

Chapter 2 *God's Son*

This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased. *Matthew 3:17*

To the Parents:

In chapter 2 your child learned the following:

- Jesus is the Son of God, one with the Father.
- Jesus was sent to show God's love.
- Jesus showed love to everyone.

In a way, it is almost unthinkable that God would ever become a human being. But God did. God became fully human in the person of Jesus of Nazareth. We call this the mystery of Incarnation. The unthinkable became reality: God came into the world as a human person, to reveal to his followers who God is. Jesus, the "Image of the invisible God," (*Colossians 1:15*) shows through his life, death, and resurrection what it means to be the Son of God. As we come to know and follow Jesus, we grow in our understanding of who God is.

The Gospels reveal Jesus' love for the outcast, the poor, and the sick. God's loving kindness and compassion are mirrored in the life of Jesus. Jesus teaches the forgiveness of God in parables such as "The Prodigal Son" (*Luke 15:11-32*). Jesus describes what it means to be a neighbor in the story of "The Good Samaritan" (*Luke 10:25-36*). Jesus brings sight to the blind (*John 9*) and feeds the hungry (*Matthew 15:32-28*). Jesus, the image of the invisible God, reveals God again and again in these Gospel passages. What can you do this week to follow Jesus' example?

With Your Child:

1. Make a sign to remind you that God listens and cares and forgives. Put the sign where you will see it every day.
2. Take some time to tell Jesus stories. Share what you know about Jesus. Everybody can tell a favorite story about Jesus. You can start with the stories in this chapter.
3. Together read the story of Blessed Damien on the Review and Explore page.