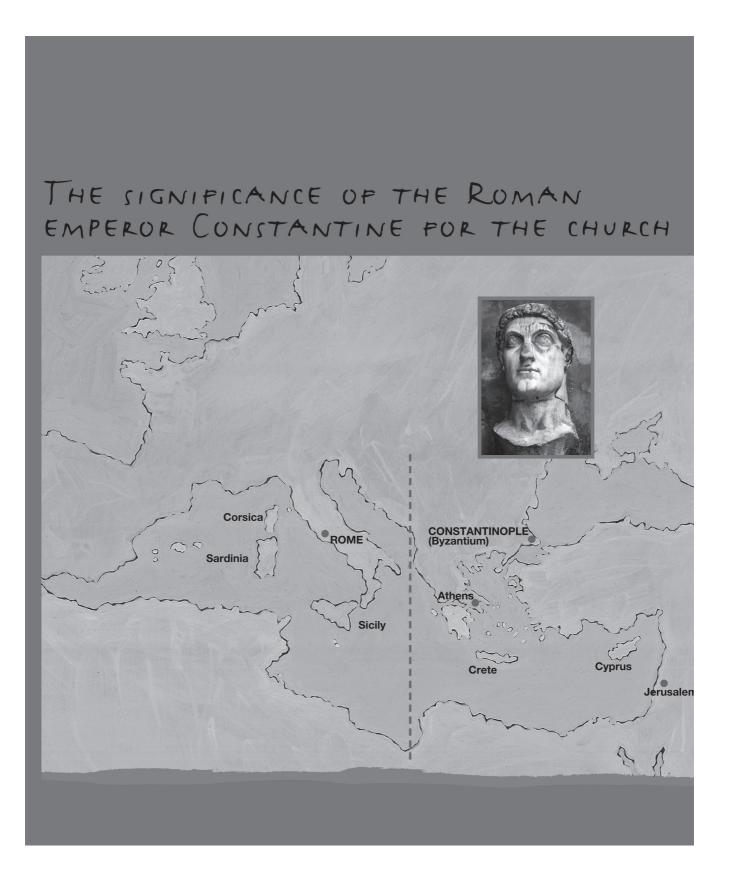
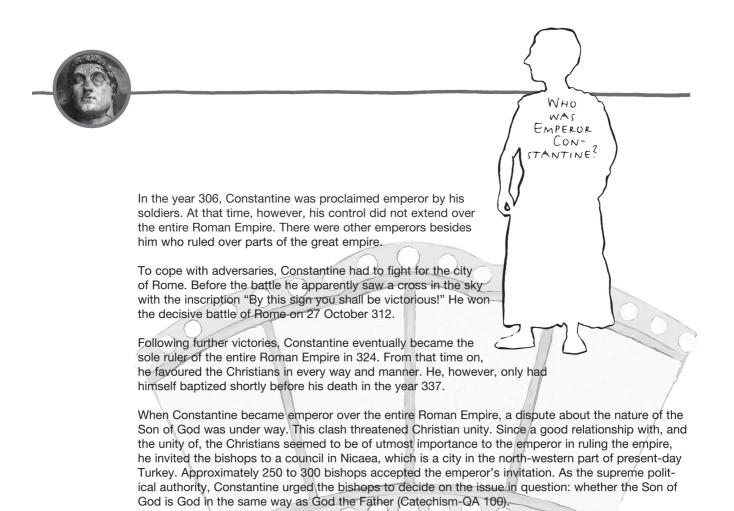


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The council in 325 established the absolute equality of the Son with the Father. This statement was inspired by the Holy Spirit and is the belief of all Christians.

Theme picture: The map shows the western and eastern halves of the Roman Empire. The picture depicts Constantine.

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EXERCISE 1
Read the text below and correctly insert the missing words:
Christianity – Christians – Christ's birth – Emperor Constantine – the First Commandment – Gentiles – persecuted – Roman Empire – same rights –
secure – significance – suspicious – three
Valuable information about the history of Christianity
During the first centuries after, the Christian faith
was strange to many citizens of theand they were naturally
. The Christians did not want to worship the Gentile gods because they
would have broken
Worshipping Gentile gods was stipulated by law, however. That is why the Christians at that time
were
Some Roman emperors' objective was to completely destroy the
Nevertheless, at the end of the third century, many people in the Roman Empire already professed
, and more were added all the time. Christianity had gained great
wanted to win over the large group of Christians for himself in
order to his power and the unity of the empire.
In the year 313, Christians were granted theas the
by means of the Edict of Milan.

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