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# We Are Members of the Church





### PROJECT DISCIPLE DEAR FAMILY

# In Unit 2 your child will grow as a

disciple of Jesus by:

- learning that the pope and bishops lead the one, holy, catholic, apossolic 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
- · appreciating the ways that people can grow in holiness as laypeople, ordained men, and religious





uestion marks of the Church—one, holy, cotholic, and

Our parish is united when Our parish shows holiness when

Our parish follows the teachings of Jesus and the Apostles by

Authority, stability, and a life of

# More in Explore

Catholic Charities USA (see page 117) was founded in 1910. Through their work, they carry on the mission of Jess 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 as disciples of Jesus through different vocations. Find out if anyone in your parish is preparing to become a priest, cleason, religious boother or sitter, or if there is a couple preparing for marriage. Put their names where you will ermem-ber to pray for them. You might even send a cand to let them know you are praying for them.

#### Take Home Be ready for:

Chapter 8: Usting family characteristic Chapter 9: Talking about ways to show

Chapter 11: Praying for people who are sick

Chapter 12: Taking a holiness survey

# Unit 2 • Unit Opener

### CLASS CONNECTION

Read aloud the unit title and the chapter titles. Ask the children: What do you think you will be learning about in this unit? Invite a few volunteers to respond. Then explain to the children that they will be learning about the marks of the Church, the ways in which the Church teaches us, the ways in which we pray as Catholics, the parish as a worshiping and caring community, and serving God in our vocations.

# HOME CONNECTION

### **Project Disciple Dear Family**

Sadlier We Believe calls on families to become involved in:

- · learning the faith
- · prayer and worship
- · living their faith.

Highlighting of these unit family pages and the opportunities they offer will strengthen the partnership of the Church and the home.

For additional information and activities, encourage families to visit Sadlier's

www.WEBELEVEweb.com

# Overview

In this chapter the children will learn about the four marks of the Church, which are its special characteristics.

	For Adult Reading and Reflection Catechism of the Catholic Church
The children will learn:	Paragraph
Jesus chose the Apostles to lead the Church.     The pope and bishops are	
and apostolic	



bishops (p. 98) dioceses (p. 98) pope (p. 98) marks of the Church (p. 101)

# Catechist Background

n what way do I rely on the Church to help me

At Mass, as we pray the Nicene Creed, we profess our belief in the one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We also believe that the four marks or chief characteristics of the Church do not exist in a vacuum. They stand out as benchmarks when Catholics demonstrate a oneness that welcomes diversity and works for unity with other Christians. The Church bears witness to holiness by reaching out to sinners who need God's mercy and compassion in their lives. The Church is catholic when all its members expand thinking in narrow ways—"my Church, my diocese, my parish"—and start envisioning the Church as large enough to share its Gospel with the

Go to www.webelleveweb.com, Catechist/ Teacher, We Believe Correlations for this chapter's correlation to:

- Six Tasks of Catechesis
- · Catholic Social Teaching.

whole world. The Church is apostolic because we believe the pope and bishops are successors of the Apostles. All Catholics participate in this apostolic charism by sharing the Good News with others, especially the poor. The marks of the Church define it as one, holy, catholic, and apostolic. Yet we are called to continue growing in each of these characteristics. The Church, under the Spirit's inspiration, teaches the way.

How can I expand my vision of the Church?

# Lesson Planning Guide

Lesson Focus

Presentation

Materials

### Day 1

# page 45

We Gather in Prayer

### pages 46-47

Jesus chose the Apostles to lead the Church.

- Pray the words of Scripture.
  Respond with cards and gestures.
- Complete the We Gather activity.
  - Read and discuss Jesus' choice of the
  - Apostles in the We Believe text.

     Reflect on the We Respond question.
- Write the Apostles' message about Jesus in the activity.

For prayer space: Bible, candles, holy water, globe, and picture of the pope

- cards labeled: yes—We—Believe
- medium-sized rock
- copies of reproducible master What's the Word?, guide page 95F

# Day 2

# pages 98-99

The pope and bishops are the successors of the Apostles.

- Discuss the We Gather question.
- Read and discuss the We Believe text about the pope and bishops.
- Write answers to the We Respond questions.
  - Complete the letter to Jesus.
  - Read and discuss As Catholics.

copies of parish bulletin

### Day a

## pages 100-101

The Church is one and holy.

- Draw or write good things in We Gather activity.

