

# Grade 1 - Chapter 17

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## Discover

### Catechist Edition Instruction

## Discover (1)

### Objectives

- Identify the Seven Sacraments as special signs and celebrations that Jesus gave his Church

### Signs of Love

Ask: How does the Church show and celebrate God's love?

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

Read aloud the paragraph.

- Emphasize God's love for the children.

### God's Word

Proclaim "The Advocate." Tell the children to listen for the promise Jesus made to his followers.

- Invite the children to circle what Jesus said to his followers. Invite volunteers to share what they circled.

Point out the illustration.

Ask the children to explain what the picture shows. ***a family bringing up the gifts at Mass***

- Music Option: Tell the children that Jesus is with us in a special way at Mass.

### The Sacraments

Read aloud all three paragraphs.

- Tell the children that Jesus is with us in special signs called the Seven Sacraments.

### Work with Words

Hold up an index card with the term *Seven Sacraments* and read aloud the definition.

- Ask the children if they can name any of the Seven Sacraments. Prompt them to name especially the Sacraments of Baptism and Eucharist.
- Tell the children that they will be learning the names of the other Sacraments.

Refer to pages 304–305 in the Our Catholic Tradition reference section in the back of the Student Book for more about the Seven Sacraments.

## **Activity**

Read aloud the directions for the Share Your Faith activity.

- Provide time for the children to talk with a partner. Afterward, invite sharing with the group.

## **Quick Review**

Jesus gave his Church special signs and celebrations called the Seven Sacraments. The Seven Sacraments allow us to share in the life and work of God.

## **Discover (2)**

### **Objectives**

- Appreciate that the Sacraments celebrate that Jesus is still with us, sharing his life and love
- Recognize that every Sacrament has words and actions we do and things God does that we can't see that bring us life

### **Signs and Celebrations**

*Ask:* How is Jesus with us today?

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

Explain that things that you can see, hear, touch, smell and taste are used to celebrate the Sacraments.

- Explain that these holy things are signs that tell us that God—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit—is there with you.
- Point out that the Church has Seven Sacraments.
- Emphasize that Jesus gave us the Sacraments so that we can always know his love and care.

### **Signs and Celebrations, *continued***

Point out the three boxes.

- Explain that the Church has Seven Sacraments. The Seven Sacraments fall into one of three categories.
- The Sacraments of Initiation are Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist. These three Sacraments celebrate membership into the Catholic Church.
- The Sacraments of Healing are Reconciliation and Penance, and Anointing of the Sick. These Sacraments celebrate God's forgiveness and healing.
- The Sacraments at the Service of Communion celebrate people's commitment to serve God and the community.
- Have the children circle the Sacraments that they have seen.

## Activity

Point out the Connect Your Faith Activity and read aloud the directions.

- Remind the children that they have circled the Sacraments they have seen above.
- Have them choose one that they have circled and draw it.
- Invite volunteers to share their drawings.

## Quick Review

The Catholic Church has Seven Sacraments: Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist, Reconciliation and Penance, Anointing of the Sick, Matrimony, and Holy Orders.

## Catechist Tips: Reaching All Learners—Comfort Zone

Some children at this age have low self-esteem and feel awkward when singled out. They may feel unsure of themselves and be hesitant to answer a question.

- When asking questions, involve these children by asking for a show of hands, or have the children hold up a piece of paper marked “Yes” or “No.”

## Catechist Tips: Seven

The number seven has a special significance in Scripture and in Catholic theology. The creation story in Genesis occupies seven days. When Jesus was asked how many times we should forgive a person, he replied, “seventy times seven” (Matthew 18:22). The Church celebrates Seven Sacraments. There are seven deadly sins, seven Cardinal Virtues, and seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit.

## Catechist Tips: The Promise

Write the word, *promise*, for all the children to see. Talk together about what a promise is and elicit examples of someone making a promise. Remind them that Jesus made a promise to each of us, stressing that we know that Jesus would always keep his promise. Jesus promised that God would always love us and would always be with us even if we didn't see him. Talk about what we might say to someone who keeps his or her promise like Jesus does. Let each child draw or decorate a sign that says, "Thank You, Jesus!" When finished, have them stand up and loudly read their sign. Let the class respond each time, "For keeping your promise!"

## Glossary Activity: Sacrament

The word *Sacrament* comes from the Latin word *sacramentum*, which means “a consecrating” and is the translation of the Greek word *mysterion*, meaning “mystery.” This word is used with reference to marriage in the writings of Saint Paul (see Ephesians 5:32).

- The Church defines a Christian Sacrament as “an outward sign of an inward grace instituted by Christ” (Catechismus concil. Trident., n. 4, ex St. Augustine, "De Catechizandis rudibus").

## Additional Activity: Guessing Game

Guessing games make an appropriate tie-in to a lesson about signs as clues.

- Play “Guess the Feeling.” Write feeling words (happy, sad) on slips of paper.
- Ask volunteers to pick a slip and express that feeling by acting out signs that point to it. Have the

rest of the class guess what feeling each volunteer is miming.

### **Additional Activity: Sacraments Mobile**

Divide the children into seven groups. Give each group a long strip of paper of a different color.

- Assign each group the name of a Sacrament to print on the paper and add a picture to illustrate their Sacrament.
- Attach the strips of paper to a hanger to make a mobile.

### **Additional Activity: Symbols**

Reinforce the children's understanding of symbols by reviewing literary figures of speech.

- Invite the children to suggest concrete signs for abstract concepts by asking them to complete sentences such as "Love is like ..." or "Courage is like ..."