

Overview

In Chapter 12, the children learned that we are called to serve God in our particular vocations. In this chapter, the children will learn about the Seven Sacraments as the special signs of God's love.

Doctrinal Content

For Adult Reading and Reflection
Catechism of the Catholic Church

The children will learn:	Paragraph
• The Church celebrates the sacraments.....	1113
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• Penance and Reconciliation and Anointing of the Sick are Sacraments of Healing.....	1421
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Key Words

sacrament
grace
Sacraments of Christian Initiation
Original Sin

Catechist Background

When have you experienced God's love in a real and meaningful way?

Some moments are so sacred that through them we experience God in real and meaningful ways. In our daily lives, these might happen through an encounter with another person, in awe of nature, by reading the Bible or in praying. There are many signs of God's love and presence among us.

When the Church celebrates the sacraments, we experience God in real and effective ways. "The sacraments are efficacious signs of grace, instituted by Christ and entrusted to the Church, by which divine life is dispensed to us" (CCC 1131). Jesus gave us the sacraments so that we, too, might participate in the life and love of God.

Assured of this gift of grace, the Church celebrates Seven Sacraments. In the Sacraments of Christian Initiation—Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist—new members are initiated into the fullness of life with God and membership in the

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

Church. Through the Sacraments of Healing—Penance and Anointing of the Sick—Christians are restored and reconciled to God and strengthened when we are seriously ill. In the Sacraments of Service—Matrimony and Holy Orders—we witness and celebrate the vocations of married people and of bishops, priests, and deacons.

In each of the sacraments, we celebrate and participate in the liturgical action. However, in each, it is Christ who is always present and by his power makes the sacraments efficacious signs, that is, they truly effect what they signify. When we respond in faith, God's grace truly changes us.

How do I keep myself open to receiving the effects of God's grace in my life?

Lesson Planning Guide

Lesson Steps

Presentation

Materials

1 WE GATHER


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Prayer



Focus on Life

- Listen to Scripture.
-  Respond in song.
- Discuss neighborhood signs and their importance.


For the prayer space: placard about sacraments, names of sacraments on cards, objects used with sacraments

 "Jesus Is with Us," Owen Alstott, #11, Grade 3 CD

2 WE BELIEVE

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The Church celebrates the sacraments.

- Read and discuss the Seven Sacraments as special signs.
- Discuss the meaning of grace.
-  List sacraments already received.
- Read and discuss *As Catholics*.

- large picture of Jesus
- "Welcome Friends" sign
- examples of sacramentals (holy water, medals, rosaries) (option)


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

- Read and discuss the Sacraments of Christian Initiation and Original Sin.
-  Discuss parish celebrations of the Sacraments of Christian Initiation.

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

- Read and discuss Jesus' healing ministry and the Sacraments of Healing.
-  Reflect on the question about forgiveness, and love and care of the sick.

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Holy Orders and Matrimony are Sacraments of Service to others.

- Read and discuss Holy Orders and Matrimony as Sacraments of Service.

- copies of Reproducible Master 15, guide page 131C

3 WE RESPOND

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-  Draw or write about joining with friends in the celebration of the sacraments.

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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.

- colored pencils or crayons
- scissors
- copies of **Sharing Faith with My Family** reproducible master, Chapter 15 (back of book)

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Chapter 15 Test

- Complete **Chapter 15 Test**.
- Work on *Alternative Assessment* activity.

- optional: copies of Scripture reproducible master, *What's the Word?*, Chapter 15 (back of book)