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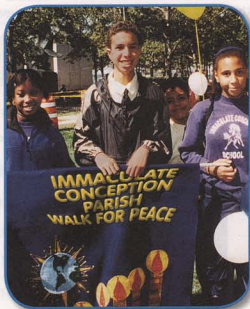
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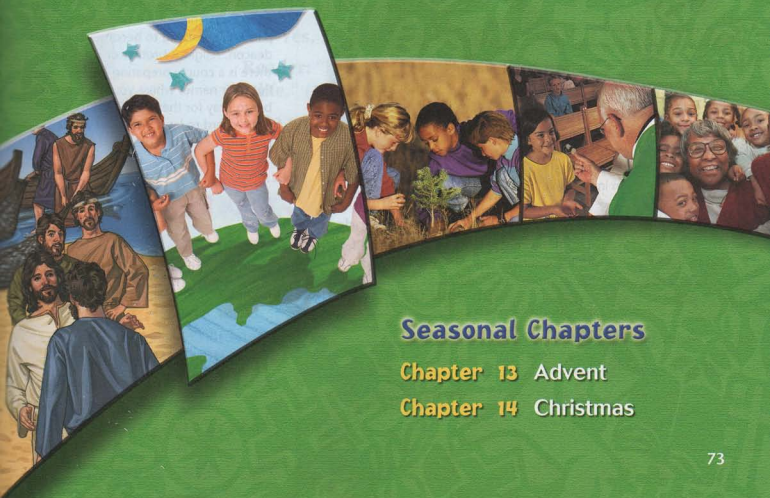
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In Unit 2 your child will grow as a disciple of Jesus by:

- learning that the pope and bishops lead the one, holy, catholic, apostolic Church
- recognizing that the Church is guided by the Holy Spirit to teach the truth
- praying alone and with others to praise God, thank God, ask for forgiveness, offer blessings, and seek God's help
- joining with our parish to worship God and to serve others
- appreciating the ways that people can grow in holiness as laypeople, ordained men, and religious.

Reality Check

"Authority, stability, and a life of relationships within the family constitute the foundations for freedom, security, and fraternity within society."

(Catechism of the Catholic Church, 2207)

More to Explore

Catholic Charities USA (see page 89) was founded in 1910. Through their work, they carry on the mission of Jesus. Visit their Web site to see some of their current work. Talk about the needs in your own community. What can your family do to respond?

Show That You Care

Chapter 12 talks about the ways we live as disciples of Jesus through different vocations. Find out if anyone in your parish is preparing to become a priest, deacon, religious brother or sister, or if there is a couple preparing for marriage. Put their names where you will remember to pray for them. You might even send a card to let them know you are praying for them!

Take Home

Be ready for:

Chapter 8: Listing family characteristics

Chapter 9: Talking about ways to show respect

Chapter 10: Choosing someone to pray for at Mass

Chapter 11: Praying for people who are sick

Chapter 12: Taking a holiness survey

Fast Facts

The Temple in Jerusalem was destroyed and rebuilt, and now archaeologists are working to discover what it was originally like. Part of one reconstruction remains—the Western Wall. People still go there to pray. They often write their prayers out and place them in the Wall.



Blessed Pope John Paul II
at the Western Wall.

Question Corner

In Chapter 8 the children will learn about the four marks of the Church—one, holy, catholic, and apostolic. Complete the following:

Our parish is united when _____.

Our parish shows holiness when _____.

Our parish is welcoming when _____.

Our parish follows the teachings of Jesus and the Apostles by _____.

The Church Has Four Marks

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WE GATHER

✚ Leader: Jesus spoke to the crowds that followed him. He speaks to each of us, too. Let us listen to his words.

Reader: "I am the light of the world."
(John 8:12)

Will you follow me?

All: Yes, Jesus, we will follow you.

Reader: "I am the bread of life." (John 6:35)

Will you receive me?

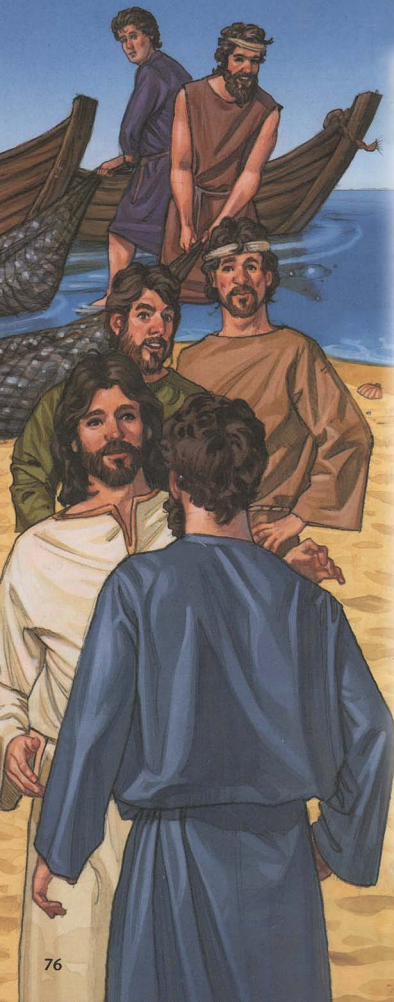
All: Yes, Jesus, we will receive you.

