

# The Catholic Tugboat

A Children's Guide to God



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## Buried Treasures



Genesis 12:1-4a  
Psalms 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22  
2 Timothy 1:8b-10  
Matthew 17:1-9

Despite the sin of the First Couple, and the evil and sin that came in Noah's time, God did not abandon His creation. Today's First Reading reveals the promises made by God in His covenant with Abraham: land (Gn. 15:18), a kingdom (Gn. 17:5), and "descendants by which all nations will bless themselves." (Gn. 22:18)

The land promised by God would not come for hundreds and hundreds of years. The 'descendant' Who others would bless themselves by, Jesus, would not arrive for almost two thousand years!



of this time. Still, the answer that the Hebrew people had to answer is the same one that each one of us has to answer: "Do you trust God?"

Once we answer this question (hopefully with a loud "yes!"), we can then live our life in ways that show you trust God. List one of these ways:



## Catholic I.D.

Today's Gospel describes the Transfiguration, when Jesus was transformed in front of Peter, James, and John. He became so bright that He almost glowed! While His Baptism marked the beginning of His mission, the Transfiguration foreshadowed His resurrection to come, showing us what awaits us as well. (CCC 556)



The Holy Trinity was present at Jesus' Baptism and His Transfiguration. At the Transfiguration, Jesus reveals His perfection. Standing between

Moses, the law-giver, and Elijah, the greatest of all prophets, He shows us He is the fulfillment of both. (CCC 459)

## From Your Lips to God's Ear

The Beatitudes (Matthew 5:1-11) offer us still more ways to find happiness and joy:

"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God," "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God," and, "Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."

Let us pray that God helps us to find the same joy that these Beatitudes describe. Let us ask Him to make us need and seek only Him, to allow us to help others make peace, and to let us be witnesses for Him. God blesses prayers which ask Him to bring us closer to Him.



# Our Salvation History: 'Warring Nations' & a Tricky Twin

Isaac grew up and married a woman named Rebekah from among his father's clan (Genesis 24). A sign from God showed her to be 'the one,' and Isaac loved her very much.

When Rebekah became pregnant, she experienced pain so great that she begged God to die. But God explained to her that she had, "two nations warring within her." Sure enough, Rebekah gave birth to twin boys, destined to be in conflict. The first was named 'Esau' because he had a reddish complexion and a lot of hair. The second was named Jacob because he was grabbing his brother's heel as he was born.

One day, Esau, the hunter and the father's favorite, came in from work very hungry. He

asked Jacob, his mother's favorite, for some of what he was cooking. Before giving Esau any food, Jacob made Esau sign over his birthright (what the oldest son inherited from his father – more money and greater responsibility).

This tricky deal was made worse when Jacob fooled his own father into giving him the blessing meant only for the firstborn. By this time, Isaac's sight was fading, so Jacob, with his mother's help, dressed like Esau and went to see his father. With lambskin on his arms Jacob felt like his hairier brother, and Isaac gave Jacob the blessing. Jacob's actions enraged both his brother and his father. He would now have to leave...



## Tugboat Lenten Challenge

**Try to do 1, 2, and 3 each day this week. Draw a star in the box if you succeed! And, don't forget – Sunday is always a day of rest and worship!**

**1. Prayer** – Sit with God for *six minutes* before you go to bed each night: Ask Him to help someone you know who is in need of something. This is called a *prayer of intercession* (CCC 2635). Then, finish out the six minutes by listening to and being with Him.

**2. Fasting** – This week, give up your favorite 'sight.' It might be a T.V. show, social media, or a video game, but it must be your favorite!

**3. Almsgiving** – Each day this week, help out your brother or sister: give them praise for a job well done, help them with a job they have.

Monday:	Tuesday:
Wednesday:	Thursday:
Friday:	Saturday:

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