

# Grade 3 - Chapter 18

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## Discover

### Catechist Edition Instruction

## Discover (1)

### Objective

- Understand that vows are sacred promises made to or before God

### Learning about Service

Ask a volunteer to read aloud the question at the top of the student page.

- Tell the children that we will learn the answer in today's story.

Read aloud the opening paragraph.

### The Wedding Story

Assign strong readers to the roles of Samantha, her mother, Dad, and Jeremy. Have the rest of the children follow along in their books as the readers begin.

- Point out that all families suffer through difficult times. But family members can help one another through the hard times, and we can always turn to God.
- *Ask:* What good memories of weddings and married life have family members shared with you?
- Allow volunteers to share a few stories.

Draw the children's attention to the illustration at the bottom of the page.

- *Ask:* Would you consider this to be a good family time? Why?

## Sharing Wedding Memories

Have the children continue reading their parts.

- Have them pause after the first paragraph so you can emphasize the roles of deacons and priests in ministering to parishes.
- At the conclusion of the story, thank the readers for providing a service to the group.

Ask: How are the lives of married people, deacons, and priests similar. **Possible response: All involve the promise of a lifetime commitment and the use of talents to serve God and others.**

## Work With Words

Point out the Catholic Faith Words from pages 244 and 245 and have the children make vocabulary cards for each term.

## Activity

Read aloud the directions.

- Have the children work in pairs to define *love* and discuss its expressions.

## Quick Review

Vows are sacred promises made to God. In Matrimony, a man and woman profess their vows to love and serve God and one another. When a man celebrates Holy Orders, he vows to live a life of service to the Church community.

## Discover (2)

### Objectives

- Explore serving God and community through the Sacraments at the Service of Communion
- Describe Holy Orders as the Sacrament in which baptized men are ordained as deacons, priests, or bishops
- Identify Matrimony as the Sacrament that joins a baptized man and a baptized woman in Christian marriage to serve God

### Serving God's People

Read aloud the question at the top of the student page.

- Tell the children to think about this question as the group reviews the next two pages.

Invite two volunteers to read aloud the two paragraphs.

★ Instruct the children to circle the names of the two Sacraments at the Service of Communion.

### God's Word

Ask a volunteer to proclaim the Scripture.

- Read aloud the question at the bottom of the page.
- Encourage the children to share what they have learned about bishops, priests, and deacons in earlier chapters.

► Music Option: Have the children sing “Jesu, Jesu,” downloaded from [aliveinchrist.osv.com](http://aliveinchrist.osv.com).

## Sacraments of Service

Lead the group in a review of the contents of the chart. You might want to have a volunteer read aloud the *Actions* of each Sacrament, followed by you reading aloud the *Effects*.

## Serving One Another

Invite four volunteers to each read aloud one of the paragraphs.

- Answer any questions the children might have on the content.
- Ask: How do married people serve God? **by loving and serving each other and their children**
- Ask: How do priests and deacons serve the Church. **They act as servants of God and stewards of the faith, leading and serving the Church.**

For more information about the Church and her mission, invite the children to turn to page 305 in the Our Catholic Tradition section of the back of the Student Book.

## Activity

Read aloud the directions for the Connect Your Faith activity.

- When the children finish, invite volunteers to share their questions with the group.

## Quick Review

People can serve God and the community through the Sacraments at the Service of Communion, which include Holy Orders and Matrimony.

## Catechist Tips: Vows

Vows are sacred promises made to God.

- When a man and a woman celebrate Matrimony, they promise to love and serve God, each other, any children they may have, and the Church community.
- When a man celebrates Holy Orders, he promises to live a life of service to the Church community.
- These promises are made for life.

## Catechist Tips: Know Your Bishop

Bishops are often removed from parish life. Help the children learn about your bishop(s) by visiting your diocese's website.

- Look for pictures of the bishop and biographical information about him.
- Find projects that he is working on.
- Have the children work in small groups to summarize information from the website.

