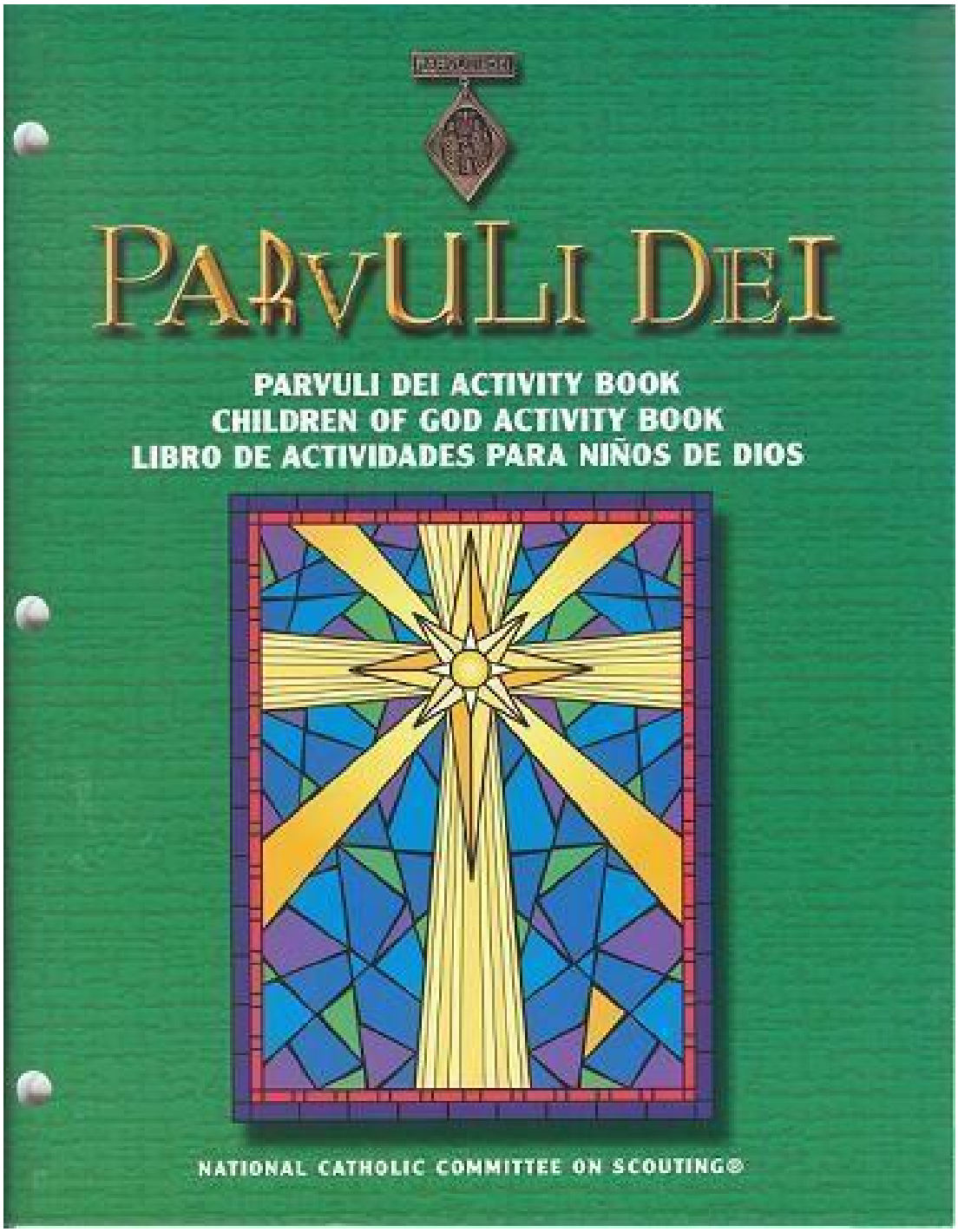

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Section One - God and His Creation

