

# Grade 2 - Chapter 21

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## Discover

### Catechist Edition Instruction

## Discover (1)

### Objectives

- Define Heaven as life and happiness forever with God
- Relate the story of the Wedding Feast to God's invitation and our response

### All Are Invited

Ask: What does God want for each of us?

- Tell the children to listen to the text.

Ask a volunteer to read aloud the text.

- Ask the question at the top of the page again. ***He wants us to enjoy happiness with him forever, on Earth and in Heaven.***

### Work with Words

Ask a volunteer to read aloud the Catholic Faith Word and its definition.

- Have the children create a flash card that they can use, with others they have created, for use in memory games or chapter and unit reviews.

### God's Word

Select children for the reading parts of the Storyteller, the Servants, the Three People, and the King.

- Have them proclaim the Scripture story.

### The Wedding Feast

Continue with the Scripture story.

- Point out that God wants everyone to come to the feast; in other words, to have happiness with him in Heaven.

## Activity

Invite a volunteer to read aloud the directions for the Share Your Faith activity.

- Ask the children to work in pairs and write their answers.
- Tell the children that in this story, the king reminds us of God the Father, and the son that the feast is for reminds us of Jesus. The guests remind us of everyone in the world.

## Quick Review

Heaven is life and happiness forever with God. The story of the Wedding Feast is similar to God's invitation and our response.

## Discover (2)

### Objectives

- Describe the Eucharist as the spiritual food that helps us to live with Jesus forever
- Recognize the need to say “yes” daily to God

### With God Now and Always

Read aloud the question.

- Write the children's responses on the board or chart paper.

Ask three volunteers to read aloud the three paragraphs.

- Tell the children that every time they receive Jesus in Holy Communion, they are preparing for the great feast of Heaven.

★ Have the children underline what the Eucharist is a sign of.

- Allow time for the children to reread the text as needed and underline the sentence.

### Say “Yes” to God!

Read aloud the paragraph.

- Ask: What does God call us to do? **to know, love, and serve him** How will you answer him?

### Say “Yes” to God!, *continued*

Read aloud the first two sentences.

- Invite a different volunteer to read aloud each bullet.
- After each bullet is read, brainstorm with the children some ideas on how to do each thing.
- Encourage the children to incorporate some of the ideas the group comes up with in the coming week.

## Activity

Read aloud the directions for the Connect Your Faith activity.

- Provide the children with colored pencils or markers.
- Allow time for them to think of and draw that person who says “yes.”

## Quick Review

The Eucharist is the spiritual food that helps us to live with Jesus forever. There are various ways to respond to God's invitation to know, love, and serve him.

### Catechist Tips: The Wedding Feast

According to Jewish custom, no specific time was given in an invitation to a big feast.

- The exact hour was determined by the person giving the feast, who sent out his servants with the final summons when the feast was ready. Central to this parable are the excuses offered.
- Why those invited would refuse an invitation to a royal wedding is not easily understood.

### Catechist Tips: Dignity

If it is to be well ordered and productive, any society must be founded on the principle that every human is a person with God-given dignity. Precisely because he or she is a person, he or she has rights and obligations that come with being created in God's own image. (See *Peace on Earth*, #9.)

### Catechist Tips: Reaching All Learners - English-Language Learners

Children who are acquiring English may feel more comfortable reading chorally with other children.

- When you assign parts, consider assigning them choral parts, such as the servants or the people.

### Glossary Activity: Heaven

Brainstorm with the children a list of activities or things that they wish could last forever.

- Ask volunteers to tell what these activities have in common.

### Parish Video Connection: Heaven In My Heart

After you discuss the Catholic Faith Word *Heaven*, and before you begin reading *God's Word* on page 278, show the children this video. Invite them to sing along as they watch.

*Ask:* What do you think it means for Jesus to be Heaven in your heart? (Possible answers: Jesus wants us to be with him always in Heaven and in our hearts; Jesus lives in our hearts, showing us the way to Heaven; we pray to Jesus from our hearts.)

YouTube Link: <https://youtu.be/eWETbZ2Ec6A>

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