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 Chapter 1 Directed Reading Worksheet

Date\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ *God’s Creation: The Beginnings of Salvation History*

**Directions**: Read through the chapter and fill in the missing information. All the questions run sequential to the chapter. If a true/false statement is false, correct it.

Introduction: *God Created Humans to Share in His Own Life (pages 3–14)*

1. What is the Paschal Mystery?
2. The story of God’s \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ activity in human history starts at the very beginning of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and reaches its completion in the Lord’s Passion, Death, and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. The Paschal Mystery stands at the center of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ that all are to proclaim to the world and sheds light on all of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and explains how we are destined for heaven and teaches that life is stronger than \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
3. True or False? God abandoned Adam and Eve and their descendants due to their fall from grace.
4. True or False? Jesus Christ is the climax of salvation history.
5. In light of what we know of the creative nature of the Blessed Trinity, what insight do we gain as to *why* God created the world?
6. In short, what does it mean to say that God created humans in a state of original holiness and original justice?
7. True or False? The Sacrament of Baptism restores original holiness and original justice.
8. What are the two main ways we can learn about God?
9. True or False? We can come to know God by looking at the world around us and at other human beings.
10. Through the ages, people have tried to make \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of reality and to seek \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in the world around them. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ about where we have come \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and where we are \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ are critical because they affect the meaning and orientation of our \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and actions. Indeed, this quest helps explain the existence of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ .
11. True or False? We can recognize something of the Creator through your conscience, which he has inscribed in the intellect.

1. Explain the limits of the natural sciences? What questions are they unable to answer?
2. True or False? God’s plan for us begins with his covenant with Abraham.
3. What are the three types of creatures that God created according to the Church’s Magisterium?
4. Angels are \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ than any visible creature and they, like us, are \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ spirits. They \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ God without stopping and serve him by assisting in his saving \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for human beings. The word angel comes from a Greek word which means “a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_,” which describes what these spiritual creatures do as God’s \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and messengers.
5. True or False? Angles have been active throughout salvation history, both before the birth of Christ as well as during his earthly life.
6. True or False? Angels help the Church as a whole in mysterious and powerful ways and consequently, the Church worships them with special devotion.

Section 1: *Understanding How to Read Scripture (pages 15–21)*

1. Explain what it means to say that the Church reads all of Scripture in a typological manner.
2. True or False? A typological reading of Scripture recognizes the movement toward the fulfillment of God’s plan in the covenant with Abraham.
3. True or False? To interpret Scripture correctly, the reader must be attentive to what the human authors truly wanted to affirm and to what God wanted to reveal to us by their words.

1. Briefly explain the three criteria, given by the Second Vatican Council, for interpreting Scripture in accordance with the Spirit.
2. The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ sense of Scripture refers to how things actually happened, while the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ sense refers to what is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ by the words. The spiritual sense is further divided into the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ sense which derives heavenly matters from earthly ones, the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ sense which seeks instruction for living and behaving, and the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ sense which recognizes the significance of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in scriptural events.
3. True or False? According to one source criticism theory, the two Genesis creation accounts may have had different origins.

1. True or False? The people who edited Genesis may have thought that it was important to keep both creation accounts, according to one theory based on form criticism.

1. What questions does the search for the spiritual meaning of the text ask? What does reading a biblical passage this way help to avoid?
2. True or False? The best way to read a passage in the literal sense is by uniting ourselves to the heart of the Church whereby one encounters the living Word of God who dwells there and comes to meet us.

1. Why is the Magisterium important in understanding biblical passages?

Section 2: *The First Creation Account (pages 22–29)*

1. The creation accounts describe an actual \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ that occurred at the beginning of human history, whether or not the event occurred exactly as narrated in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 1 and 2. The question and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of these accounts was *not* trying to provide a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ account of the beginning of the world, but with expressing their \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of God and the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of creation.
2. The biblical authors used language, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and stories from their \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ beliefs of their neighbors in order to distinguish their understanding of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and to make it meaningful for the people of their \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and place. Among the world’s early human civilizations, the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ were one of the few to believe in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ God.
3. What is a myth in the literary sense? How did ancient peoples use myths?

1. True or False? When you read a myth, you should look for the literal facts within the story rather than focusing on its historical or scientific accuracy.

1. Briefly summarize five important spiritual and theological truths revealed in the first creation account.

1. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ are the only creatures on earth that God \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for its own sake. Our intellectual abilities enable us to understand the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of things established by God and to hear God’s \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in our consciences. We have \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ by which we can choose to direct our lives toward the good. Each of us is endowed with \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ dignity and reflect the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ image.
2. True or False? Physical, moral, and spiritual difference and complementarity between genders are oriented toward the goods of marriage and the flourishing of family life.

1. Possessing a body and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, humanity is a unity of the spiritual and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ worlds. Human nature is a reflection of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ who, as God’s \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, revealed what it means to be in the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of God. Indeed, God placed us at the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of creation and made us \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of his creation.
2. True or False? The biblical author of the first story of creation reminds God’s Chosen People of their obligation to worship God on Sunday by saying God rested on the seventh day.

1. True or False? When the Jews were living in captivity in Babylon the Sabbath observance helped them distinguish their identity as God’s Chosen people.

1. Why is the Eucharist celebrated on Sunday?

Section 3 *The Second Creation Account (pages 30–32)*

1. The second creation account portrays God with \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ qualities who focuses on people. It reveals the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ relationship between \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and the first humans. God creates a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ with animals for companionship and puts Adam in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of creation. However, because they do not fulfill Adam’s human need for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, God creates Eve from Adam’s \_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
2. How does the second creation account provide an etiology of marriage?
3. True or False? The love between a man and a woman reflects the love between God and humanity.
4. God \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ that there be men and women and he created them different, but \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Born into a state of original \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and original justice, both possess an inalienable \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ that comes to them directly from God the Creator. God created them to form a “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_” in which each can help the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ specifically as masculine and feminine.
5. How do man and women express something of God’s inner life?