## Catechist Tips: Social Analysis

Bishops must practice social analysis, or awareness of the needs of others. Social analysis calls Christians to recognize how others live, and to learn how to help them.

- Learn about community conditions outside of your parish by reading newspapers and talking to others.
- Write letters to the editor about social issues that may be escaping public awareness.

## **Catechist Tips: Prepare to Serve**

Point out that the Gospel compels Catholics to act.

- Invite the children to suggest ways in which they can live lives of service to others.
- Help them understand that for Catholics, acts of service are an integral part of life.

## **Glossary Activity: Bishop**

Help the children understand your bishop's job.

- Have the children scan your diocesan newspaper to find articles about the bishop.
- The bishop may also write a column that appears in the newspaper. Have the children read some columns and report on them.

## **Additional Activity: Marriage**

Marriages are celebrated in a variety of ways across different religious traditions and cultures.

- Arrange the children in small groups.
- Have groups research marriage customs.
- Direct each group to report to the class on at least two wedding symbols and their meanings.

## **Additional Activity: Many Lives, Many Gifts**

Many people belong to the faith community: married people, single people, ordained ministers, and men and women religious.

- Challenge the children to list the special gifts that each of these groups brings to the faith community.
- Ask how the parish would be different if the Church did not have these groups to help other people.

## **Additional Activity: Take Action**

Living the Sacrament of Matrimony requires sacrifice and commitment.

- Have the children brainstorm ways of thanking the adults in their lives.
- Direct each child to choose one action that would happily surprise parents or guardians.
- Tell the children to act on their choices this week.

## **Additional Activity: Priest or Deacon Visit**

Invite a priest or deacon to come and speak to your group. Ask them to bring some of their vestments to explain to the children and to give a talk about how they see themselves as serving the community. Tell them to be specific about all the things they do. Many children will think they only "say Mass" or preach and will be interested to know all the other things they do.

## **Additional Activity: Thank You Coupons**

Supplies:

- precut paper slips 4" x 4" (10 x 10 cm) (4-8 slips per child)
- colored pencils or markers

- photocopy "FOR\_\_\_\_" and "Good For" on slips ahead of time; experiment with different fonts and/or small clip art (optional)

Brainstorm a list of service opportunities or gifts the children can do for the important adults in their lives (parents, grandparents, parish staff, teachers, after school caretakers).

Tell the children they may choose four to eight people. Distribute the coupons. Have the children write the name of the adult in the space after For\_\_\_\_\_ and write one offer on each coupon. Examples: "Good for one vacuuming." "Good for taking out the garbage." "Good for giggles when you are feeling down." "Good for setting up the classroom." "Good for an ice cream cone." "Good for a prayer for you." Have them decorate the coupons.

### **Additional Activity: Prayer**

Make the Sign of the Cross.

Leader: **Holy Spirit of God, fill us with your love and guide us to be signs of service to others.**

Leader: **A reading from the Gospel according to Mark.**

Read Mark 10:13-16

Leader: **The Gospel of the Lord.**

All: *Praise be to you, Lord Jesus Christ.*

Have the children find a seat. Tell them you are going to ask some questions for them to think about in the quiet of their hearts.

- **How does it make me feel when someone smiles at me or hugs me, or pays attention to me?**
- **Who blesses me?**
- **Do I ever bless others?**
- **Do adults like smiles and hugs?**
- **Is there an adult who needs a smile, a blessing, or a hug from me?**

(Pause)

Leader: **Let us stand and ask God's blessing on the many adults who serve us.**

Have the children mention people they want blessed.

**Let us pray:**

**God we ask you to bless and guide all the people we love and all the people who serve us. We ask this in the name of Jesus, your Son. Amen.**

### **Parish Video Connection: Jesus Turns Water Into Wine**

YouTube Video: <https://youtu.be/PAplBQVovd0>

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