

GRADE Five  
CHAPTER One  
Longing For God

### Objectives

- Understanding what it means to “long for” something or someone
- Learning to recognize God as the answer to everything we want
- Defining grace and faith
- Understanding the role of religion in our relationship with God

### Step One: Invite: Name your personal experience, pp. 41-43

- Read together the activity on p. 41 and discuss the two questions at the end of the story.
- Describe how it feels to want something very badly. Is it hard to name your feelings? What could help to make it easier?
- Tell a story about a time when you longed for something and you got it. Did it make you happy forever? What is the lesson in this?
- Read the paragraph on p. 43 about longing being a gift. Why do you think God gave us this gift? How does religion help to make this gift usable?
- Complete the drawing activity on p. 47

### Step Two: Explore: Understand the meaning of God’s Word and Teaching

- Study the Words of Faith section on p. 45. and read the explanations on the same page. Try to describe grace and faith, in your own words. Can you give examples of a time when you received God’s grace? Can you describe a time when you needed to use faith?
- Reading the scripture story of the woman at the well on p. 44. Answer the two questions at the end. How was this meeting an example of both grace and faith?
- Find the following answers: (Clues on p. 45-48)
  - o What is more powerful than your thirst for water?
  - o What sacrament is the beginning of your faith journey?
  - o What are three ways you come to know God?
  - o What are three ways you can grow in faith?
  - o What is the source of true happiness?

### Step Three: Celebrate: Offer prayers of praise and thanksgiving

- Have each member of the family give one example of how they can be a better listener to others and to God.
- Use the Celebration of the Word on p. 46, with the whole family taking parts.

### Faith Activities: Tips

- Throughout each chapter, there will be sections marked “Activity.”

# CALL to FAITH

- Feel free to choose as many activities as you wish to share with your family. At a minimum, choose one activity above and beyond what might be mentioned in Steps 1-3.
- Follow the directions for the activity, share popcorn or a treat, relax and enjoy it.
- Post any artwork until the next lesson and then use the next chapter's activity to take its place.