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1 b) Even though Abraham and Sarah were very old, they trusted God's promise of a son and became the parents of Isaac. Their relationship with God marked the beginning of the People of God. (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 762)

2 False. All Christians are encouraged to learn about God by reading the Bible. Sometimes we experience God speaking to us through Scripture.

3 d) The Book of Genesis includes the stories of creation, Adam and Eve, Noah, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and Joseph.

4 a) Matthew's Gospel, the first of the four Gospels, tells the story of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection.

5 c) The Torah, also known to Jews as "the Law," includes Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy.

6 False. Tradition holds that two of the disciples of Jesus (Matthew and John) and their followers (Mark and Luke) wrote the Gospels. We don't have any writings from Mary.

7 c) When Peter trusted Jesus, he could walk on water with Jesus. When he doubted, he sank.

8 False. The people who wrote the Bible lived thousands of years ago, both before Jesus (the Old Testament) and after Jesus (the New Testament).

9 d) God told Solomon he could ask for anything—money, victory over his enemies, power. Solomon asked for wisdom (see 1 Kings 3:1-15).

10 b) Throughout the Bible, we discover that God will save us when we are in trouble. There is no reason to be afraid.

11 c) Readings from the Old Testament, the Psalms, the Gospels, and the New Testament Letters usually are proclaimed during Sunday Mass.

12 True. Even though some may think God is a distant, ghost-like spirit who is playing hide-and-seek with us, Jesus said God is a Father who loves us and wants to live in our hearts.

13 d) The New Testament explains how the first Christians figured out that Jesus was the Son of God through his teachings, miracles, actions, and resurrection.

14 a) Prophets such as Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Isaiah, and John the Baptist were God's messengers who told people they were disobeying God and headed for self-destruction.

15 b) Mary Magdalene is called the "Apostle to the Apostles" because she was the first to proclaim the good news that Jesus was risen from the dead.

16 d) St. Paul, who wrote the letter to the Philippians, faced hunger, hatred, torture, arrests, and rejection from many people, but he never stopped spreading the faith because Christ was his strength.

17 True. God told Moses his name was "I AM WHO AM," which translates into "Yahweh" in Hebrew (see Exodus 3:10-15).

18 b) The Book of Daniel describes how Daniel refused to worship anyone but God, even if it meant being thrown to the lions. God then told the lions to not eat Daniel (see Daniel 6:2-26).

19 a) Ruth, Judith, and Esther have Old Testament books.

20 False. The angels in both Isaiah 6:3 and Revelation 4:8 sang the first part of this prayer, and the crowds in Jerusalem welcomed Jesus on Palm Sunday as the Messiah with the second part. (See CCC, 559.) They said: "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest" (Matthew 21:9).

