

# Lesson Planner



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		OBJECTIVES	LESSON PROCESS	ACTIVITIES	MATERIALS
CELEBRATE	15 minutes Pages 2–3	<b>Ritual Focus</b> <i>Renewal of Baptismal Promises</i>  To experience a celebration of the word, including the Renewal of Baptismal Promises	Celebrate the opening prayer.		PROGRAM RESOURCES <i>Songs of Celebration</i> CD, track 7 <i>And With Your Spirit</i> CD, track 6  OTHER MATERIALS Bible, prayer table, candle, large glass bowl filled with water
	Pages 4–5	To explore the meaning of the ritual action  To explain that through Baptism, we belong to God and the Church forever	Reflect on the celebration. Complete the activity. Read about and discuss water. Describe the Church as the <b>Body of Christ</b> , and discuss <b>Original Sin</b> , Baptism, and the Holy Spirit. Talk about what it means to be a <b>Christian</b> . Read about the <b>Paschal candle</b> .	<b>Reflect</b> Children reflect on the experience of the celebration and the meaning of renewing Baptismal Promises.	
REMEMBER	30 minutes Pages 6–7	<b>Faith Focus</b> <i>What does Jesus tell us about belonging to God?</i>  To understand what it means to belong to God	Discuss belonging. Proclaim the Gospel story. <i>John 15:1–17</i> Complete the activity.	<b>Share</b> Children draw pictures of how they belong to God.  <b>Faith at Home</b> Suggested activities for the home	PROGRAM RESOURCES Copies of Activity Master 1, p. CE1  Copies of Echo Pantomime 1, p. CE2
	Pages 8–9	<b>Faith Focus</b> <i>Which Sacraments are signs of belonging?</i>  To describe the Sacraments of Initiation	Identify the <b>Sacraments of Initiation</b> . Explain the terms <b>Sacraments</b> , <b>chrism</b> , Baptism, <b>Confirmation</b> , <b>Eucharist</b> , Holy Communion.  Read about and discuss the <b>Holy Trinity</b> .	<b>Faith at Home</b> Suggested activities for the home	
LIVE	15 minutes Page 10	To help children express that they are followers of Christ	Introduce the activity. Pray the Closing Blessing.  Read aloud the People of Faith story about Blessed Carlos Manuel Rodríguez.	<b>Respond</b> Children complete a banner describing followers of Jesus.	PROGRAM RESOURCES <i>Songs of Celebration</i> CD, track 7
FAITH AT HOME	Page 11	<b>Faith at Home</b> To introduce the different parts of the Faith at Home page	Review the Faith at Home page. Encourage children to share this page at home.	<b>Act</b> Suggested activities for the home	PROGRAM RESOURCES Family Guide, pp. 16–17

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CELEBRATE	15 minutes Pages 12–13	<b>Ritual Focus</b> <i>Procession and Gloria</i> To experience a celebration of the word, including a procession and the singing of the Gloria	Celebrate the opening prayer.		PROGRAM RESOURCES <i>Songs of Celebration</i> CD, track 8  OTHER MATERIALS Bible, prayer table, candle, large glass bowl filled with water
	Pages 14–15	To explore the meaning of the ritual actions  To teach about the ways the community comes together and prays during the Mass	Reflect on the celebration. Complete the activity. Read about and discuss the role of the <b>assembly</b> . Read about and discuss gathering for worship.  Describe how <b>processions</b> are part of our worship.	<b>Reflect</b> Children draw pictures of thanks and praise.	
REMEMBER	30 minutes Pages 16–17	<b>Faith Focus</b> <i>What is a community of faith?</i>  To understand the qualities of a community of faith	Discuss why we are a community of faith. Proclaim the Scripture story. <i>Acts 2:42–47</i> Complete the activity.	<b>Share</b> Partners write and perform a play.  <b>Faith at Home</b> Suggested activities for the home	PROGRAM RESOURCES Copies of Activity Master 2, p. CE3 Copies of Scripture Drama 2, pp. CE4–5 <i>And With Your Spirit</i> CD, track 3  OTHER MATERIALS Props for dramatizing the Gospel story
	Pages 18–19	<b>Faith Focus</b> <i>What happens when we gather as a community of faith?</i>  To describe the Introductory Rites	Discuss the importance of the Introductory Rites. Examine why we worship together. Read about and discuss the importance of <b>prayer</b> and singing.	<b>Faith at Home</b> Suggested activities for the home	
LIVE	15 minutes Page 20	To model ways of praising God	Introduce the activity. Pray the Closing Blessing.  Read aloud the People of Faith story about Sister Thea Bowman.	<b>Respond</b> Children list reasons to praise and thank God.	PROGRAM RESOURCES <i>Songs of Celebration</i> CD, track 8
FAITH AT HOME	Page 21	<b>Faith at Home</b> To introduce the different parts of the Faith at Home page	Review the Faith at Home page. Encourage children to share this page at home.	<b>Act</b> Suggested activities for the home	PROGRAM RESOURCES Family Guide, pp. 18–19



