

The Church

Sacrament of Salvation

Student Workbook

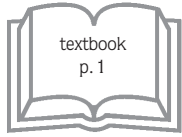
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Chapter 1

GOD PREPARES THE WAY FOR HIS CHURCH IN THE OLD TESTAMENT

INTRODUCTION

1. Explain this statement: Salvation history began with the sin of Adam and Eve.

2. What is the pivotal point of human history, and why?

3. What is the purpose of the Church?

4. What are some common names for the Church?

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5. What is the source of the Church's life?
6. What kind of institution is the Church? How many natures does she have?

WE WERE MADE FOR COMMUNION WITH GOD

7. What does the text mean by this sentence: "We were made for communion with God"?

SIDEBAR: ST. IRENÆUS OF LYONS

8. What was St. Irenæus's major contribution to understanding the relationship among covenants of the Old Testament and with the New Covenant?

9. With which five figures of the Old Testament did God make his covenants?

THE COVENANT OF CREATION

10. As the creation narrative in Genesis recounts, after God had created Adam, he placed him in a garden and gave him the responsibility to take care of it. What lesson does this offer about the nature of human work?

11. Name, in order of appearance, the five books of the Pentateuch.

ADAM'S DISOBEDIENCE

12. What was the most important consequence of the Original Sin committed by Adam and Eve?

A PLAN FOR RESTORATION

13. What does the *Protoevangelium* have to do with salvation history?

14. How did the destruction of man's original relationship with God affect the relationship among human beings?

15. What does the narrative of Noah and the Ark reveal?

GOD CALLS ABRAM

16. What three promises did God make to Abraham, and what is their significance?

ABRAHAM, OUR FATHER IN FAITH

17. How did Abraham respond to God's promises? What can be learned from his response?

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ABRAHAM'S OBEDIENCE

18. Comparing the story of Abraham and Isaac with the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, in what ways is Isaac a *type* (prefiguration) of Christ? To answer this question, complete the table below based on what you have learned in the chapter.

	Isaac	Jesus Christ
The father offers:		
The son submits:		
The sacrifice:		

A BLESSING FOR ALL NATIONS

19. God promised Abraham he would be a blessing for all nations. How did God ultimately fulfill this promise?

GOD CALLS MOSES

20. What name for himself did God reveal to Moses? What was the significance of God having revealed his name to Moses?

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EXODUS FROM EGYPT

21. As God was preparing to send the tenth plague against Egypt because of the pharaoh's stubbornness in not setting free the people of Israel, he gave the Israelites instructions as to what they must do in order to be spared this fate. What was the name of this divinely revealed, annual feast, and what directions did God give the Israelites in order to spare their firstborn males?
22. Look ahead to the painting "Madonna and Child" (p.31). Based on what you have learned about the lambs in the Books of Genesis and Exodus (cf. pp. 12, 15) and what you already know about the Redemption accomplished by Christ, why did Sesto depict the Christ child playing with a lamb?
23. During the Exodus, how did God protect and provide for his Chosen People? Why is this important?

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