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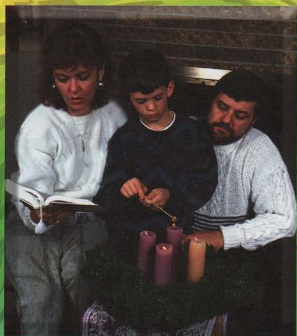
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Unit 2 • We Worship



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

Baptism

The Mass

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.

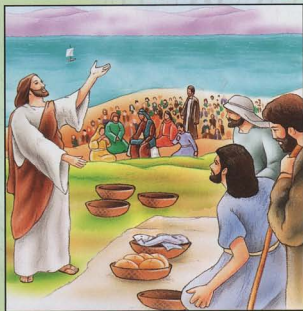
Faith Words

- _____ Church year
- _____ Easter
- _____ sacraments
- _____ Gospel
- _____ Eucharist
- _____ miracle

A Question I Have

What question would you like to ask about the Mass?

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's year has seasons too.

What are the names of the seasons of the Church's year?

The Church's Year

Faith Focus

What is the Church's year?

Faith Words

Church's year

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

Easter

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



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.

The Seasons of the Church

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

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

Advent

Advent is the first season of the Church's year. The Advent wreath reminds us to prepare for Christmas. We get our hearts ready for Jesus. The color for Advent is purple.



Christmas

Faith-Filled People

Christmas comes after Advent. During the Christmas season we remember the birth of Jesus. Jesus is God's greatest gift to us. He is God's Son who came to live on earth with us.

The Church's celebration of Christmas is not just one day. The season of Christmas lasts about two or three weeks. We use the color white to celebrate Christmas.

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.



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





Lent

During Lent we remember that Jesus died for us on the cross. We get ready for Easter. 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 celebration of the whole 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

During Ordinary Time we listen to Bible stories about what Jesus said and did. We learn to be followers of Jesus. The color for Ordinary Time is green.



Color the symbols for Lent and Easter and Ordinary Time. Share with a partner what each symbol reminds us of Jesus.

Our Church Makes a Difference

Celebrating Sunday

Sunday is the Lord's Day. We keep Sunday holy. Every Sunday we 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.



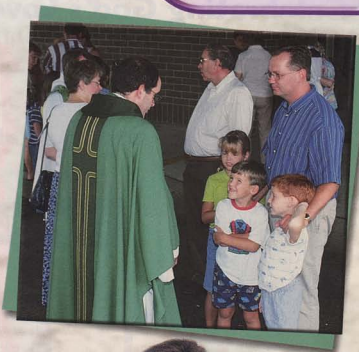
How does your family celebrate Sunday, the Lord's Day?



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.

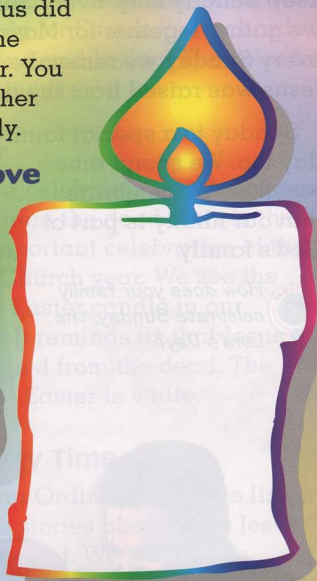


What Difference Does Faith Make in My Life?

You remember all that Jesus did for us when you celebrate the seasons of the Church's 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's year. In the large candle write or draw how you celebrate that season.



My Faith Choice



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



We Pray

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: Lord, we praise you.

Group 2: In the summer and the fall,



All: Lord, we praise you.

Group 1: In the winter and the spring,

All: Lord, we praise you.

Group 2: Every day of the year,

All: All people praise you, Lord.



We Remember

Draw lines to match the Church seasons with what we celebrate.

Easter

- We get ready for Easter.

Christmas

- We celebrate that Jesus was raised from the dead.

Lent

- We get ready for Christmas.

Advent

- We remember the birth of Jesus.

To Help You Remember

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

10 With My Family

This Week . . .

In chapter 10, "The Church Celebrates All Year," your child learned that the Church's year has special seasons just as the calendar year has. The seasons of the Church's 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's 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's year, see *Catechism of the Catholic Church* paragraph numbers 1163–1173.

Sharing God's Word

Read together Psalm 150. 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 95.

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 week, look around and listen for all the signs that tell you what season of the Church year the Church is now celebrating.
- Choose an activity that will help you celebrate the current liturgical season. For example, during Advent you can 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's year. Look for ways to celebrate that season at home as a family. 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. You will find it helpful to take a look at "Questions Kids Ask."



A. The Best Word or Phrase

Complete the sentences. Color 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 on page 88. 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.