Reader: "I am the resurrection and the life." (John 11:25)

Do you believe in me?

All: Yes, Jesus, we believe in you.
Amen.

☀ Think about the school teams or clubs that you can join. Who are the leaders of these groups? What do they do?



WE BELIEVE

Jesus chose the Apostles to lead the Church.

One of Jesus' Apostles was named Simon. Jesus changed Simon's name to Peter, which means "rock." Jesus chose Peter to be the leader of the Apostles. He told Peter, "You are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church." (Matthew 16:18)

The Apostles are Peter, Andrew, James and John (sons of Zebedee), Philip, Bartholomew, Thomas, Matthew, James (the son of Alphaeus), Thaddeus, Simon, and Judas Iscariot. Later Matthias took the place of Judas.

After Jesus' Ascension the Apostles told the people all that Jesus had said and done. They traveled from place to place teaching what Jesus had taught them.

In every location the Apostles gathered the baptized into communities. The Church grew, and the first members of the Church looked to Peter and the Apostles as their leaders.



Look at the picture on page 77. In the space, write something you think the Apostle told people about Jesus.

What will you tell people you know about Jesus?


The pope and bishops are the successors of the Apostles.

Like Jesus, the Apostles chose leaders to succeed them. A *successor* is one who succeeds, or takes the place of, another. These new leaders would take the place of the Apostles and continue their work.

The Apostles gave these leaders the same authority that Jesus had given to them. Strengthened by the Holy Spirit, these leaders became the successors of the Apostles.

As time passed each of these leaders was given the title of bishop. **Bishops** are the successors of the Apostles. The bishops continue to lead the Church. They lead local areas of the Church called **dioceses**.

The **pope** is the bishop of the diocese of Rome in Italy. He continues the leadership of Peter. Together with all the bishops, he leads and guides the whole Catholic Church.

 Talk about what you know about your bishop, your diocese, and the pope.

Find out more about the pope and Vatican City. Check the Vatican Web site at www.vatican.net.

Key Words

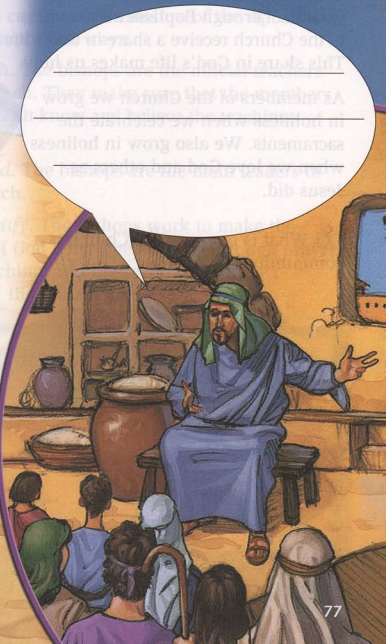
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dioceses (p. 251)

pope (p. 253)

As Catholics...

The pope lives in Vatican City, in Rome, Italy. He is the leader of the whole Catholic Church. So in a way the whole world is his parish. He goes to places around the world to teach the Good News of Jesus Christ and to seek peace. He encourages people to treat one another with respect. He also asks for help for those who are in need.



The Church is one and holy.

The Church is one, holy, catholic, and apostolic. We call these characteristics the **marks of the Church**.

The Church is *one*, a community called together by God. Through the Church, God strengthens us to live and worship together.

All members of the Church are united by Baptism. We gather to celebrate the sacraments. We share with one another and serve together.

The Church is *holy*. God is all good and holy. God shares his holiness with the Church. Through Baptism all members of the Church receive a share in God's life. This share in God's life makes us holy.

As members of the Church we grow in holiness when we celebrate the sacraments. We also grow in holiness when we love God and others as Jesus did.

Key Word

marks of the Church (p. 252)



What is one way the Church is a community?



The Church is catholic and apostolic.

The Church is *catholic*. The word *catholic* means “universal.” The Church is open to all people. It is universal.

