

***Our Catholic Faith: Living What We Believe*****Directed Reading Worksheet****Chapter 1 *Our Loving God***

**Directions:** As you read through the chapter, fill in the information below. All the questions run sequential to the chapter. If a true or false statement is false, correct it.

**Pages 16–17 *One, True God***

1. God is our loving \_\_\_\_\_ who is in charge, directing us to our \_\_\_\_\_. We need to have \_\_\_\_\_ and enjoy the life journey by recalling God's \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ and by helping others on our journey together.
2. What is an atheist?

**Pages 17–21 *Beliefs about God***

3. Few questions are more important than the question of God's \_\_\_\_\_. Through history, the vast majority of people have \_\_\_\_\_ some kind of deity. Today over \_\_\_\_\_ percent of people around the \_\_\_\_\_ believe in some type of God.
4. The number of people who belong to the world's \_\_\_\_\_ attests to this belief. Christianity, Judaism, and Islam together claim more than \_\_\_\_\_ percent of the world's population.
5. What is the difference between a monotheistic religion and a polytheistic religion?
6. True or False?  
*Deism* is the belief that God created the universe but that he takes no further interest in it.
7. A recent study found that just \_\_\_\_\_ percent of Americans claim to be \_\_\_\_\_, while \_\_\_\_\_ percent describe themselves as \_\_\_\_\_, someone who claims that God's existence cannot be \_\_\_\_\_.

8. What are four common elements typically found in religion?
9. The great variety of \_\_\_\_\_ point out that the human \_\_\_\_\_ can discover a Supreme Being, but that God's complete \_\_\_\_\_ remains a mystery, only to be discovered with God's direct help or \_\_\_\_\_.
10. If there is no ironclad way to prove God's existence, how can human beings know God? Explain.

*Match St. Thomas Aquinas's proofs for God's existence with the description below. Write the title next to each.*

11. \_\_\_\_\_  
Nothing causes itself.
12. \_\_\_\_\_  
The symmetry, beauty and power in the world
13. \_\_\_\_\_  
We can only speak of degrees of goodness, truth, and beauty by comparing them to a reference point
14. \_\_\_\_\_  
Whatever is in motion had to be moved by something else
15. \_\_\_\_\_  
Nothing cannot create something
16. What three insights can we gain from asking the question: "How did we humans get here?"

17. According to the CCC, the \_\_\_\_\_ for God is written in the human \_\_\_\_\_, because man is created by God and for \_\_\_\_\_. We can observe this deep \_\_\_\_\_ for God in many ways.

18. What are the four ways we see the human yearning for God?

**Pages 22–35 *Divine Revelation***

19. True or False?

Although human reason cannot discover that God exists, left to itself it can get a true picture of who God really is—a mystery.

20. The word “revelation” means “\_\_\_\_\_.” It is God’s \_\_\_\_\_ of self-communication by which he makes known the mystery of his \_\_\_\_\_.

21. What is Salvation History?

22. Salvation history begins with the \_\_\_\_\_ of the first humans and the \_\_\_\_\_ we live in. But \_\_\_\_\_ disobeyed God and committed the \_\_\_\_\_, falling out of friendship with God. But God does not abandon his creatures, rather, he established a series of \_\_\_\_\_ with humankind.

23. True or False?

A *covenant* is an open-ended contract of love in which God commits himself totally to human beings.

24. What are the most important covenants recorded in the Bible?

25. True or False?

The Sinai covenant involved circumcision for Jewish males as a way to set apart the people God would form from Abraham's descendants.

26. True or False?

Jesus Christ was the climax of Salvation History because he is the fullness of God's Revelation.

27. God reveals himself through a single "\_\_\_\_\_" of faith, found in both the Sacred \_\_\_\_\_ and in the Sacred \_\_\_\_\_ of the Church.

28. Sacred Scripture is like a \_\_\_\_\_ of divinely inspired \_\_\_\_\_.  
God used human \_\_\_\_\_ to put into writing what he wanted written, and \_\_\_\_\_ more.

29. True or False?

The Bible is inerrant—It contains no errors.

30. \_\_\_\_\_ is the living transmission of the Church's \_\_\_\_\_, found in the Church's \_\_\_\_\_, life and worship. The \_\_\_\_\_ were the first to receive the gift of \_\_\_\_\_ and they in turn entrusted it to their successors.

31. Christ commissioned the \_\_\_\_\_ to interpret authentically God's \_\_\_\_\_. This teaching \_\_\_\_\_ extended to the Pope and \_\_\_\_\_ in communion with him and is known as the \_\_\_\_\_.

32. What is a dogma?

**Pages 26–28 *Who Is God?***

33. If a name expresses a person's inner identity, how should we understand the name of "Yahweh?"

34. The name *Yahweh* acknowledges God's \_\_\_\_\_. His \_\_\_\_\_ and eternal nature is beyond human \_\_\_\_\_. He reveals himself to be the

\_\_\_\_\_ in our midst whose only motive for revealing himself is his totally free gift of \_\_\_\_\_.

35. True or False?

To say that God is omnipotent means that he is almighty, his power is unlimited.

36. List, and briefly describe, the nine attributes of God explained by St. Thomas Aquinas.

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(h)

(i)

37. God has revealed himself as a \_\_\_\_\_ of Persons. God the \_\_\_\_\_ is the first person of the Blessed Trinity. The Father named \_\_\_\_\_ as his Son and God the Son revealed that the father would send the \_\_\_\_\_ in his name.

38. The Blessed Trinity is the central \_\_\_\_\_ of faith. This mystery reveals that Jesus is the \_\_\_\_\_ image of God the Father and that the Holy Spirit is \_\_\_\_\_ in the name of the Son.

39. Jesus taught us pray to \_\_\_\_\_, our Father, an Aramaic word of \_\_\_\_\_ and love. By this, Jesus showed us that God is a \_\_\_\_\_ Father whose children should approach him with love and \_\_\_\_\_.

40. True or False?

It is right and proper to call God “Father,” but it is also proper to use images of motherhood to emphasize God’s closeness to us.

**Pages 28–31 *Creator of the Heaven and Earth***

41. One of these statements is false. Circle the false statement and correct it.

- Both Scripture and Tradition firmly teach that the Triune God created to redeem his creatures from their sin
- Creation is the result of God’s love, wisdom, and great desire to share his beauty, truth, goodness and life
- The first verse in the Bible says that God is the Creator of all that exists outside himself

42. List eight truths taught by divine revelation.

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43. Genesis tells how \_\_\_\_\_ rejected God's love, resulting in humankind's loss of his \_\_\_\_\_. Their Original Sin was their \_\_\_\_\_ of their God-given freedom and their \_\_\_\_\_ in not relying on his goodness.
44. What was the consequence of Original Sin?
45. Concupiscence, the \_\_\_\_\_ to sin, is a consequence of the fallen human nature we have \_\_\_\_\_. Due to Original Sin we are born into a \_\_\_\_\_ where we are inclined to surrender to the powers of \_\_\_\_\_ in the world.
46. True or False?  
Only we have the power to free ourselves from sin.
47. True or False?  
Baptism erases Original Sin and restores our relationship with God.
48. God never abandoned his \_\_\_\_\_ creatures. He created the \_\_\_\_\_ and was passionately faithful to them. The high point of Salvation \_\_\_\_\_ was his promise to send a \_\_\_\_\_.
49. What are three ways the reward is manifested for those who believe in the one, true God?