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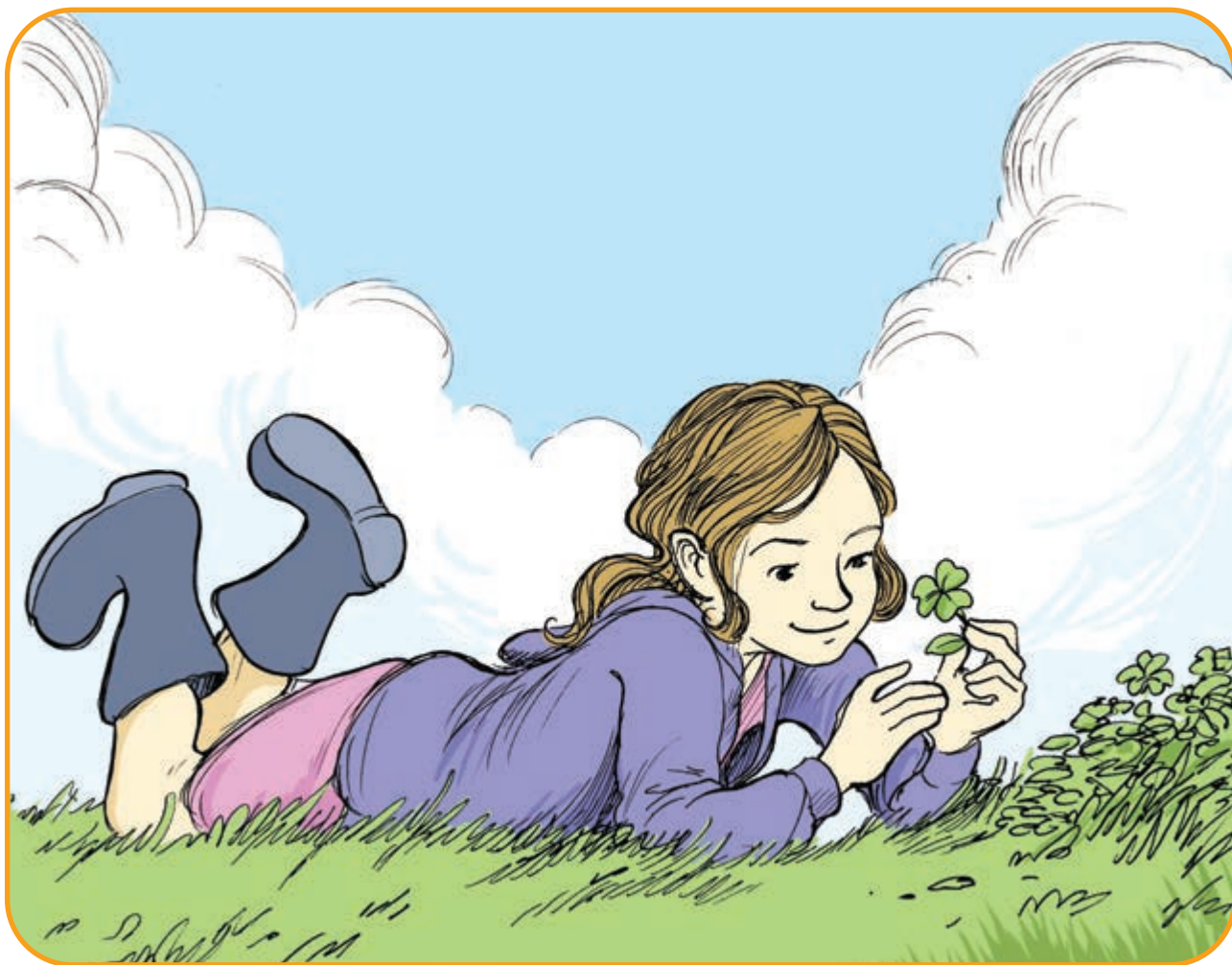
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One God in Three Persons

Yesterday, I picked some tiny green plants by the lake. Mommy stopped me from throwing them away.

“You can learn something from these little plants,” she said. “They are called clovers or shamrocks. Do you see how each has three leaves? All three leaves look perfectly alike.”



I listened to what she had to say, and then I asked, “What do they teach us, Mommy?”

“They are sort of like what God told us about Himself. He said that there is only ONE God in THREE Persons: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. We call this the Blessed Trinity.” Mother explained.

“How is that, Mommy?” I wanted to know.

“Well,” Mommy paused, “I do not know everything about it. But I know that if God did not tell us that He is only One God in Three Persons, we would never have known it. It is as if God let us take a peek into Heaven ahead of time.”

PARENTS:

Read to your child the story of the child Samuel (p. 52) and the story of Daniel in the Lion’s Den (p. 90) from *The New Catholic Picture Bible*.

- 1. Is there only one God?**
Yes, there is only one God.
- 2. How many Persons are there in God?**
In God, there are three Persons — the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.
- 3. What do we call these three Persons in one God?**
We call these three Persons in one God the Blessed Trinity.
- 4. What sign do we make to show our love for the Blessed Trinity?**
To show our love for the Blessed Trinity, we make the Sign of the Cross.
- 5. Make the Sign of the Cross. (See Lesson 1 of this book.)**



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My Guardian Angel

One night at bedtime, Daddy tucked me in and as he turned off the lights, he told me, “You are never alone. God is here as He is everywhere. He has given you an angel to watch over you and stay with you always. He is your Guardian Angel.”



Your Guardian Angel watches over you.

What do angels look like, Daddy?”

“It is hard to tell you,” Daddy answered, “because angels are spirits. They have no bodies with skin and bones like we do. So we cannot see them. Some saints, though, have seen angels and they say the angels have wings.”

“Like that angel in the picture over my bed?” I wondered.

“Yes, that is a picture of a Guardian Angel, and that is how people have described them. Do you see how he carefully watches over the little child? That is how your Guardian Angel watches over you, too.”



Then Daddy taught me a poem about my own Guardian Angel:

“Angel of God, my guardian dear,
To whom God’s love entrusts me here,
Ever this day be at my side
To light and guard, to rule and guide. Amen.”

I wanted to know something more from Daddy. “Where do all the angels stay?”

Daddy smiled at me and then he answered, “Most of the angels obeyed God and so they are with God in Heaven. They are the good angels. Every boy and girl has a good angel sent

by God to watch over them. That angel is our Guardian Angel. And the greatest angel of Heaven is Saint Michael.”

“Daddy, where is Heaven? What does it look like?”

“Heaven is God’s home. It is the most beautiful place anyone will ever see. In Heaven, everyone is happy all the time! If you are good, you will go to Heaven, too.” And with that, Daddy kissed me good night.

PARENTS:

Read to your child the story of Isaiah and Jeremiah (p. 83) and Tobiah and the Angel (p. 84) from *The New Catholic Picture Bible*.



In Heaven, the angels praise God.

1. What are angels?

Angels are created spirits, without bodies.

2. How do the good angels help us?

The good angels help us by praying for us, by acting as messengers from God to us, and by serving as Guardian Angels.

3. Which prayer should we say to our Guardian Angel every morning and night?

We should say this prayer every morning and night:

“Angel of God, my guardian dear,
To whom God’s love entrusts me here,
Ever this day be at my side
To light and guard, to rule and guide. Amen.”



Your Guardian Angel is always watching over you.



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