Goal: Increase the scout's awareness and appreciation of the world around us created by God

		Retreat?	Home Activity?
1.	**Learn about creation. A reading from Genesis Ch 1.**	X	
	Instructions: Ask your mom or dad to help you find the story of creation in the bible and read it together.		
	Time Required: 5 minutes		
	Preparation: Have the scripture passage printed out for those without bibles.		
2.	**Create a picture of the things that God has created.**	X	
	Instructions: After you've finished reading the story, find and cut out pictures from magazines the things that God has created -- light and darkness, the sun, the moon, the ocean, stars, trees, fruit, birds, animals and people. Or draw then in the space below in your workbook.		
	Time Required: 15 minutes		
	Preparation: Have blank 8-1/2 x 11 paper for those that need more room.		
3.	**How do these gifts help us every day?**	X	
	Instructions: Make a list of how these gifts from God help us every day. For example, the sun gives us light and keeps us warm; we eat fruit and it tastes good.		
	Time Required: 10 minutes		
	Preparation: None. (Use the space provided in the workbook.)		
4.	**Thank God for His gifts to us**	X	
	Instructions: Make up a prayer thanking God for all these gifts that He gives to us and write it below. Share it with your family the next time you have dinner together.		
	Time Required: 10 minutes		
	Preparation: None. (Use the space provided in the workbook.)		
5.	**Share**	X	X
	Instructions: Draw and cut out (create) a treasure chest for each person in your family - including YOU. When you have finished, gather everyone in your family together and and give each one a chest and a pencil or pen. Ask each one to write their name on the chest and give it back to you. In the "chest" (on the back or inside on a scrap of paper) list one or two talents every family member has. Then ask each one to pass his or her chest to the next person. Have them write what they think is special about that person. Keep passing the chests along until everyone has added a "treasure". Then have each person look at their own treasure chest and see how other appreciate them. (Makes a great family discussion.)		
	Retreat Adaptation Instructions: Only PART of this requirement can be completed during the retreat. Use this time to list the family members participating, create the required number of "treasure chests", make the needed number of scrap paper for each person, and finally for the scout to list what's special about each person and place it in the chest. Treasure Chest Ideas: (1) Plastic treasure chest from a party store (2) Create a treasure chest for paper pattern (Google these terms, "paper treasure chest pattern" (3) Draw a treasure chest on a brown lunch bag		
	Time Required: 20 minutes		
	Preparation: None. (Use the space provided in the workbook.)		

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Section TWO - God, Our Father; His Son, Jesus Christ; and I

Goal: Learn about how God's love extended to sending us His son, Jesus Christ, into the world. When Jesus was born, shepherds in the area came to see him, worship him and bring him gifts. Through this section, scouts will learn how they too can learn about Jesus, His love for us and how we can show and share others our love for them.

Retreat Reading: Luke's gospel, Chapter 2

	Retreat?	Home Activity?
1. Gifts for Jesus, the new born king and savior	X	
Instructions: To show their love, respect and belief in Jesus as savior and king, the shepherds and wise men visited Him in the stable where He was born and brought Him the finest gifts they had. If YOU were a young shepherd boy, what would you give to the baby Jesus or do for Him? Paste pictures, draw or write about your gifts in the space below.		
Time Required: 15 minutes		
Preparation: Have the scripture passage printed out for those without bibles. (Luke 2)		
2. Gifts for Jesus TODAY.	X	
Instructions: Think about the things you can do for Jesus TODAY. Past pictures, draw or write about yourself doing these things and put them inside your "present".		
Time Required: 15 minutes		
Preparation: Have blank 8-1/2 x 11 paper for those that need more room.		
3. How Did Your Mom or Dad Learn About Jesus, How I Learned About Jesus	X	
Instructions: Talk to your parents about how they learned about Jesus when they were your age. (Write it down on the worksheet in the space provided.) Think about how YOU can learn about Jesus and write your answers down and compare them. Are your answer different of alike?		
Time Required: 15 minutes		
Preparation: Use the worksheet.		
4. You Are The Light of the World		X
Instructions: Jesus says, "You are the light of the world." This means that your gifts are special and will grow as you share them with others. This will be an AT-HOME activity		
Time Required: N/A		
Preparation: N/A		
5. Showing Your Love For Members of Your Family		X
Instructions: When God created the world, He was showing us how much he loves us as children. What are some of the ways you can show members of your family how much you love them? After you have done something to show your love for them, either write or draw about what you did in the space below. This will be an AT-HOME activity		
Time Required: N/A		
Preparation: N/A		

