

The Church Welcomes Me

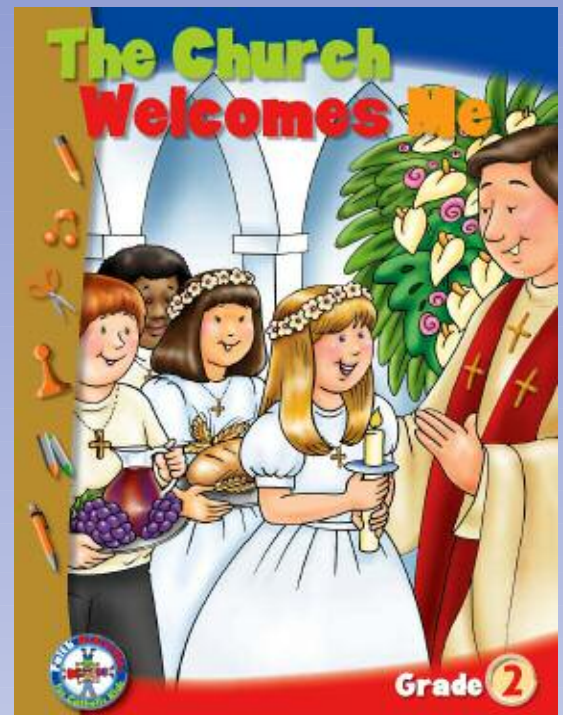
Faith Activities Grade 2

The *primary focus* of this grade is the welcoming experience of preparing for and receiving the sacraments of Eucharist and Reconciliation. In addition, the children learn about God the Father, the obligation and importance of Sunday Mass, the need for forgiveness, and the many ways to pray.

Because it follows the four pillars of the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, this kid-friendly book—in full color throughout—parallels the basic curriculum themes for second grade and so can be used to supplement any Catholic religion program.

Sections are color-coded to connect easily to the four areas:

- Profession of Faith (blue)
- Celebration of the Christian Mystery (red)
- Life in Christ (green)
- Christian Prayer (bronze)



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The Eucharist

Listening to God's Word

During the first part of Mass, we listen to readings from the Bible. We learn about God's love for us. We learn how to love God and others. The readings teach us how to be followers of Jesus.

We stand up during the last reading. It is called the *Gospel*. That word means "Good News." The Gospel tells us a story about Jesus.



Do you know the special word we sing as we stand to listen to the Gospel? Trace the dots below to find out, then color the word.

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Good Listener Links

Listening to the readings at Mass helps us understand God's love for us and God's plan for our lives.



Cut out the three strips below. Color the words. When you have finished the next page, you can cut out the strips and make them into a chain. The chain will remind you to be a good listener during Mass.

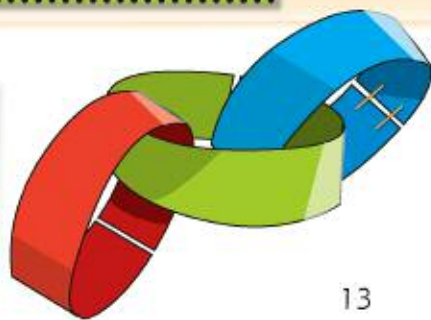
Shh! Be very quiet.

Listen carefully!

Remember what you hear!



St. Paul was a follower of Jesus. He traveled to tell many people about the Good News. He wrote many letters. You will hear his letters read at Mass.



The Eucharist

The Best Gift



Terence wanted to give his grandmother a special birthday gift that would show her how much he loved her. His father helped Terence make a videotape. Terence took pictures of the whole family. Terence showed a special family dinner they had celebrated together. On the tape, Terence thanked his grandmother for showing him how to tie his shoes. Terence ended by telling her how much he loved her. Terence's grandmother said the videotape was the best gift she had ever received.




On the television screen, draw one scene that you would put on videotape for somebody you love.



Praise and Thanksgiving

The Eucharistic Prayer is the Church's greatest prayer of praise and thanks to God. It is a time for us to remember that everything we have is a gift from God. We praise God and remember how much Jesus loves us.

**We pray, "Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again."
We say "Amen" at the end of the prayer.**

 *Amen* means "I agree!" Look at the box of letters. Count how many times the word *Amen* appears.

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