

## Overview

In Chapter 11 the children learned how the Holy Spirit helped the Church grow. In this chapter they will learn that Jesus appointed the Apostles to care for the Church, and how the pope and bishops care for the Church today.

### For Adult Reading and Reflection *Catechism of the Catholic Church*

#### Doctrinal Content

The children will learn:	Paragraph
• The Apostles led and cared for the Church. . . . .	858
• The bishops lead and care for the Church. . . . .	862
• The pope leads and cares for the whole Church. . . . .	881
• The Church serves others. . . . .	1942

Go to [www.webelieveweb.com](http://www.webelieveweb.com), Catechist/Teacher, We Believe Correlations for this chapter's correlation to:

- Six Tasks of Catechesis
- Catholic Social Teaching
- *Catechetical Formation in Chaste Living.*

## Catechist Background

### What activities define your life?

When we reflect on the life of Christ, it is clear how he spent his years of public ministry. Jesus proclaimed the Good News, the Word of God. Jesus prayed and worshiped. Jesus served others and he formed a community. Today the Church continues this same work of Christ: proclaiming the Word, praying and worshiping, serving others, and building a community.

Just as Jesus our Savior proclaimed the Good News in words and in action, the Church also studies and explains Scripture, teaches about God's love in preaching, in catechesis, and in the example it gives in action.

Jesus prayed to and worshiped God. The Church today keeps the celebration of the Eucharist at the heart of its life. It celebrates the sacraments and over the centuries has provided many forms of prayer, both private and communal.

Jesus served others. He was a servant-leader who responded to the needs, problems, and sufferings of others. Today ministry to all people but especially to the needs of the poor and suffering is the highest priority of the servant Church.

Jesus gathered a community around him and that caring community continued to grow. Building up the community of the Body of Christ is also a work of the Church today. Just as the Apostles led the early Church to do these same things, the role of the pope and bishops today in leading and caring for the Church is to continue this same mission.

**H**ow do you participate in the mission of Christ through word, worship, service, and community?

# Lesson Planning Guide

## Lesson Steps


## Presentation

## Materials

### 1 WE GATHER


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 **Prayer**

 **Focus on Life**

 Sing about being children in God's family, the Church.

- Name leaders and what they do.


For prayer space: a poster entitled "We Are the Church," a parish bulletin, an illustrated Bible

 "We Are the Church," Christopher Walker, #13, Grade 1 CD

### 2 WE BELIEVE


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*The Apostles led and cared for the Church.*

 *Matthew 16:18*

- Read the text about the Apostles.
- Present the Bible story about Peter becoming the leader of the Apostles.
-  Choose ways of sharing love for Jesus with others.


- pencils

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*The bishops lead and care for the Church.*

- Talk about the role of bishops.
- Describe a diocese.
-  Identify the names of the bishop and diocese.

- provide names of your diocese and bishop
- copies of Reproducible Master 12, guide page 107C
- crayons or markers

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*The pope leads and cares for the whole Church.*

- Explain the role of the pope.
-  Prepare comments for the pope.
- Read and discuss the *As Catholics* text.

- a world map
- crayons or colored pencils



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*The Church serves others.*

 *John 13:15*

- Read the text and Scripture about serving as Jesus did.
- Discuss examples of serving.

### 3 WE RESPOND

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-  Do the picture-study activity.
-  Sing together.

 Grade 1 CD (option)

pages 112–113  
**Project Disciple**

- Complete the **Project Disciple** activities.
- Explain the *Take Home* activity.
- Discuss/send home **Sharing Faith with My Family** reproducible master for this chapter.

- pencils, crayons or colored pencils or markers
- copies of **Sharing Faith with My Family** reproducible master, Chapter 12 (back of book)

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**Chapter 12 Test**

- Complete **Chapter 12 Test**.
- Work on *Alternative Assessment* activity.

- optional: copies of Scripture reproducible master, *What's the Word?*, Chapter 12 (back of book)