

Overview

In Chapter 2 the students learned that we give witness when we share the Good News and serve others. In this chapter the students will learn that the Church celebrates Seven Sacraments, the signs of Jesus' love.

Doctrinal Content

For Adult Reading and Reflection
Catechism of the Catholic Church

The students will learn:	Paragraph
• Jesus gave the Church Seven Sacraments.	1210
• The Sacraments of Christian Initiation are Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist.	1212
• The Sacraments of Healing are Penance and Reconciliation and Anointing of the Sick.	1421
• Holy Orders and Matrimony are Sacraments at the Service of Communion.	1534



sacrament
sanctifying grace
Christian initiation
common vocation
holiness

Catechist Background

How do you know what God is like?

God the Father sent God the Son to us to show us his love and to save us. In the Incarnation, the Son of God became one of us in Jesus. Jesus is the sign of God's love, a visible, tangible sign of an invisible God.

When the risen Jesus returned to his Father and ascended to Heaven, he left a group of followers who were empowered by the Holy Spirit to form the Church. Thus the Church became the sacrament, or outward sign, of the risen Christ. As Catholics, we believe in the sacramentality of life—that creation and life are full of signs that point us to God's presence.

As Catholics we also believe that the sacraments, or seven special signs, are effective signs, that is, they bring about what they signify. They are given to us so that through them we can share in God's life. The Seven Sacraments are grouped: Sacraments of Christian Initiation (Baptism,

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- Six Tasks of Catechesis
- Catholic Social Teaching.

Confirmation, and Eucharist); Sacraments of Healing (Penance and Reconciliation and Anointing of the Sick); Sacraments at the Service of Communion (Holy Orders and Matrimony).

The sacraments help us respond to our common vocation: our call to holiness. They help us become the people God intended us to be. The sacraments also give us grace, a share in God's life, and the ability to lead a life worthy of the God who calls us. "Grace is *favor*, the *free and undeserved help* that God gives us to respond to his call to become children of God, adoptive sons, partakers of the divine nature and of eternal life." (CCC 1996)

How have the sacraments been signs of God's love in your life?

Lesson Planning Guide

Lesson Steps

Presentation

Materials

1 WE GATHER

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Prayer



Focus on Life

- Listen to Scripture.
- Respond with a litany.
- Discuss the questions about signs.

For the prayer space: Bible cut-out letters, paper or cloth covering, globe

2 WE BELIEVE

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Jesus gave the Church Seven Sacraments.



- Read about and discuss the sacraments as signs.
- Talk about signs of God's love.
- Define and discuss the words *sacrament* and *sanctifying grace*.

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The Sacraments of Christian Initiation are Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist.



- Discuss the Sacraments of Christian Initiation.
- Discuss *Christian initiation*. Write one way to respond to God's love.

- dictionary

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The Sacraments of Healing are Penance and Reconciliation and Anointing of the Sick.



- Read about and discuss the Sacraments of Healing.
- Pray for those in need of reconciliation or healing.

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Holy Orders and Matrimony are Sacraments at the Service of Communion.

- Read and discuss the Sacraments at the Service of Communion.
- Read and discuss the *As Catholics* text about vocations.

- copies of Reproducible Master 3, guide page 35C

3 WE RESPOND

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Write ways the sacraments helped you grow closer to God.

- mementos from the sacraments (optional)

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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.

- copies of **Sharing Faith with My Family** reproducible master, Chapter 3 (back of book)

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Chapter 3 Test

- Complete **Chapter 3 Test**.
- Work on *Alternative Assessment* activity.

- optional: copies of Scripture reproducible master, *What's the Word?*, Chapter 3 (back of book)