count for heaven unless God helps us. His help is called actual grace.

God gives us actual grace as soon as we need it. He gives us all we need even before we ask Him for it, but He will give us much more grace if we ask for it.

Here are three ways to get grace:

1. Pray for grace.
2. Receive the sacraments worthily.
3. Try to do right.

Third Test

Part III

These are questions for you to think out for yourself.

How many kinds of grace are there?

Harry Dean's brother has not been baptized. He is a pretty baby, very sweet and good. He has never done anything wrong. Can he go to heaven if he dies just as he is?

Why are good Catholics so careful to have their babies baptized?

When did God give you sanctifying grace?

Adam lost his sanctifying grace. What are you going to do with yours?

Our Lady kept her sanctifying grace always. Will she help you to keep yours?

Do you need actual grace? Why? When?

Will God give you actual grace? When? How much?

How can you get more actual grace?

How can you use grace well?

Do you ever thank God for His gift of grace?

Fourth Exercise

Look up the meaning of these words:

Adam	serpent	body
Eve	devil	soul
paradise	man	heaven

Fourth Test

Read these sentences. Choose the word or words which answer each one correctly.

Write the sentences neatly. Write the words under each sentence. Put a ring around the correct word or words.

Who was the first man?

serpent Eve Adam paradise

Who was the first woman?

serpent Eve Adam paradise

In what garden did the first man live?

serpent Eve Adam paradise

In what form did the devil come?

serpent Eve Adam paradise

Who believed the devil's lies?

serpent Eve Adam paradise

Who lost our sanctifying grace?

serpent Eve Adam paradise

Which part of you is made of earth?

heaven body soul grace

Which part of you is a spirit?

heaven body soul grace

You will go to heaven if you are good.

Which part will go as soon as you die?

heaven body soul grace

Of what two things did God make you?

heaven body soul grace

What makes you pleasing to God?

heaven body soul grace

Which part of you will die some day?

heaven body soul grace

Which part of you will never die?

heaven body soul grace

Where do the good angels live?

heaven body soul grace

Fifth Exercise and Test

Everything in the Catechism is important but some things are so important that every pupil should know them perfectly.

Find the answers to these questions.

Study and test yourself until you are sure you know the answers perfectly.

Who made us?

Why did God make us?

What must we do to gain the happiness of heaven?

What is man?

What happened to us on account of the sin of Adam?

Was any human person ever free from original sin?

Did God abandon man after Adam fell into sin?

Who is the Saviour of all men?

What does sanctifying grace do for us?

What is actual grace?

Sixth Exercise

Part I

Study these carefully.

God is the Creator. He made all things from nothing, long ago. He makes each soul from nothing, now.

God created Adam and Eve. Adam was the first man. Eve was the first woman. They were the first parents in this world. All the people are the children of Adam and Eve.

Each one of us is made up of a body and a soul. The soul is a spirit. It makes the body live.

God made us to His own image and likeness. God is a spirit; our souls are spirits. God knows all things; we know some things. God has free will; we have free will. God will live forever; we shall live forever.

God made us to show forth His goodness.

God made us to share with us His everlasting happiness in heaven.

God will help us to win heaven if we try.

Sixth Test

Part I

Who is our Creator?
From what did He make all things?
From what did He make your soul?
Who was the first man?
Who was the first woman?
Why are they called our first parents?
Of what two things are you made up?
What is your soul?
What does your soul do for your body?

God made us to His own image and likeness.

God is a ; our souls are
God knows ; we can know
God has ; we have
God will live ; we shall live
God made us
to show
God made us
to share
God will help us
to win

Sixth Exercise

Part II

God gives us our natural life when He creates our souls but we must have supernatural life to live in heaven.

When God created Adam, He gave Adam supernatural life. He gave Adam the holy life of grace.

God was going to pass this holy life of grace to us through Adam. Adam sinned. He lost the holy life of grace and so he could not pass it on to us.

We come into this world without the holy life of grace. We have no right to heaven.

God is all-good. He helped Adam to get back the holy life of grace. He helps us to get the holy life of grace.

God promised to send a Saviour. He would take away all sin. He would help us to get back the holy life of grace that Adam had lost. He would help us to win heaven.

The Saviour is Jesus Christ.

