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## Unit 2 • We Worship



*What are some ways we worship God as Catholics?*

# Getting Ready

## What I Have Learned

*What is something you already know about these faith words?*

Lent

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Baptism

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The Mass

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## Words to Know

*Put an X next to the faith words you know. Put a ? next to the faith words you need to know more about.*

### Faith Words

- \_\_\_\_\_ Church year
- \_\_\_\_\_ Easter
- \_\_\_\_\_ sacraments
- \_\_\_\_\_ Gospel
- \_\_\_\_\_ Eucharist
- \_\_\_\_\_ miracle

## A Question I Have

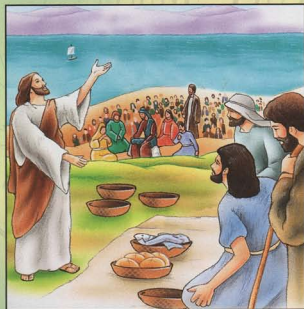
*What question would you like to ask about the Mass?*

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## From a Scripture Story



Jesus feeding the crowd

*What foods did Jesus use to feed the crowd?*

# The Church Celebrates All Year



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## We Pray

**God our  
Father, you  
always show  
your love  
for us. Amen.**

*What is your  
favorite season  
of the year?*

Winter, spring,  
summer, and fall  
are the seasons  
of the year. The  
Church year has  
seasons too.

*What are the  
names of the  
seasons of the  
Church year?*

# The Church Year

## Faith Focus

What are the seasons of the Church year?

## Faith Words

### Church year

The Church year is made up of five seasons. They are Advent, Christmas, Lent, Easter, and Ordinary Time.

### Advent

Advent is the first season of the Church year. We prepare for Christmas and get our hearts ready for Jesus.

What is your favorite time, or season, of the year? What do you like to do during that time of the year?

## The Seasons of the Church

The different times of the **Church year** are called its seasons. Advent, Christmas, Lent, Easter, and Ordinary Time are the seasons of the Church year.

Each season of the Church year tells us something about Jesus. All year long we remember God's love for us.



Advent



Christmas



Lent



Easter



Ordinary Time



## Advent

**Advent** is the first season of the Church year. We celebrate Advent during the four weeks before Christmas.

During Advent we see the Advent wreath. The Advent wreath reminds us to prepare for Christmas. We get our hearts ready for Jesus.

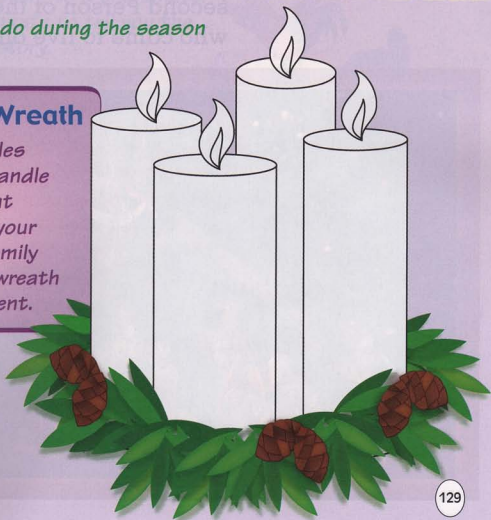
Each season of the Church year has a special color. The color for Advent is purple.



*What do we do during the season of Advent?*

### The Advent Wreath

*Color three candles purple and one candle pink in the Advent wreath. Tell how your parish or your family uses an Advent wreath to celebrate Advent.*





## Faith Focus

What do we celebrate during the Season of Christmas?

## Faith Words

### Christmas

Christmas comes after Advent. It is the time of the Church year when we remember and celebrate the birth of Jesus.

For many people Christmas is their favorite time of the year. What do you like best about celebrating Christmas?

## Christmas

Christmas comes after Advent. The color for Christmas is white. During the **Christmas** season we remember the birth of Jesus.

Jesus is God's greatest gift to us. He is the Son of God. He is the second Person of the Holy Trinity who came to live on earth with us.



The Church's celebration of Christmas is not just one day. The Christmas season lasts about two or three weeks.



**Why is Christmas important to Christians?**

## Faith-Filled People

### Joseph

Saint Joseph was the husband of Mary and the foster father of Jesus. The angel told Joseph that Mary was going to have a baby. The angel also told Joseph to give the baby the name Jesus. The Church celebrates the feast day of Saint Joseph on March 19.

## Christmas

*Look at the picture. Tell the Christmas story to a classmate. Ask a classmate to tell you the Christmas story.*



## Faith Focus

What do we celebrate during Lent, Easter, and Ordinary Time?

## Faith Words

### Lent

Lent is the season of the Church year when we remember Jesus died for us. We get ready for Easter.

