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2 The Eucharist Is About Celebrating

God knows me by my name
and loves me.

As a mother and father
care for their child,
God cares for me.



Happy Are Those Who Love to Celebrate Life

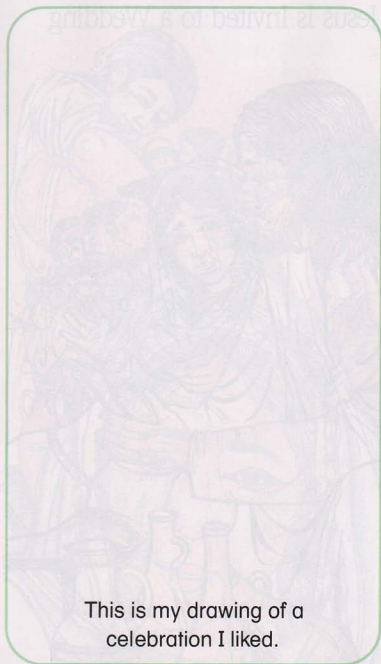
My family loves to
have celebrations on
special days.

On those days
we invite special
people to our home.

On my birthday
I would like to invite

God gives us a special day
every week to celebrate.

It is called



This is my drawing of a
celebration I liked.

Jesus Is Invited to a Wedding



One day there was a wedding celebration in a town called Cana. Mary, the mother of Jesus, was there. Jesus was also there with some of his friends.

When there was no wine left for the rest of the celebration, Mary, the mother of Jesus, went to him and said, "Son, they have no more wine." Jesus answered, "Please, do not ask me to do anything about it now. My hour has not come yet." But Mary said to those serving, "Do whatever he tells you."

There were six very large stone water jars nearby. Jesus said to those who were serving, "Fill the jars with water." They filled them to the brim. Jesus told them, "Pour some out now and take it to the headwaiter."

The headwaiter tasted the water that had now become wine. He had no idea where the wine had come from. He then called the bridegroom and said, "Most people serve the best wine first. They save the cheaper wine until the guests have been drinking awhile. You have saved the best wine until the end of the celebration."

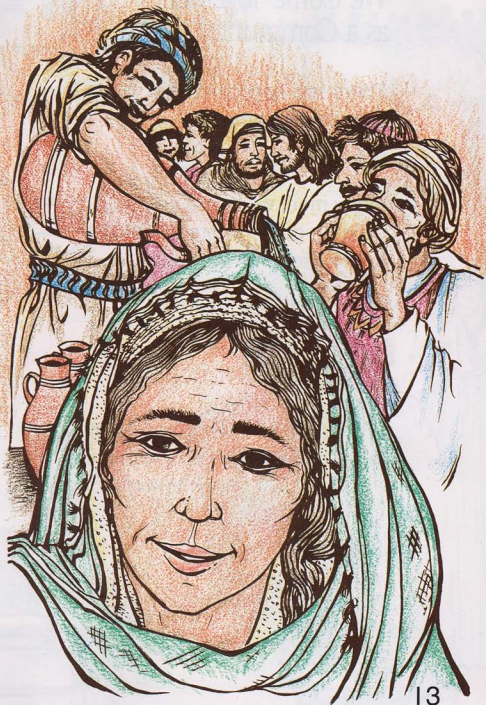
This is the first wonderful sign that Jesus gave to his friends. His friends began to believe in him.

When the celebration was over, Jesus, his mother, and his friends went down to Capernaum and stayed there for a few days.

Based on John 2:1-11

**I rejoiced when I heard them say,
"Let us go to God's house."**

Based on Psalm 121:1



We Come Together as a Community

There is a special house
in my neighborhood.

We call it a church.

Many men, women, and
children gather there on Sunday
to celebrate the Lord's Day.

They greet one another.
They pray and sing to
the Lord Jesus.

Jesus says,
Where two or three come together
in my name, I am there with them.

Based on Matthew 18:20

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you,
we bless you,
we adore you,
we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.



Happy Are Those Who Celebrate the Lord's Day

Every week Jesus invites us
to come to a celebration
in God's house.

We are Jesus'
sisters and brothers.
We gather together
as one family.

We come together
to worship God
who is always with us.

This is the day of the Lord.
Rejoice and be glad
when they say to you,
Let us go to God's house!

Based on Psalm 122:1

Here are the names
of some of the people who
join me on Sunday to celebrate
the Lord's Day.



Here I am with my family in God's house.

A Review Of What I Have Learned To Help Me Grow In God's Family

1. The Eucharist Is About Belonging

God knows me by my name and loves me.

I was welcomed into God's family on the day I was baptized.

2. The Eucharist Is About Celebrating

Whenever we gather as God's family, Jesus is present among us. Jesus says, "Where two or three come together in my name, I am there with them."

When we gather on Sunday as God's family, we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus.

3. The Eucharist Is About Listening

Jesus tells us how important it is to listen to his words. Jesus says, "If you listen to my words and live by them, you are my friends."

We listen to the words of Jesus when the Bible is read to us at Mass.

Prayer is the special name we use for talking and listening to God.

4. The Eucharist Is About Caring

We should pray for each other, especially for those people who need our love and care.

I can show love and care for my parents, my sisters and brothers, my friends and teachers, and other people who need me.

5. The Eucharist Is About Making Peace

We do not always get along with others, but we can always try to be better. We can ask God and others for forgiveness when we need it.

Jesus gives us his Spirit to help us to know how to love God. The Spirit helps us to know how to make others happy. The Spirit helps us to make peace.

6. The Eucharist Is About Giving Thanks for Creation

During the Eucharist we thank God for the gift of life, for Jesus, for our families and friends, and all the things we love and enjoy.

7. The Eucharist Is About Giving Thanks for New Life

Jesus wanted to stay with us forever, so on the night before he died, Jesus had supper with his best friends. At that supper, which we call the last supper,

Jesus broke some bread and gave it to his friends. He said, "Take this and eat it. This is my body, which I am going to give for you. Do this in memory of me." Each time we receive the Eucharist, Jesus is with us in a special way.

8. The Eucharist Is About Sharing A Meal

Jesus tells us, "I am the bread of life. If you eat this bread, I will live in you and you in me."

9. The Eucharist Is About Going Forth to Make a Better World

After we leave Mass we bring the joy and love of God's Spirit to others.

When Jesus comes in glory, he will gather people from all over the world to be with him in happiness and peace forever.