Jesus sent his Apostles out to every part of the world. They spread the Gospel to everyone, and the Church continued to grow. Even today people everywhere are invited and welcomed to become members of the Church. There are Catholics on every continent and in every country.

The Church is *apostolic*. The word *apostolic* comes from the word *apostle*. Jesus chose the Apostles to be the first leaders of the Church. Their mission was to teach the Good News and to baptize believers. By Baptism all members of the Church share in the work of spreading the Good News of Christ.

The bishops continue the mission of the Apostles in three very important ways.

- They *teach*. The bishops are the official teachers of the Church. They make sure that the members of the Church know and believe the teachings of Jesus.
- They *lead*. The bishops are the main leaders of the Church.
- They *sanctify*. The bishops work to make the People of God holy. They do this through prayer, preaching, and the celebration of the sacraments.

WE RESPOND



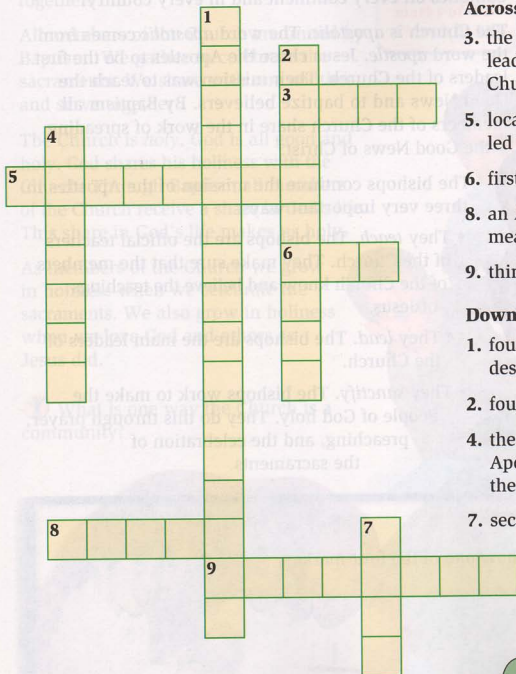
Draw a picture to show one of the four marks of the Church.



PROJECT

Show What you Know

Read the clues. Write the answers in the crossword puzzle.



Across

3. the Bishop of Rome, who leads the whole Catholic Church
5. local areas of the Church led by bishops
6. first mark of the Church
8. an Apostle whose name means "rock"
9. third mark of the Church

Down

1. four characteristics that describe the Church
2. fourth mark of the Church
4. the successors of the Apostles who lead the Church
7. second mark of the Church

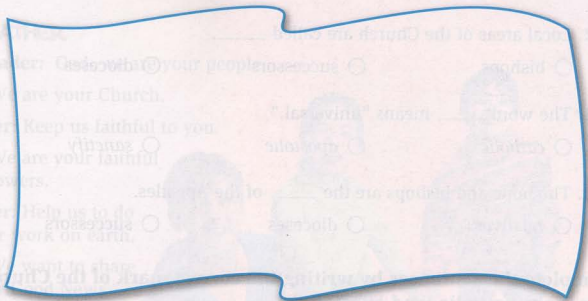


DISCIPLE

Pray
Learn
Celebrate
Share
Choose
Live

Picture This

The Church is universal. This means it is open to all people. Design a pennant that shows that the Church welcomes people from all over the world.



Now, pass it on!

Make it Happen

At 76 years of age, Pope John XXIII gathered the bishops from all over the world for the Second Vatican Council (1962). Together they worked to strengthen the one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church.



DISCIPLE CHALLENGE Decide on a way to live out one mark of the Church.

Take Home

The Church has four marks or special characteristics. What makes your family special? Write your family characteristics.

The _____ Family

CHAPTER TEST

Fill in the circle beside each correct answer.

1. Jesus chose _____ to be the leader of the Apostles.
☐ Matthias ☐ Peter ☐ Judas
2. Local areas of the Church are called _____.
☐ bishops ☐ successors ☐ dioceses
3. The word _____ means "universal."
☐ catholic ☐ apostolic ☐ sanctify
4. The pope and bishops are the _____ of the Apostles.
☐ relatives ☐ dioceses ☐ successors

Complete the sentences by writing the correct mark of the Church: one, holy, catholic, and apostolic.

5. The Church is _____. All members of the Church are united by Baptism.
6. The Church is _____. It is open to all people.
7. The Church is _____. Through Baptism we receive a share in God's life.
8. The Church is _____. All members of the Church share in the mission Jesus gave the Apostles.

Answer the following.

9–10. Write two ways the pope and bishops carry on the work of the Apostles.
