Sometimes someone gives us a gift for no special reason, other than because we are loved. Receiving a gift for no reason makes us feel special.

Many stories in the Bible are about meals that Jesus shared with his friends. We have learned that Jesus fed a very large crowd with the little bit of food that a young boy shared.

What did Jesus promise after he had fed the hungry crowd?

The story on pages 52 & 53 is about another meal Jesus shared and another promise he kept.

1. Why do we call the meal that Jesus shared with his disciples the Last Supper?
2. When did Jesus give us himself as food?
3. What happened during this meal?
4. What did Jesus say when he gave the bread to his disciples?
5. What did Jesus say when he gave the wine to his disciples?

Jesus said, “Do this in memory of me.” At Mass, we do what Jesus told us to do at the Last Supper.

First the Priest invites us to give thanks. Then he prays the words that make Jesus’ sacrifice on the Cross present again. Next, we all join together in the words of thanks and praise.

At the Last Supper, Jesus said, “Do this in memory of me.” Every time we celebrate the Eucharist, we do what Jesus did at the Last Supper.
1. What happens to the bread and wine during the Eucharistic Prayer?

2. What do we call this part of the Mass?

In the Eucharistic Prayer, through the Priest’s words and actions and the power of the Holy Spirit, the bread and wine are consecrated. Christ is present with us in the bread and wine: they are now his Body and Blood.

This is the wonderful and awesome mystery of the Eucharist!!

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At the Last Supper, Jesus told us to remember him by celebrating a special meal. It’s a special kind of remembering that we do when we celebrate Mass. At Mass, Jesus’ sacrifice of love is made present and we offer ourselves to God with Jesus.

During the Eucharistic Prayer, we sing or say this or another prayer. It shows that we believe that Jesus shows his love for us.

We end by praying Amen. This prayer is our “yes” to all that was prayed during the Eucharistic Prayer.

Page 57 - What Happens Next - Do the activity

1. What sacrifice did Jesus make for us that is present again in the Eucharist?

2. When did Jesus make this sacrifice?

3. What gift do we receive in the Eucharist?

4. When did Jesus give us this gift?

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