

First Communion Make up Work

Lesson #2

We Gather

Parents should use the *Family Guide* to help direct your child to complete the lesson plan. The lesson plan should be printed, completed, and then returned the next class to the sign in table.

This will ensure your child receives credit for the missed class.

Eucharist

Student Lesson



Allen, Texas

This book reflects the
new revision of the

**ROMAN
MISSAL**

THIRD EDITION

We Gather

*Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
thank you for our
church family.*





Sharing Together

In the opening prayer we made the sign of the cross. We gathered together and walked in procession behind the cross. What was it like for you when you were following the cross?

Where do you gather with people?

The cross is a wonderful sign of Jesus' love for us. Give one example of a place where you see the cross.

The First Christians

Christians are followers of Jesus. The first Christians often gathered in one another's homes. Read this Bible story to discover why the first Christians gathered in one another's homes.

Many people were baptized and became followers of Jesus. They shared their food and everything they had. They helped one another live as Jesus taught them.

They spent time together learning about Jesus and praying together. They broke and shared bread with one another as the disciples did with Jesus.

BASED ON ACTS OF THE APOSTLES 2:41-47

FAITH FOCUS

Why did the first Christians gather in one another's homes?





The first Christians gathered together. When do you gather with your church family?

TOGETHER AS A FAMILY

Share the Bible story of the gathering of the first Christians. Then discuss responses to the question on this page. Explain that the first followers of Jesus had no churches to go to. Talk about why your family gathers at church each Sunday with other families who belong to your parish.

Our Church Family

FAITH FOCUS

What happens at the beginning of Mass?

WHAT WE SEE AND HEAR

The people who gather for Mass are called the assembly. The priest who leads the assembly in celebrating Mass is called the presider. The priest wears special clothes called vestments. The color of the vestments reminds us of the season or feast of the church year.

We gather as a church family. Our church family is the community of people who belong to Jesus Christ, the Son of God. The Church is the Body of Christ and the People of God. It is made up of people all over the world. Our church family also includes all the faithful members who have died.

Each Saturday evening and Sunday our church family comes together for Mass. The Mass is the most important celebration of our church family. At Mass we do what the first Christians did. We listen to God's word. We break bread. We receive Holy Communion. At the end of Mass we are sent out to live as followers of Jesus.



The priest leads our church family in the celebration of Mass. The Mass begins as the priest and other people walk in procession into the church. Everyone stands and sings a hymn. We remember that we all belong to our church family.

The priest greets us, saying, “The Lord be with you.” We respond, “And with your spirit.” We believe that God the Father, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit are present with us.

At Mass we worship God. We give adoration and honor to God. Together with Jesus we thank God the Father for his mercy. We praise God for his love. We ask God to help us live as his children. We are now ready to listen to the word of God.

Why do we gather for Mass?



TOGETHER AS A FAMILY

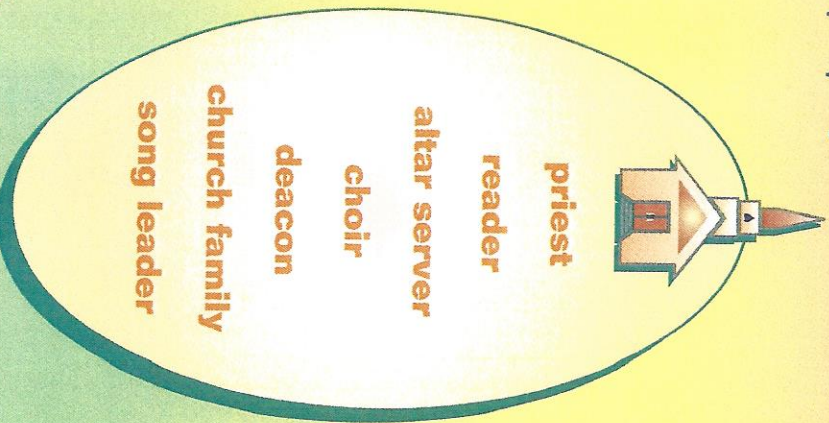
Share responses to the question on this page. Remind your child that God is present with your family, right in your home. Use the words “The Lord is with you. And also with you” to begin family prayers and family discussions. Use “Celebrating the Mass” on pages 62 and 63 of this book to help your child learn the responses for the introductory rites of the Mass.



What Difference Does This Make in My Life?

Each week on Sunday our church family gathers for Mass. We begin by signing ourselves with the sign of the cross.

Circle the names of the people you see at Mass.




Draw a picture of yourself and of the other people you see at Mass.



MY FAITH CHOICE

Talk with someone about one thing you will do this week that shows you belong to our church family.

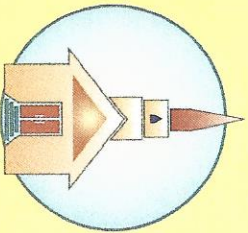


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Remembering Together

In this chapter your child learned about the first Christians. They gathered in their homes. They shared all things in common. They prayed together and cared for one another. This is a good time for you to talk with your child about your own parish community. Review with your child the names of:

- your church or parish community
- your pastor
- other special people you know at church



Sharing Together

Choose one of the following activities to do together or design a similar activity of your own:

- The first followers of Jesus shared their food and other possessions with one another. Find out how your family can donate to a local food collection or shelter or parish service group that serves people in need.
- Find your family's photo albums. Look at the pictures and point out photos that show people following Jesus.

- Talk about ways your family can join in welcoming new members into your parish community. Then choose one thing that you will do together.



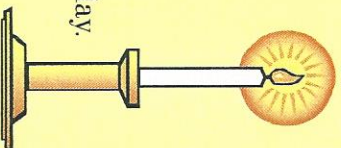
Visit the **RCL Benziger sacraments web site** by following the link titled "Sacraments" at www.FaithFirst.com.