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CELEBRATE	15 minutes Pages 22–23	<b>Ritual Focus</b> <i>Penitential Act</i> To experience a celebration of the word, including praying the Confiteor and extending the Sign of Peace	Celebrate the opening prayer.		PROGRAM RESOURCES <i>Songs of Celebration</i> CD, track 9 <i>And With Your Spirit</i> CD, track 2  OTHER MATERIALS Bible, prayer table, candle, large glass bowl filled with water
	Pages 24–25	To explore the meaning of the ritual action  To teach the relationship between forgiveness and unity	Reflect on the celebration. Complete the activity. Read about and discuss the Penitential Act, including the Lord Have Mercy ( <i>Kyrie, eleison</i> ).  Describe the word united. Read about and discuss silence.	<b>Reflect</b> Children reflect on the experience of the celebration and the meaning of the Confiteor.	
REMEMBER	30 minutes Pages 26–27	<b>Faith Focus</b> <i>Why did Jesus eat with sinners?</i>  To explain that Jesus was a friend of sinners	Discuss Jesus' attitude toward sinners. Proclaim the Gospel story. <i>Matthew 9:9–13</i> Complete the activity.	<b>Share</b> Children complete a rhyme about Jesus' friendship.  <b>Faith at Home</b> Suggested activities for the home	PROGRAM RESOURCES Copies of Activity Master 3, p. CE6  Copies of Scripture Drama 3, pp. CE7–8  OTHER MATERIALS Props for dramatizing the Gospel story
	Pages 28–29	<b>Faith Focus</b> <i>What happens during the Penitential Act?</i>  To explain why we pray for forgiveness at Mass	Identify reasons for asking forgiveness. Read about and discuss sprinkling with holy water.  Examine the Penitential Act and <b>Confiteor</b> .	<b>Faith at Home</b> Suggested activities for the home	
LIVE	15 minutes Page 30	To integrate and review signs and prayers of forgiveness	Introduce the activity. Pray the Closing Blessing.  Read aloud the People of Faith story about Blessed Pope John Paul II.	<b>Respond</b> Children make a bulletin board about forgiveness at home, school, or church.	PROGRAM RESOURCES <i>Songs of Celebration</i> CD, track 9
FAITH AT HOME	Page 31	<b>Faith at Home</b> To introduce the different parts of the Faith at Home page	Review the Faith at Home page.  Encourage children to share this page at home.	<b>Act</b> Suggested activities for the home	PROGRAM RESOURCES Family Guide, pp. 20–21