Sixth Test

Part II

Sanctifying grace, the holy life of grace, and supernatural life are names that we use for the same gift of God. Each name tells us something about this wonderful gift.

When does God give us our natural life?

Why do we need supernatural life?

When did God give Adam supernatural life?

Why did he need this holy life of grace?

How was God going to pass the holy life of grace down to us?

Why do we come into this world without the holy life of grace?

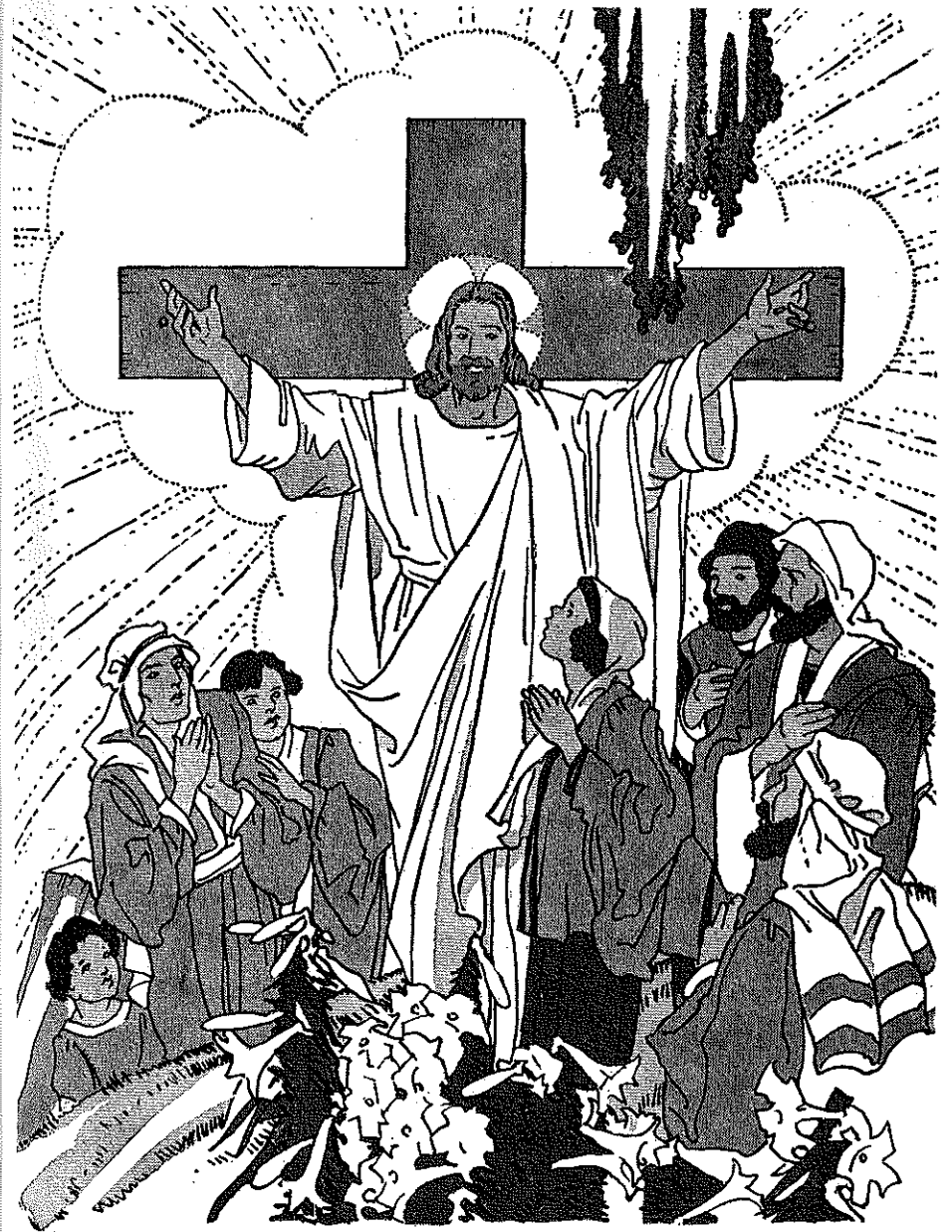
Why have we no right to heaven when we begin to live?

How did God help Adam to get back the holy life of grace?

How does God help us to get back the holy life of grace?

Who is our Saviour?

What does our Saviour do for us?



God the Son Saved Us