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God, Our Creator and Father

Unit Opener: Pages 2–4

- ▶ Say: ***The title of this book is Finding God.*** Discuss with your child where you each find God in everyday life. Point out that other people can help us find and know God in new ways. Read aloud the unit title. Say: ***The first unit helps us understand that God is our Creator and Father and that we grow closer to him by loving and serving others.***
- ▶ Invite your child to turn to page 2. Draw your child's attention to the picture. Ask: ***What is Saint Augustine doing?*** (studying, writing) Say: ***Saint Augustine's writings have helped bring many people closer to God.*** Ask: ***Who has helped you draw closer to God?*** (Possible responses: teachers, family members, church leaders)
- ▶ Point out the heart on page 3. Say: ***This symbol is associated with Saint Augustine because he often wrote about God's love. He helped people understand God's love and encouraged them to have courage and hope in God.***
- ▶ Invite your child to take turns with you in reading aloud the paragraphs on page 3. Explain that although Augustine did not always make good choices, the Church came to recognize him as a saint.
- ▶ Read aloud the Be Inspired feature. Discuss what it means to have a restless heart and to "rest in" God.
- ▶ With your child, add Augustine's feast day, August 28, to your family calendar. Discuss how you might celebrate Augustine's feast day when it arrives. Say: ***Now let's read about God our Creator's love.***
- ▶ Invite your child to turn to page 4. Say: ***Wonderful things happen when we love one another. Even more wonderful things happen when we open up to the love of God!***
- ▶ Invite your child to read aloud God Is Love. Then read aloud the introduction and directions for Resting in God. Remind your child of your discussion about what it means to rest in God. Have your child complete the activity and share his or her answer.
- ▶ Draw your child's attention to the Reading God's Word feature while you read it aloud. Say: ***Saint Augustine studied the same Scriptures we do. This passage helped shape his understanding of God.*** Ask: ***What word is repeated several times?*** (love) ***What did Augustine believe God was?*** (love)