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CELEBRATE	 10 minutes Pages 32–33 <b>Ritual Focus</b> <i>Signing</i> To experience a celebration of the word, including the signing before the proclamation of the Gospel	Celebrate the opening prayer.		 PROGRAM RESOURCES <i>Songs of Celebration</i> CD, track 10 <i>And With Your Spirit</i> CD, track 13 OTHER MATERIALS Bible, prayer table, candle, large glass bowl filled with water
	Pages 34–35 To explore the meaning of the ritual action To explain that God is present in the word	Reflect on the celebration. Complete the activity.  Read about and discuss the Sign of the Cross.  Describe the Bible as God's word.  Read about and discuss the Bible.	 <b>Reflect</b> Children reflect on the experience of the celebration and the meaning of signing.	
REMEMBER	 30 minutes Pages 36–37 <b>Faith Focus</b> <i>Why do we listen to God's word?</i> To explain why it is important to listen to God's word	Discuss why Jesus told stories.  Proclaim the Gospel story. <i>Matthew 13:1–23</i> Complete the activity.	 <b>Share</b> Partners act out scenes from the Gospel story.  <b>Faith at Home</b> Suggested activities for the home	PROGRAM RESOURCES Copies of Activity Master 4, p. CE9 Copies of Echo Pantomime 4, p. CE10 OTHER MATERIALS Lectionary and/or Book of the Gospels
	<b>Faith Focus</b> <i>What happens during the Liturgy of the Word?</i> To describe the parts of the Liturgy of the Word	Identify the two parts of the Mass. Examine each part of the Liturgy of the Word.  Read about and discuss the readings and the terms <b>ambo</b> , <b>lectionary</b> , <b>Book of the Gospels</b> .	 <b>Faith at Home</b> Suggested activities for the home	
LIVE	 20 minutes Page 40 To encourage children to express how they will listen to and share God's word	Introduce the activity. Pray the Closing Blessing. Read aloud the People of Faith story about Jean Donovan.	 <b>Respond</b> Children draw ways to share God's word.	 PROGRAM RESOURCES <i>Songs of Celebration</i> CD, track 10
FAITH AT HOME	 <b>Faith at Home</b> To introduce the different parts of the Faith at Home page	Review the Faith at Home page. Encourage children to share this page at home.	 <b>Act</b> Suggested activities for the home	PROGRAM RESOURCES Family Guide, pp. 22–23



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CELEBRATE	15 minutes Pages 42–43	<b>Ritual Focus</b> <i>Honoring the Cross</i> To experience a celebration of the word, including Honoring the Cross	Celebrate the opening prayer.		PROGRAM RESOURCES <i>Songs of Celebration</i> CD, track 11  OTHER MATERIALS Bible, cross or crucifix, prayer table, candle, large bowl filled with water
	Pages 44–45	To explore the meaning of the ritual action To teach the meaning of sacrifice	Reflect on the celebration. Complete the activity. Read about and discuss the meaning of the cross or crucifix. Discuss sacrifice. Read about and discuss the altar.	<b>Reflect</b> Children reflect on the experience of the celebration and the meaning of Honoring the Cross.	
REMEMBER	30 minutes Pages 46–47	<b>Faith Focus</b> <i>What does Jesus tell us about serving others?</i> To explain that Jesus wants us to serve others	Discuss what Jesus tells us about serving others. Proclaim the Gospel story. <i>John 13:1–16</i> Complete the activity.	<b>Share</b> Children write a story about a sacrifice. <b>Faith at Home</b> Suggested activities for the home	PROGRAM RESOURCES Copies of Activity Master 5, p. CE11 Copies of Scripture Narration 5, p. CE12 <i>And With Your Spirit</i> CD, track 11
	Pages 48–49	<b>Faith Focus</b> <i>What gifts do we bring to the altar?</i> To explain why we present gifts at Mass	Explain that the Preparation of the Gifts is part of the Liturgy of the Eucharist. Read about the bread and wine used as food for souls.	<b>Faith at Home</b> Suggested activities for the home	OTHER MATERIALS Props for dramatizing the Gospel story
LIVE	15 minutes Page 50	To encourage children to serve others and praise God	Introduce the activity. Pray the Closing Blessing. Read aloud the People of Faith story about Saint Maximilian Kolbe.	<b>Respond</b> Children discuss ways of serving and color the cross.	PROGRAM RESOURCES <i>Songs of Celebration</i> CD, track 11
FAITH AT HOME	Page 51	<b>Faith at Home</b> To introduce the different parts of the Faith at Home page	Review the Faith at Home page. Encourage children to share this page at home.	<b>Act</b> Suggested activities for the home	PROGRAM RESOURCES Family Guide, pp. 24–25

