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Jesus Christ: God's Revelation

Directed Reading Worksheet

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Chapter 1 *Searching for God*

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.

Pages 2-6 *God: The Source of True Happiness*

1. Money and _____ cannot buy true _____. According to Psalm 144 the source of true happiness is: _____.
2. What is God's plan for all human beings?
3. True or False? None of us will ever have all of our needs perfectly fulfilled.
4. Why did God give you an unquenchable hunger for happiness?
5. Just as your _____ yearns for love and happiness, you are searching for _____ about human existence --- you want to know what is the _____.
6. What is the purpose of our questioning minds?
7. What is the largest religion in the world?
8. The word *religion* is related to the Latin word meaning "_____ to God." Throughout history, humans have discovered that they are not _____ or complete persons unless they are connected to God and have always given _____ to their _____ and behaviors.
9. What is the difference between a monotheistic religion and a polytheistic religion?
10. An _____ is a person who does not _____ in God. A modern branch of atheism is _____ which makes the _____ the center of the universe and rejects the need for God to live in the world and reach _____.
11. An _____ is a person who claims that belief in God cannot be _____ and, for all practical purposes, _____ as though God does not _____.
12. True or False? Most people are either atheists or agnostics.
13. It is eminently _____ to believe in God as the existence of so many _____ through human history testifies. Humans seem to know deep in their _____ that there is a Power or _____ in the universe that makes life _____.
14. What is *natural revelation*?

Pages 6-10 *Knowing God through Natural Revelation*

15. By looking at the natural _____ we can see the handiwork of the _____ and human can discover the _____ of God by studying his _____.

16. What question should we ask ourselves with our God-given reason and intelligence?
17. The First _____ Council stated: "The Church teaches that the _____ true God ... can be known with certainty from his _____, by the natural light of _____."
18. Which of St. Thomas Aquinas' proofs for God's existence is being described here? *Everything that exists resulted from something or someone that came before it.*
19. Which proof is being described here? *Someone must have put the laws into nature that make human life in a well-ordered universe possible.*
20. Which proof is being described here? *For anything to exist, there must be a necessary eternal being who always existed and brought other beings into existence.*
21. Which proof is being described here? *For the world to move, there must have been a "First Mover" who started everything.*
22. Which proof is being described here? *We all recognize in the world degrees of perfection in qualities like goodness, truth, justice and beauty.*
23. True/False? No scientist has yet been able to explain how living beings evolved from matter, nor can any mathematical formula prove that human life appeared by chance.
24. How might one explain the natural yearning felt by every human being which this world cannot satisfy?
25. God gives us a taste of _____ here on _____ in such experiences as peace, satisfaction and joy. God gives us _____ of what is in store for us when we finally are united with him in _____.
26. Deep inside each of us, we sense the call of _____. We sense that some behaviors are simply wrong because they go against how God _____ us and our sense of _____ tells us that those who have violated the moral order should be held _____ for their actions.
27. Free _____ and _____ are spiritual realities that cannot be explained by the _____ universe, but only from a _____ Being who possesses these qualities because he _____ those qualities.
28. What reasons are given as to why some people refuse to believe in God?
29. True or False? Because of Original Sin, human reason and human perception are limited so that we fail to perceive and follow the truth.
30. What is the Good News of the Catholic faith?

Pages 10-19 Knowing God through Divine Revelation

31. When one thinks about God as the _____ of the vast universe, one must come to the conclusion that the one who made it must be _____, almighty, and all-knowing. But when we talk about God we must recognize that human _____ is really _____ in describing him.

32. True or False? In considering all the religions that exist one can conclude that everyone knows who God is.
33. True or False? Left to themselves, humans can get a true picture of who God really is.
34. Because God is _____ loving and good, he stepped into _____ history to tell us who he really is. He did this through the events of Salvation History through the Law, the _____, and most _____ through his Son, Jesus.
35. What is divine revelation?
36. Through the _____ we learn that God invites human to live in _____ with him, a whole-hearted _____ of unconditional _____. We are called to be faithful to God as he will always to _____ to us.
37. True or False? The greatest sign of God's love was the Law he gave to the Chosen People.
38. The Church was _____ by the Lord from the beginning of _____ to spread the _____ of God's Salvation in Jesus Christ. The _____ guides the Church in _____ and is both the means and goal of God's _____.
39. The story of Salvation History begins in the Book of _____ where we learn that God created a world that is "_____" and from the beginning he invited humans into _____ union with him. Through _____, however, Adam and Eve broke their intimate _____ with God.
40. True or False? Because of human sin, God did not desire to give eternal life to the members of the human race.
41. After the Flood, God entered into an _____ covenant with Noah and his _____ in order to _____ all God's children into one _____ through Christ.
42. The patriarch _____ became the father of _____ for the Jewish people through God's covenant with him. God _____ he would be Abraham's God and the God of all his _____ for all time. _____ was a sign of their covenant.
43. God formed _____ as his People by freeing the Israelites from _____ in Egypt in an event known as the _____. At this time, God revealed his name as _____ to show that he is the _____ of all that is.
44. God gave his Law to the _____ through Moses to help people recognize God and _____ him as the one, true, living God, a just _____. It would help form the _____ as God's special people and help them look for the coming of the promised _____.
45. The Israelites settled into _____, the land that God promised them and were eventually governed by _____. _____, Israel's greatest king, made _____ his capital city and his son Solomon built the _____ there.
46. After the Chosen People split, difficult times fell on the Israelites because of their _____. During this time God sent _____ who warned them about their failure to follow _____ but also to _____ them when they were conquered by the Assyrians and _____.
47. What was the general message of the prophets following the destruction of the two Israelite kingdoms?

48. The purpose of the Wisdom Literature was to serve as a _____ to daily, successful living. The Book of _____, a collection of _____ to God, is an essential part of this body of literature. They share the _____ that God will finally triumph, restore Israel, and _____ all wrongs.
49. What is the climax of Salvation History?
50. True or False? John the Baptist was the final prophet to prepare the way for Jesus' public ministry.
51. What is the Deposit of Faith?
52. The word tradition means "_____ " and _____ Tradition is the _____ transmission from one generation to the next of the Church's _____.
53. True or False? All of the Apostles died as martyrs for preaching the Gospel.
54. The Apostles chose men to succeed them called _____ and headed by the Bishop of _____. St. _____ was the first Bishop of Rome and his successors are the _____ whose job is to _____ preserve, expound, and spread the gift of faith given to the entire _____.
55. Sacred _____ is the written form of what the _____ handed down. It is a good idea to think of the _____ as a _____ of divinely inspired _____.
56. Sacred Scripture _____ the events of Salvation History and the _____ God made with humanity. It is divided into two parts: The _____ Testament and the _____ Testament. The words covenant and _____ mean the same thing.
57. Explain the difference between the Old Testament and the New Testament.
58. The authority to _____ God's _____ authentically Jesus entrusted to the _____, keeps the Church free from _____ and guarantees that the true _____ is preached from generation to generation.
59. What is the Magisterium and what is its function in the Church?
60. Why should Catholics humbly listen to and obey the teachings of the Holy Father and bishops?

Pages 19-20 Faith: Our Response to Divine Revelation

61. We are privileged to _____ the Good News of our Salvation in Jesus Christ and our response to God's _____, which comes to us through the _____, is _____, one of the three _____ virtues.
62. What four things does the gift of faith enables us to do?
63. The gift of faith makes it possible for us to _____ as our Lord, enables us to _____ of the life of the Holy Spirit, requires _____, and opens up the gates of _____ to us.