

May 2, 2025: Story of the People of God

Sign of the Cross (see handout)

Trinity Song

Prayer: Story of the People of God

Introduction: Inquiry involves sharing the Good News (Evangelizing) that Our Father is always there for us, that he sent his son, Jesus, to save us from our sins, and that the Holy Spirit will open our hearts to conversion to enter a closer relationship with God.

Feel free to write questions about the Good News in the space provided below. Your questions are primary. The questions provided are only suggestions.

The Good News:

- Before time: loving family: Father the Creator Gn 1:1 (p.7); Jesus with his Father before creation Jn 1:1 (p.145); the Holy Spirit in creation Genesis 1:2 (p.7) ruah; CREATION
- Sharing love: the angels (intellect and free will) Col 1:15-17 (p. 309)
- Refusing love: Bad angels; hell on earth; evil, temptation Rev 12:9 (p.398) SIN AND SEPARATION
- Sharing love 2: creation (13.7 billion years), goodness, mankind, 300,000 years (intellect and free will): Gn 1:27 (p.7); Gn 2:7 (p.8)
- Refusing love 2: the temptation, the fall, evil, chaos: Gn 3:1-24 (p.9)

Journal: Questions & Reflections: Why did God bother with angels, material creation, mankind? Why is the Trinity revealed slowly? Why did the angels fall? Why didn't the Trinity annihilate all creation? How important am I in creation? What would be different if the angels or Adam and Eve had not fallen? Other questions or reflections. Sharing.

Break: (Sign of the Cross) Bless us, O Lord, and these your gifts which we are about to receive from your bounty through Christ, Our Lord. Amen.

The **Good News** continued:

- The promise: Gn:3:15 (p.9) REDEMPTION PROMISED
- Broken record: Cain, Noah, Babel, Abraham, Sodom, Isaac-Jacob-Joseph, Egypt, Moses, Golden Calf, Law, Bronze Serpent, Joshua, Judges, Kings, Israel, Judah, Exiles, Nehemiah, Ezra, Maccabees
- The promise kept: Jesus Christ: life, suffering, death, resurrection, ascension; Holy Spirit; REDEMPTION, SALVATION
- The contrast: Judas/Peter: Matt 27:3 (p.61), Luke 22:54 (p.138), John 21:15-25 (p.178)
- The choice: Deut 30:15-20 (p.222); Luke 9:23-26 (p.115); Mark 1:15 (p.70)
- The judgment: Matt 25:31 (p.57)
- The final family: Trinity (Matt 28:19 p.66), Angels, Saints, no evil, no temptation, eternal bliss, purified sons and daughters; glorified body; 8 billion possible now; 117 billion possible since Adam and Eve.
- The other choice: Satan and the fallen angels, fallen humanity, evil, eternal damnation

Journal: Questions and reflections: Does God really love us? Does the Good News make sense to me? What part of the Good News impresses me the most? How is my own life like Salvation History? Do I have favorite related scriptures or related Bible stories? Other questions or reflections. Sharing.

Handouts: Sign of the Cross; Good News, People of God

Formed video series for the inquirer: [How to join FORMED](#); [The Search for Happiness](#)

Final prayer, prayer requests, blessing.