

Grade 3 - Chapter 5

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Catechist Tips: Plan a Celebration

Reinforce the importance of celebration to visual learners by planning your own celebration as a class.

- Have the children help you choose a theme for the celebration, such as “Jesus loves us.”
- Brainstorm decorations, such as streamers and balloons.
- List snacks and drinks that respect children’s dietary restrictions.

Catechist Tips: A Crucial Link

Catholic social teaching grows integrally from the Eucharist.

- The sharing of the consecrated Bread and Wine calls the faithful to be the Body of Christ—leaven and bread, agents of transformation and of nourishment.

Glossary Activity: Mass

Ask the children to compare the celebration of Mass to a family celebration or party.

- Point out similarities, such as music, decorations, or the sharing of a meal.
- Be sure to include differences, including what is considered appropriate behavior in each place.

Additional Activity: Celebrate Sundays

Discuss how a family or a group of friends could follow the Third Commandment, “Remember to keep holy the Lord’s day.”

- Then have each of several small groups choose a way, prepare a skit about it, and present the skit to the entire group.

Additional Activity: Editing

You may wish to use the Connect Your Faith activity as a way to help the children acquire editing skills.

- Pair children, possibly having a strong writer and a weaker one work together.
- Have partners read each other's drafts and make suggestions for changes in content, wording, or order.

Additional Activity: Writing Letters

Have each child write a letter to a friend who does not go to church.

- Explain why Catholics gather with the Church community to worship on Sunday.
- Describe how the parish community shows joy as the people worship God.
- Invite the friend to join you on Sunday.

Additional Activity: Guest Speakers

Supplies:

- lector, usher, extraordinary minister of the Eucharist
- Lectionary or Bible
- unconsecrated hosts
- chalice or goblet

Invite one to three adults who serve at Mass in the capacities of lector, usher, or extraordinary minister of the Eucharist. Prepare the guests ahead of time to give a short talk about their ministry focusing on how they show respect and honor to God by their preparation and the physical gestures they use while performing their service. Have the appropriate props ready for them (Lectionary or Bible; collection basket; unconsecrated hosts; chalice or goblet).

Gather the children and introduce the guests. Have each guest talk about his or her ministry. If there is time, when each has completed his or her presentation, have the children practice the gestures of being a lector, usher, or extraordinary minister of the Eucharist.

Parish Video Connection: Sacraments 101: Eucharist

After completing the Catechist Edition instruction on page 101, show the children this video. Allow them to practice with a partner the correct way to bow and receive Holy Communion.

Ask: Why do we receive, and not take, Holy Communion? ***Because we are being given a gift***

YouTube Link: <http://youtu.be/qdGkTdv4Dt4>

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