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CELEBRATE	15 minutes Pages 52–53	<b>Ritual Focus</b> <i>Mystery of Faith</i> To experience a celebration of the word, including the gesture of kneeling and the Mystery of Faith	Celebrate the opening prayer.		PROGRAM RESOURCES <i>Songs of Celebration</i> CD, track 12 <i>And With Your Spirit</i> CD, track 9 OTHER MATERIALS Bible, prayer table, candle, large glass bowl filled with water
	Pages 54–55	To explore the meaning of the ritual action To explain the meaning of the Eucharistic Prayer	Reflect on the celebration. Complete the activity. Read about and discuss kneeling. Explore the <b>mystery</b> of the <b>Eucharistic Prayer</b> . Read about and discuss the role of the priest.	<b>Reflect</b> Children reflect on the experience of the celebration and the meaning of Christ's presence.	
REMEMBER	30 minutes Pages 56–57	<b>Faith Focus</b> <i>What does Jesus tell his friends?</i> To explain the significance of the Last Supper	Discuss the importance of the Last Supper. Proclaim the Gospel story. <i>Matthew 26:26–28; Luke 22:14–20</i> Complete the activity.	<b>Share</b> Children complete phrases from the Last Supper story. <b>Faith at Home</b> Suggested activities for the home	PROGRAM RESOURCES Copies of Activity Master 6, p. CE13 Copies of Scripture Drama 6, pp. CE14–15
	Pages 58–59	<b>Faith Focus</b> <i>What do we remember and give thanks for during the Eucharistic Prayer?</i> To describe the Consecration, Mystery of Faith, and Great Amen	Relate the <b>Consecration</b> , Mystery of Faith, and Great Amen to the Last Supper. Read about the Blessed Sacrament and discuss why the <b>tabernacle</b> is important.	<b>Faith at Home</b> Suggested activities for the home	
LIVE	15 minutes Page 60	To help children remember and give thanks for gifts from God	Introduce the activity. Pray the Closing Blessing. Read aloud the People of Faith story about Paschal Baylon.	<b>Respond</b> Children color a stained glass window picture.	PROGRAM RESOURCES <i>Songs of Celebration</i> CD, track 12
FAITH AT HOME	Page 61	<b>Faith at Home</b> To introduce the different parts of the Faith at Home page	Review the Faith at Home page. Encourage children to share this page at home.	<b>Act</b> Suggested activities for the home	PROGRAM RESOURCES Family Guide, pp. 26–27