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Section THREE - Jesus, Our Church and I

Goal: Since Jesus loves us so much, he calls us to become a special part of His family, and we call this the Catholic ("universal") Church. He wants us all to be faithful members of our Church and this is part of your Cub Scout Promise - "Duty to God". Read in the Bobcat section of your Bear or Webelos Book how you can keep this promise.

Retreat Reading: John 15:5

I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing.

	Retreat?	Home Activity?
1. Our Church Family	X	

Instructions: In the Gospel of John, Jesus compared His Church to a living, growing vine and its branches. In this parable, He explains the close, family-like relationship between God the Father, Himself and His children who make up the Church.

Your parish is made up of people who have shown this same kind of relationship: priests, deacons, sisters, brothers and other like you and your family. Fill in the spaces shown on the Church "family tree", indicating the people in your Church and parish who make up the branches.

Time Required: 15 minutes
Preparation:

2. People Working in Your Parish Community		X

Instructions: There are many people working in your parish to make it a community, and it takes everyone to make it a good community - both young people and adults. Look around and see what other people are doing in your parish. Talk to someone who is doing something you would like to do. Who did you talk to? Write about what you learned.

This is an AT-HOME activity.

Time Required: N/A
Preparation: N/A

3. Parish Activities and Service Projects		X

Instructions: Your parish has many activities and service projects that it sponsors and participates in - project like food and clothing drives, fund-raisers and bazaars, and prayer groups and Christian fellowship groups. Find out what kinds of activities are going on in your parish. How do these activities help the parish and/or other people?

This will be an AT-HOME activity

Time Required: N/A
Preparation: N/A

4. Church Special Events	X	

Instructions: Just as you and your family celebrate special events - birthdays, holidays, anniversaries and so on -- the church also celebrates special events. Make a list of these celebrations and write in in the space below.

Time Required: 7 minutes
Preparation: Use the workbook

5. Things YOU Can Do For Your Family and Parish	X	

Instructions: Your will find two lists on the right side of the page (page 31). In the first list, make a list of the things you can do for your family. In the second, write a list of things you can do for your parish.

Time Required: 10 minutes
Preparation: Use the workbook

6. Children Around The World	X	

Instructions: No matter where we live, we all belong to the family of God. Find pictures of children from around the world and paste them below.

Time Required: 30 minutes
Preparation: Use the workbook and picture samples

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Section FOUR - Jesus, His People, and I

Goal: Jesus was always kind and good and never tired of doing for others. He taught people and healed the sick. He did something for everyone He met.

There are many bible stories that tell of God's wish that His children love Him with their whole heart, soul and mind. Because we love him this way, He wants us to show it by loving our neighbors just as we love ourselves. What does this mean? It means that sometimes we don't like what we do, but we forgive ourselves anyway. And there are times when people do things to us that make us unhappy, but because God loves us no matter what we do and forgives us, we must do the same thing for others. This is really doing our best.

