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3rd Grade Chapter 23 Religion Study Guide

Vocabulary:

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| **Covenant:** | an agreement between God and his people. |
| **Ecumenism:** | work toward Christian unity |
| **Muslims** | people of faith who follow the teachings of Muhammad |
| **Jews:** | people of faith who keep God’s law and follow the Ten Commandments |
| **Christians:** | people of faith who believe in and follow Jesus Christ |
| **Allah:** | the name that Muslims call God |

* John the Baptist prepared people for the coming of the **Messiah**
* God spoke to his people through the **Prophets**
* **The Great Spirit*:*** the name that native tribes call God

People around the world have different beliefs about God:

* **Christians** are people of faith who believe in a follow Jesus
* There are many different kinds of faiths
  + Some people believe in God and worship him in *different* ways
* **Jews** are people of faith. They keep God’s law and follow the Ten Commandments
* Many Christian beliefs and practices come from the Jewish faith
* **Muslims** are people of faith. They follow the teachings of Muhammad and call God **Allah** (some of their beliefs are the same as Christens’ and Jews’)
* Native people also worship God but they call him **The Great Spirit**

The Jewish faith is important to Christians

* Reading the **Old Testament** can help teach us about the Jewish faith
  + God spoke to Abraham and his wife, Sarah. He promised them children because they didn’t have any and He wanted them to believe in him. He did what he promised
  + He also spoke to Moses and made a **covenant** with him. (An agreement between God and his people)
  + God’s promise= to be *their* God and to give them their own land
  + The people’s promise= to worship God, to live by his law, and to follow the Ten Commandments
  + He spoke to them through the **prophets** who reminded the people of their promises
  + **John the Baptist** was a prophet who told the people to ask for forgiveness and prepared the people for the coming of the **Messiah**
  + **The Messiah** would be sent by God to bring mercy, peace, and justice to the world
  + **Jesus was the Messiah**
  + The Jews who believed this followed him a became disciples
  + After Jesus died and was resurrected more people became disciples and then they were called **Christians**.

Christ calls His followers to be united

* At the Last Supper Jesus prayed that his followers would always be “one community” (united)
* Catholics are Christians. Catholics belong to the Catholic church
  + There are other types of Christian churches; Orthodox, Episcopal, Lutheran, Methodist, Presbyterian, and Baptist
* All Christians have important things in common
  + They are baptized
  + They believe that God is the Father, Son and Holy Spirit
  + They believe that Jesus is both divine and human
  + They believe that Jesus died for our sins and rose again from the dead
  + They believe that the Bible was inspired by the Holy Spirit
* The Catholic church is working with other churches to bring all baptized people together (this is called **ecumenism**)

The church works for Christian unity

* WE need to know our faith and be the best Catholics we can be
* Other Christians can learn from us
* We can receive the sacraments. This strengthens our faith