

God Calls Us

Keep these ideas in mind as you study *Chapter 1*.

❖ Every person is a child of God, and we all belong to his family. When you were baptized, you joined the Catholic family. You also belong to the big Christian family of all people who believe in Jesus.

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❖ The Bible is filled with stories of how God speaks to his people and how his people respond in faith.

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❖ God told Abram to leave his home and go to a distant land. God promised that Abram would be the father of a great nation. Abraham showed faith in God. Although Abraham and Sarah were old, they had a son. They called him *Isaac*, which means “laughter.”

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❖ Faith helps us believe in God. It also helps us believe in his care for us and that we will live forever with him in heaven.

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❖ When Naomi told her daughter-in-law, Ruth, that she was going to go back home to Israel, Ruth said, “Wherever you go, I will go” and went with Naomi. She also said, “Your people shall be my people and your God my God.” Ruth was from a country where people believed in false gods. She learned about the one true God from her husband and from Naomi. Ruth became the great-grandmother of King David. Into this family, the Savior, Jesus, would be born.

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❖ We receive the gift of faith at Baptism when we become Christians.

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