Praying Together

Pray this or a similar prayer at family meals or at other family prayer times this week:

Loving God, our Father,
today we gather together in honor
of your Son, Jesus Christ.

Send us the Holy Spirit
to help us remember to follow Jesus every day.
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

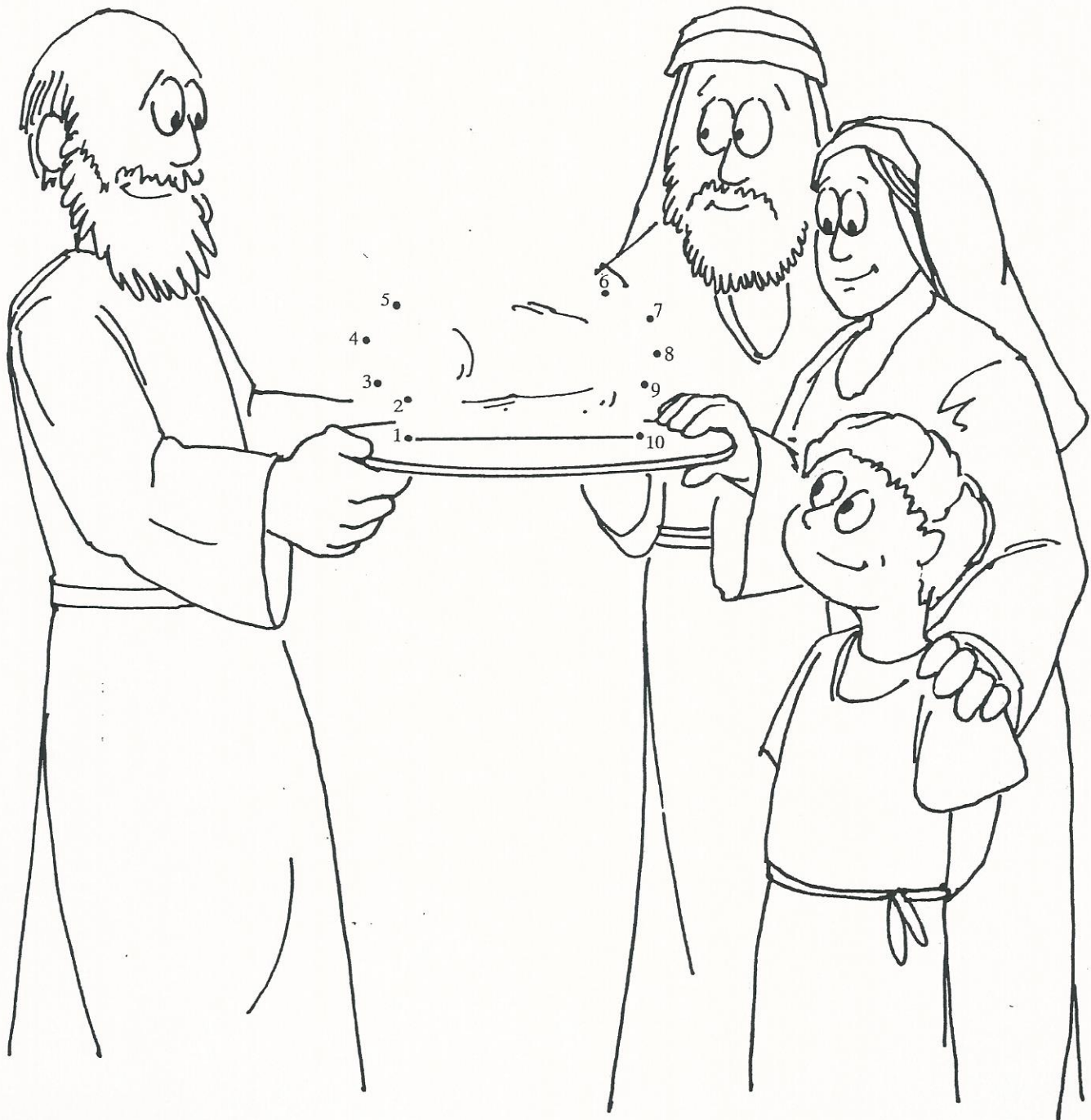


Getting Ready Together

Use pages 62 and 63 of this book to go through the introductory rites of the Mass with your child. Review with your child the assembly's responses. This will help your child participate more actively and more fully in the celebration of Mass.

The church in Jerusalem grew. The people shared with each other.
They helped one another.

Connect the dots. Color the picture.



Name _____

All the believers were one in heart and mind. (Acts 4:32)

Write the answers to the definitions. Transfer the letters to the lines below.

1) A large, woody plant

1 2 3 4

2) Green plants that form your yard

5 6 7 8 9

3) A plan to find the right roads

10 11 12

4) Liquid from a fruit

13 14 15 16 17

5) An opening to look outdoors

18 19 20 21 22 23

6) It filled the manger

24 25 26

7) Warm feeling in your heart

27 28 29 30

8) A young man

31 32 33

What did some people, like Joseph, do?

1 24 3 26 8 22 27 21 24 22 14 8 4 8 22 2

27 7 20 21 11 20 21 5 7 29 3 1 24 3

10 22 20 3 26 1 22 1 24 4 16 24 14 2 16 24

1 22 24 3 27 12 22 1 24 3 2 8

Joseph's name was changed. What is the new one?

31 7 2 20 11 31 7 8

There were also people who did not understand how to share.

Who were two of them?

7 20 11 20 15 7 8 11 20 21 9 7 12 12 24 15 2 11

What did Peter tell them they had done?

27 15 4 21 1 22 5 22 21

Name _____