Retreat Reading: Luke 10: 30-37

		Retreat?	Home Activity?
1.	**Unselfish Love**	X	
	Instructions: One bible story that shows this unselfish kind of love is about a man who was good and kind to a complete stranger. It is called the story of the Good Samaritan and can be found in Luke, Chapter 10, verses 30-37. Read the story with your parents and then explain it in your own words.		
	Time Required: 15 minutes		
	Preparation: Printouts of Luke 10:30-37		
2.	**Giving a Gift to Someone in Need in Your Neighborhood**		X
	Instructions: Make a card or gift, write a poem or draw a picture to give to someone in your neighborhood who is sick, poor, elderly, shut-in, or disabled. Spend a little time with this person. Perhaps you could run an errand for, do a small job for, or read a story to the person you visit. Afterward write about your visit in the space below.Tell how you felt. This is an AT-HOME activity.		
	Time Required: N/A		
	Preparation: N/A		
3.	**Attend Mass With Your Family and Pray for the Person**		X
	Instructions: Attend Mass with your family, and pray for the person you visited. This will be an AT-HOME activity		
	Time Required: N/A		
	Preparation: N/A		
4.	**Sharing Tic-Tac-Toe**		X
	Instructions: In this activity, complete any three good deeds by either working across, down or diagonally. This will be an AT-HOME activity		
	Time Required: 7 minutes		
	Preparation: Use the workbook		
5.	**General Store**	X	
	Instructions: Pretend you are a person in business running a store. Think about some of the things you could sell that the world or your community needs to make it a better place. Write or draw these things in the "store window" in your workbook.		
	Time Required: 30 minutes		
	Preparation: Use the workbook		
6.	**Feeling Sorry for What You've Done**	X	X
	Instructions: If you have hurt or made someone in your family angry, tell them you are sorry. (In the retreat, use your parent.) Is this a hard thing to do? Why? Talk about it with your Mom or Dad. In the space provided in your workbook, write what you did to show you were sorry.		

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Section FIVE - Children of God, Other Cub Scouts, and I

Goal: Jesus calls us to do our best to serve God, our families, and others at all times. The PARVULI DEI emblem, which you will soon wear on your uniform, is just one of the things that tells others you are a Cub Scout or Webelos Scout who is giving his best to make our world better.

Even though you are a young boy right now, always remember that you are an important person - important to your parents, your family, your parish, and especially to God.

Your emblem will also tell others that you really love them and care about their needs. You don't just say it with words, but like the God Samaritan, you go out of your way to show it. Your emblems says that you are always ready to "Do Your Best".

Retreat Reading: Luke 19:1-9

			Retreat?	Home Activity?
1.	**The Story of Zaccheus**		X	
	Instructions: Together with your Mom or Dad, read the story of Zaccheus, a man who was willing to do all he could to know Jesus better and to serve Him. It can be found in Luke, chapter 19, verses 1-9. Then answer the questions in your workbook.			
	Time Required:	15 minutes		
	Preparation:	Printouts of Luke 19:1-9		
2.	**Teach a Skill to Someone**			X
	Instructions: Think of something you do very well - playing baseball, mowing the grass, skating, etc. Teach someone else this skill and then have him/her teach YOU one thing they do well. Write or draw what you did. This is an AT-HOME activity.			
	Time Required:	N/A		
	Preparation:	N/A		
3.	**A Special Day to Love Someone**			X
	Instructions: Choose one day out of the week and make it your special day. On this day show someone that you love them. Write about your experience and what you did. This will be an AT-HOME activity			
	Time Required:	N/A		
	Preparation:	N/A		
4.	**Make a Banner**	***Final Class Activity!***	X	
	Instructions: Make a banner out of fabric or paper. This banner should show designs that tell about you, some things you have learned, or activities you have done to earn your Parvili Dei emblem. For example, your banner might show: a) God's creations: sun, moon, stars, animals b) Symbols or God and Jesus c) The gift of yourself: a talent d) Things for which you are thankful Share your banner with the community!		*Hang this banner in the main gathering space for the retreat*	
	Time Required:	45 minutes		
	Preparation:	Use the workbook		