

Understanding the Home Guide

The **Lesson Goals** section identifies the key desired outcomes of the chapter.


The **Parent Preview** section offers steps parents can use to prepare for the lesson.

The **Get Ready!** part of the lesson begins with an opening prayer and a question or activity that will spark interest in the lesson focus.

The **Discover!** part of the lesson involves a short reading to support understanding.

The **Go!** section closes the lesson with a fun activity and a prayer.

The **Dive In!** part of the lesson involves direct use of *The Catholic Children's Bible* and learning through a key Bible story.



We Belong to the Body of Christ

Scripture Focus: 1 Corinthians 12:14-18, 27

Lesson Goals

- to identify that we become members of the Body of Christ through Baptism
- to state that the Church is made up of different people with different gifts
- to discuss that the Church benefits when everyone shares their unique gifts

Parent Preview

- Review the Featured Story on page 1808 of *The Catholic Children's Bible* (1 Corinthians 12:14-18, 27).
- Read the Background Reflection on page 1809 of the chapter 1 activity booklet.

Get Ready! (10 minutes)

- Pray** the prayer on page 1 of the chapter 1 activity booklet.
- Ask** your child to share some signs that two people or a group of people are united.
- Tell** your child that today's lesson explores what it means for the members of the Church to work in unison, or to be united.

Dive In!


- Read** the Featured Story on page 1808 of *The Catholic Children's Bible* (1 Corinthians 12:14-18, 27).
- Ask** your child these questions:
 - How does the job of each part make it different from other parts of the body? (*The job of an eye is to see, the job of an ear is to hear, and so on. No other part of the body sees or hears, and so on.*)
 - Why is it important for each part to do what it is supposed to do? (*Each part of our body plays an important role in making sure our body is working.*)
 - How is the body like Christ's body? (*Each of us is an important part of Christ's Body.*)
- Read** the Understand It!, Live It!, and Tell It! sections on page 1809 of *The Catholic Children's Bible*.
- Invite** your child to complete the activity on page 2 of the chapter 1 activity booklet. *Answers: 1. think, 2. speak, 3. love, 4. touch, 5. look, 6. listen, 7. walk*

Discover! (10 minutes)

- Read** the article on the second page of the chapter 1 home guide chapter. Ask the review questions.
- Invite** your child to complete the activity on page 3 of the chapter 1 activity booklet. *Answers: child playing—child sitting alone; person cooking—hungry person; priest—sick person*

Go!

- Choose** one of the Family Activities 4 of the chapter 1 activity booklet to do this week.
- Encourage** your child to complete the handout on the third page of this home guide chapter. *Answer: We Are the Body of Christ.*
- Conclude** by praying the prayer on page 4 of the chapter 1 activity booklet.



The reading on this page relays important information related to the lesson.



One of a Kind, Created by God

What makes you “one of a kind”? Is it a physical quality? Is it a rare or unusual talent? God made each of us **unique**—or one of a kind. We have different talents and different personalities. We look different, act and react differently.

Each of us is a child of God, but we become part of the **Body of Christ** at our Baptism. The Body of Christ is just another name for our Church—and Jesus is its head! Our priests, our families, our saints, and everyone who is baptized are all part of the Body of Christ.

Just like our body needs each part to work properly, the Body of Christ needs each of us to work

the way it should. The Body of Christ is **diverse** because it is filled with unique people who can do many different things well. Diversity makes the Church better because each of us has an important place in the Church. No one else can serve in exactly the same way. By using our gifts and becoming the best people we can be, we help make the Body of Christ strong.

Remember: We are Church all the time, not just in Sunday Mass. When you are in the Church in the playground, when you tell the truth, when you help your family with chores, you are serving Jesus. God wants you to be and do in the Church the way He wants you to. We serve Jesus as a member of the Body of Christ.

The **Key Words** section highlights any words in the reading that may need additional definition.

Key Words

Body of Christ The Church; all baptized people everywhere.

diverse Filled with unique people who can do many different things.

unique One of a kind.

We Know and Live Our Faith

The following articles in the *We Know and Live Our Faith* resource correspond to the concepts introduced in this lesson:

- “The Word Church,” page 6
- “The Church Is the Body of Christ,” page 7

If you have additional time, read the selections together, and ask some questions to check your child’s understanding.

Review

1. When do we become part of the Church, the Body of Christ?
2. Why is each person in the Body of Christ different?
3. Why is each of us important to the Body of Christ?

Turn this page upside down to check your answers!

The **Review!** section offers several questions that reinforce key concepts from the lesson. Answers are provided.

The **We Know and Live Our Faith** resource provides additional content that can be used to support the lesson.

1. At Baptism, 2. God made us each unique, 3. Each of us has an important place in the Church. The Church is better and stronger because it is unique.

