

SESSION	OBJECTIVES (The children will:)	READINGS	FAMILY ACTIVITY	SYMBOLS & MATERIALS	HANDOUTS
1 I Belong to a Loving Community	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> recognize they belong to the Church. recognize that we share faith in Jesus. recognize that Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist are Sacraments of Initiation. appreciate their own Baptisms. 	Baptism: John 3: 1-17	Work on Session # 1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Write name of the children on paper. Baptism pictures Read the prayer with your child. Together, pray the Our Father and Hail Mary. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bible in every session Sign of the Cross Handout of Bible for each child Bowl of water, vegetable oil with perfume, a loaf of Bread Copies of the Our Father Copies of the Gathering song 	Lord's Prayer, 1 for every child and parent; Song; Print Page 47
2 Our Community Remembers Jesus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> explore seasons where we celebrate: Jesus' birth. explore stories and seasons related to Jesus' Last Supper, Death, Resurrection (Paschal Mystery). recognize that we celebrate Jesus' Resurrection every Sunday. recognize that they belong to a community that listens to stories about Jesus in the Mass. Mass Rites: Liturgy of the Word 	John 6:47-68	Work on Session # 2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Remember special celebrations in the family: Christmas, Advent candles, Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, Easter eggs. What things at home remind us of Jesus? Read the prayer with your child. Together, pray the Our Father and Hail Mary. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bible Decorations of Christmas Advent Wreath Paschal Candle or any candle Clothes of the following colors: White, Red, Green, Purple 	Liturgy of the Word, Page 23 (Handout, for parents); Song
3 Jesus Gathers People Together	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> listen, explore, tell, and dramatize how eating with Jesus changed Zacchaeus. dramatize the story of Jesus multiplying five loaves and two fishes to feed 5000 people. appreciate eating together as a time of remembering and sharing. Liturgy of the Word 	Luke 19: 1-10 Mark 6:30-44	Work on Session # 3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reflect on ways we gather people together. Who invites me to pray? How do we invite others to pray? Read the prayer with your child. Together, pray the Our Father and Hail Mary. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bible Loaves of Bread Break and Share Bring food for the poor (suggested idea) 	Thanking God for Bread and Wine, Page 29; Song
4 Jesus' Special Supper	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> remember ways we celebrate special days. identify bread and wine as ways to remember Jesus' special supper. compare the Last Supper with family meals. participate in telling the story of Last Supper. remember Jesus' Last Supper when we celebrate the Eucharist. participate in the bread Prayer Ritual. Liturgy of Eucharist 	Mark 14:1-2, 12-26, 43 Luke: 22-19	Work on Session # 4 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reflect on the importance of the Celebration of the Eucharist. Follow the activity for parents in Lesson 4. Bake the bread. Pray the blessing. Read the prayer with your child. Together, pray the Our Father and Hail Mary. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bible Bread Grape juice 	Sharing Bread, Page 35; Song
5 Our Community Shares a Meal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> recognize that they belong to the Church. name and explore parts of the Liturgy of the Eucharist. recognize that we remember Jesus Last Supper at every Mass. recognize the <i>Epiclesis</i> and Transubstantiation. participate in a tour the church. Liturgy of the Eucharist and Rite of Sending 	John 20:6: 47- 58	Work on Session # 5 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Make sure your child understand that Jesus loves us and gave his life for us. Jesus shares life with us in the Eucharist. We are the Body of Christ. Read the prayer with your child. Together, pray the Our Father and Hail Mary. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bible Table with white tablecloth Grape juice Unconsecrated hosts Crucifix Pens and Hearts 	Our Parish Church, Page 41; Hearts on Lesson 5, ready to fill out; Song; Order of Mass
6 My First Eucharist Book	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> review the previous five lessons. make a First Eucharist booklet. name the community where they will gather to celebrate. (Name of Parish) renew their baptismal promises. recognize that we pray for all people during Mass. review every part of the Liturgy of Eucharist and what is essential about it. 	Review every part of the Liturgy of Eucharist and what is essential about it.	Work on Session # 6 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prayers the children need to know: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Our Father Hail Mary Glory be to the Father Creed <i>Anima Christi</i> Read the prayer with your child. Together, pray the Our Father and Hail Mary. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pens 	Print out prayers, Page 47; Given on First Session