### Easter

Easter is the season of the Church year when we celebrate that Jesus was raised from the dead.

The seasons of the year differ from one another. How does the spring differ from the summer? The seasons of the Church year differ from one another too.

## Lent

During **Lent** we remember that Jesus died for us on the cross. We get ready for Easter. We remember our Baptism. We try harder to be kind and loving. The color for Lent is purple.

## Easter

**Easter** celebrates that Jesus was raised from the dead. This is the most important season of the Church year.

We see the lighted Easter candle in our church. It reminds us that Jesus was raised from the dead. The color for Easter is white.



## Ordinary Time

Ordinary Time is the longest part of the Church year. We listen to Bible stories about what Jesus said and did. We listen to his teachings. We listen to the many times he helped people. We learn to be followers of Jesus. The color for Ordinary Time is green.



## Our Catholic Faith

### Holy Days of Obligation

In addition to Sunday, Catholics have the responsibility to take part in Mass on other days. These days are called holy days of obligation.



*What is the most important celebration of the whole Church year?*

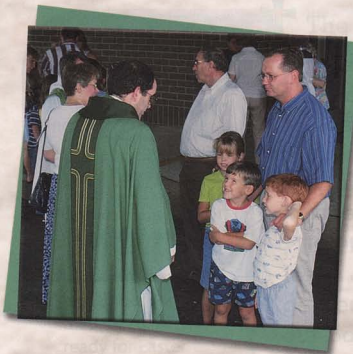
### Color of the Seasons

*Color the symbols for Lent and Easter and Ordinary Time. Share with a partner what each symbol tells about Jesus.*





# Our Church Makes a Difference



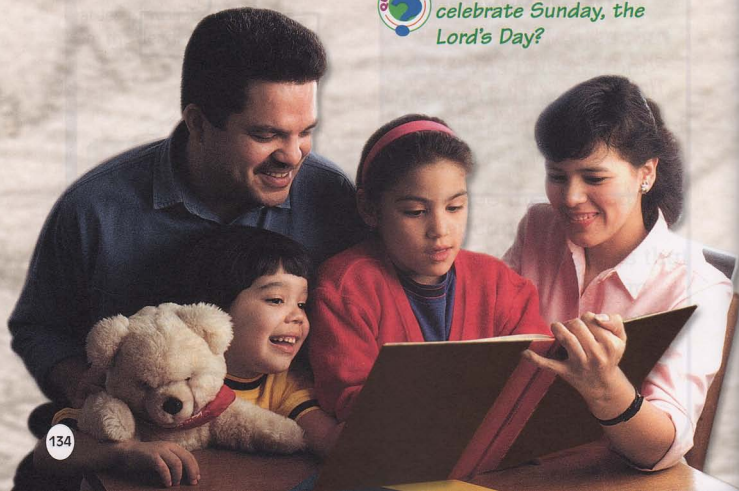
## Celebrating Sunday

Sunday is the Lord's Day. We keep Sunday holy. Every Sunday Catholics gather together for Mass. On every Sunday we remember that Jesus was raised from the dead.

Sunday is a special family day too. We spend time together. We celebrate that our family is part of God's family.



*How does your family celebrate Sunday, the Lord's Day?*

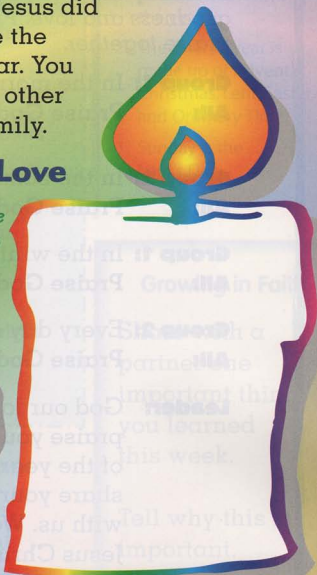


# What Difference Does Faith Make in My Life?

You remember all that Jesus did for us when you celebrate the seasons of the Church year. You celebrate God's love with other people in your Church family.

## Celebrating God's Love

*In the small candle write the name of one of the seasons of the Church year. In the large candle write or draw how you celebrate that season.*



### My Faith Choice



I will celebrate the season of the Church year we are celebrating right now. I will

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## Lord, We Praise You

*Each day the Church praises God for his goodness and love. Pray this prayer of praise together.*

**Group 1:** In the morning and the night,

**All:** Praise God for his goodness.

Based on Psalm 150:2

**Group 2:** In the summer and the fall,

**All:** Praise God for his goodness.

**Group 1:** In the winter and the spring,

**All:** Praise God for his goodness.

**Group 2:** Every day of the year,

**All:** Praise God for his goodness.

**Leader:** God our loving Father, we praise you for the seasons of the year. All year long, you share your goodness and love with us. We praise you for Jesus Christ, your Son, and for the Holy Spirit.