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<b>CELEBRATE</b>	 10 minutes Pages 62–63 <b>Ritual Focus</b> <i>Sharing a Meal</i> To experience a celebration of the word, including Sharing a Meal	Celebrate the opening prayer.		 <b>PROGRAM RESOURCES</b> Songs of Celebration CD, track 13 And With Your Spirit CD, track 12
	Pages 64–65 To explore the meaning of the ritual action To explain that the Eucharist is the Church's special meal	Reflect on the celebration. Complete the activity. Reflect on why we share meals.  Read about and discuss <b>The Sign of Peace</b> . Describe the <b>Eucharist</b> as the Church's meal.  Read about and discuss the <b>paten</b> , <b>chalice</b> , and <b>ciborium</b> .	 <b>Reflect</b> Children reflect on the experience of the celebration and the meaning of Sharing a Meal.	<b>OTHER MATERIALS</b> Bible, cross, prayer table, candle, large glass bowl filled with water, simple healthy refreshments, table and chairs for the meal, eating utensils
<b>REMEMBER</b>	 30 minutes Pages 66–67 <b>Faith Focus</b> <i>What does Jesus tell us about himself?</i> To explain the connection between the Eucharist and eternal life	Recall the significance of Biblical meals.  Proclaim the Gospel story. <i>John 6:30–58</i> Complete the activity.	 <b>Share</b> Children draw one way Jesus gives us what we need.  <b>Faith at Home</b> Suggested activities for the home	<b>PROGRAM RESOURCES</b> Copies of Activity Master 7, p. CE17 Copies of Scripture Narration 7, pp. CE18–19
	Pages 68–69 <b>Faith Focus</b> <i>What happens during the Communion Rite?</i> To describe what happens during the Communion Rite	Identify the components of the Communion Rite. Explain the correct procedure for receiving Holy Communion.  Read about and discuss the <b>Lamb of God (Agnus Dei)</b> prayer.	 <b>Faith at Home</b> Suggested activities for the home	
<b>LIVE</b>	 20 minutes Page 70 To reflect on the meaning of Holy Communion	Introduce the activity. Pray the Closing Blessing. Read aloud the People of Faith story about Venerable Maria Teresa Quevedo.	 <b>Respond</b> Children write a prayer.	 <b>PROGRAM RESOURCES</b> Songs of Celebration CD, track 13
<b>FAITH AT HOME</b>	 <b>Faith at Home</b> To introduce the different parts of the Faith at Home page	Review the Faith at Home page. Encourage children to share this page at home.	 <b>Act</b> Suggested activities for the home	<b>PROGRAM RESOURCES</b> Family Guide, pp. 28–29

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CELEBRATE	15 minutes Pages 72–73	<b>Ritual Focus</b> <i>Blessing for Mission</i> To experience a celebration of the word, including a Blessing for Mission	Celebrate the opening prayer.		PROGRAM RESOURCES <i>Songs of Celebration</i> CD, track 14 <i>And With Your Spirit</i> CD, track 8 OTHER MATERIALS Bible, prayer table, candle, large glass bowl filled with water
	Pages 74–75	To explore the meaning of the ritual action To teach that we are sent forth from Mass to carry God's love to others	Reflect on the celebration. Complete the activity. Read about and discuss <b>blessing</b> . Describe our <b>mission</b> as followers of Jesus. Read about and discuss mission and witness.	<b>Reflect</b> Children reflect on the experience of the celebration and the meaning of being blessed for mission.	
REMEMBER	30 minutes Pages 76–77	<b>Faith Focus</b> <i>What happens when we receive the Holy Spirit?</i> To explain that the Holy Spirit is in our lives today	Discuss why and how the Holy Spirit helps us today. Proclaim the Scripture story of Pentecost. <i>Acts 2:1–41</i> Complete the activity.	<b>Share</b> Children write a rhyme. <b>Faith at Home</b> Suggested activities for the home	PROGRAM RESOURCES Copies of Activity Master 8, p. CE20 Copies of Scripture Drama 8, pp. CE21–22
	Pages 78–79	<b>Faith Focus</b> <i>How do we love and serve Jesus?</i> To explain why we are sent forth from Mass	Identify tasks that the Holy Spirit helps us with. Read about and discuss the role of <b>deacons</b> . Discuss how we are sent forth from Mass.	<b>Faith at Home</b> Suggested activities for the home	
LIVE	15 minutes Page 80	To reinforce the concept of service	Introduce the activity. Pray the Closing Blessing. Read aloud the People of Faith story about Saint Thérèse of Lisieux.	<b>Respond</b> Children write a story about serving others.	PROGRAM RESOURCES <i>Songs of Celebration</i> CD, track 14
FAITH AT HOME	Page 81	<b>Faith at Home</b> To introduce the different parts of the Faith at Home page	Review the Faith at Home page. Encourage children to share this page at home.	<b>Act</b> Suggested activities for the home	PROGRAM RESOURCES Family Guide, pp. 30–31