**Religion We Believe Chapter 2 Notes**

**Jesus Teaches Us About God’s Love**

**Jesus tells us how much God loves us.**

* There are many examples of God’s great love in the Bible
* The **Bible** is the book in which God’s Word is written.
* The Bible is also called Scripture.
* The Bible has two parts called testaments.
* The Old Testament is about the people of God before the time of Jesus.
* The New Testament is about the life of Jesus and the beginning of the Church.
* The human writers of the Bible were guided by the Holy Spirit, the Third Person of the Blessed Trinity.
* Jesus reminded the people that God the Father created and cares for the birds and flowers. He told us that we are even more important to God!

**Jesus teaches about the Kingdom of God.**

* Jesus was a wonderful teacher and people followed him everywhere.
* He taught about the **Kingdom of God,** which is the power of God’s love active in the world.
* Jesus wanted us to love and respect each other. Jesus was the greatest example of how to live this life of love. He wants us to love one another as he loves us.

**Jesus teaches about the gift of faith.**

* **Faith** is a gift from God that helps us to believe and trust in him.
* Jesus teaches about faith through his words and actions.
* He tells the story of the mustard seed. A mustard seed is tiny. Jesus said, “If you have faith the size of this mustard seed, you would say to this mulberry tree, ‘be uprooted and planted in the sea,’ and it would obey you.”

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* He was telling his disciples that faith is very powerful. Faith allows us to believe what we cannot see or feel. Faith gives us the power to know and love God.
* Jesus also teaches about faith through his actions.
* While on a boat with his disciples a storm began. The disciples were frightened but Jesus calmed the storm. He showed them that they should have faith because all things are possible with God.

**Jesus dies and rises to save us.**

* Crowds followed Jesus to hear his word and to be healed by him.
* Some powerful people hated Jesus because of what he did and said.
* Jesus was put to death. He was **crucified**, or nailed to a cross.
* He rose again on Easter Sunday. Jesus’ being raised from the dead is known as the **Resurrection.**

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