**All:** Amen.



## We Remember

### What I Have Learned

*Circle the word under each sentence that correctly completes it.*

1. During \_\_\_\_\_ we get ready for Easter.  
**Advent**                      **Lent**
2. On \_\_\_\_\_ we celebrate that Jesus was raised from the dead.  
**Christmas**                      **Easter**
3. During \_\_\_\_\_ we get ready for Christmas.  
**Advent**                      **Lent**
4. On \_\_\_\_\_ we remember the birth of Jesus.  
**Christmas**                      **Easter**

*Connect the colors with the seasons of the Church year.*

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|-------------|------------------------|
| 5. White •  | • Advent and Lent      |
| 6. Purple • | • Ordinary Time        |
| 7. Green •  | • Christmas and Easter |

### To Help You Remember

1. The Church has special times, or seasons, of the year.
2. The Church year is made up of Advent, Christmas, Lent, Easter, and Ordinary Time.
3. Sunday is the Lord's Day.

### Growing in Faith

Share with a partner one important thing you learned this week.

Tell why this is important.

What will people see you doing as you live your faith choice this week?



# 10 With My Family

## This Week . . .

In chapter 10, "The Church Celebrates All Year," your child learned that the Church year has special seasons just as the calendar year has. The seasons of the Church year are Advent, Christmas, Lent, Easter, and Ordinary Time. The Easter Triduum of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil/Easter Sunday are the heart and center of the Church's liturgical year. During the Church year we celebrate and share in the Paschal Mystery of Christ's Passion, death, Resurrection, and Ascension. We join with Christ all year long and share in his work of Salvation.

For more on the teachings of the Catholic Church on the Church year, see *Catechism of the Catholic Church* paragraph numbers 1163–1173.

## Sharing God's Word

Read Psalm 150 together. Emphasize that all throughout the liturgical year the Church gives praise and thanksgiving to God.

## Praying

In this chapter your child prayed a prayer of praise. Read and pray together the prayer on page 136.

## Making a Difference

Choose one of the following activities to do as a family or design a similar activity of your own.

- When you take part in Mass this weekend, look around and listen for all the signs that tell you what season of the Church year the Church is celebrating.
- Choose an activity that will help you celebrate the current liturgical season. For example, during Advent use an Advent calendar to help anticipate and prepare for Christmas.
- Make a banner to hang in your home that will remind you of the current season of the Church year. Look for ways to celebrate that season at home. For example, during Lent take part in Operation Rice Bowl.

For more ideas on ways your family can live your faith, visit the "Faith First for Families" page at [www.FaithFirst.com](http://www.FaithFirst.com). You will find it helpful to take a look at "Questions Kids Ask."



## A. The Best Word or Phrase

*Complete the sentences. Put a check mark (✓) in the circle next to the best choice.*

1. Advent, Christmas, Lent, and \_\_\_\_ are all seasons of the Church year.  
☐ winter ☐ Easter
2. Jesus gave the Church seven \_\_\_\_ to help us grow closer to God.  
☐ Commandments ☐ sacraments
3. The first \_\_\_\_ of Jesus told everyone the Good News of God's love.  
☐ family ☐ disciples
4. Every Sunday the people of the Church gather to celebrate \_\_\_\_ .  
☐ Confirmation ☐ Mass
5. At the \_\_\_\_ , Jesus said, "This is my body," and, "This is my blood."  
☐ First Easter ☐ Last Supper

## B. Words about the Church Seasons

Use purple, green, or white to color the circle next to each Church season. Use the correct color for each season.

☐ Advent

☐ Easter

☐ Lent

☐ Ordinary Time

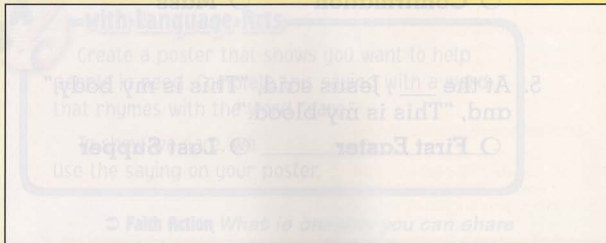
☐ Christmas

## C. What I Learned

1. What new thing did you learn about in this unit? Tell a partner.
2. Look at the list of faith words in "Words to Know" on page 126. Circle the ones that you know now.

## D. From a Scripture Story

Draw a picture or write about what happened in the Scripture story after Jesus prayed over the bread and fish.

A large rectangular box with a thin black border, intended for a student to draw a picture or write about the events following Jesus' prayer over the bread and fish in the Scripture story.