  Read and discuss the Church as one
  - and holy in the We Believe text.
- Illustrate answer to the We Respond question.
- cardboard ring
- scissors, glue, paper

# Day 4

# pages 102–103 The Church is catholic and

apostolic.

- Discuss the We Gather questions.
   Read and discuss the We Believe text
- about the Church as catholic and apostolic.
- Write answers to the We Respond questions.
- copy of the parish directory
- copies of Reproducible Master 8, guide page 95G

# Day 5

Project Disciple

page 106 Chapter 8 Test

- Complete the Project Disciple activities.
- Explain the Take Home activity.
   Discuss/send home Sharing Faith
- with My Family, guide page 95E.
   Complete Chapter 8 Test.
- Work on Alternative Assessment activity.

### pencils

 copies of Sharing Faith with My Family reproducible master, guide page 95E



# **Enrichment Ideas**

# **Chapter Story**

arcus was helping his oldest brother, James, pack his suitcase. "James, James, I got it to close! I sat on "Marcus said, so pleased he had helped his brother that he almost forgot that in only forty-eight hours, James would be far, far away from home.

James was the oldest of five brothers, and Marcus was the youngest. James had just finished college. Even though James was busy with his part-time job, his friends, and sports, he always found time for his youngest brother. Sometimes James would show up unexpectedly at Marcus's baseball games. He had even helped coach the third-grade basketball team.

James was going to Guatemala, a country that was very far away, and Marcus would miss him very much. In Guatemala, James would work with a missionary group that helped families learn about Jesus. The mission group planned to help the people build houses, too. One evening, James had explained to his family the ways that the group hoped to make a difference. Marcus understood. He even told his family, "Maybe some day, I'll go to Guatemala, too!"

Marcus was proud of James. He liked to listen to James practice speaking Spanish, and he admired James for wanting to help people. James had promised that he would write to his youngest brother every week. Marcus knew that the letters would come just as James said, James always kept his promises, whether he was in Guatemala or in their own hometown. James was just that kind of brother.

Describe what James is like.

# FAITH and MEDIA

- Invite the pastor to your classroom for a visit. Encourage children to ask questions about his work in the parish. Photograph the visit, and post a brief story along with photos on your parish or school Web page.
- Bring several copies of the diocesan paper to show to the children. Point out photos of your bishop and any letters or columns written by him as chief teacher of the diocese.
- Some dioceses have Web sites. If yours does, visit it. Help the children to find their own parish and its leaders listed on this Web site.

# CHAPTER JEC'T': GETTING TO KNOW OUR HOLY FATHER

Help the children learn more about our Holy Father by researching his life and his contributions to the Church. Consult the Vatican Web site as mentioned on Day 2 in the As Catholies feature. The children can also find information about the pope in library books (such as biographies written for children) and encyclopedias. Have the children work in small groups and assign each group a specific part of the pope's background to research (for example, family background, early life, schooling, call to the priest-hood, special talents, and contributions as pope.) Ask the children to organize their research into a presentation. If possible, record the children's presentations so that you can use it as a teaching tool for other groups.

# PROJECT DISCIPLE



# **Additional Activities**

# What's the Word? (Use on Day 1.)

Materials needed: copies of reproducible master, guide page 95F; optional—props and costumes for dramatization

Distribute copies of the Scripture reproducible master. Choose volunteers to take the parts of Narrator, Jesus, and Peter. Have the other children read the words of the disciples. Explain that Elijah and Jeremiah are prophets we can read about in the Old Testament. When the children are finished reading the script, have them highlight or underline the direct words from Scripture.

# More to Explore

Invite the children to work in small groups to learn more about the current or a past pope. Provide a list of popes the children may research. Ask children to concentrate their research on ways the pope speaks out for what is right. Encourage the children to find information, photos, or video that feature the pope. Provide guidelines to focus their effort. Have the children develop a multimedia presentation to share with the class.

# Show What you Know

Invite the children to sit in a circle. Make sure you have plenty of space for movement. Explain to the children that they will be playing a game that is a variation of "Duck, Duck, Goose!" Review the rules of the game. Explain that instead of "duck" the children will use descriptive words about the Church. Whenever they use one of the marks of the Church, these words count as the "goose" signal. Play the game until each child has had a turn.

# **Picture This**

Materials needed: poster board rectangles (12 per child), crayons or colored pencils

Give each child 12 trading card-sized rectangles cut from poster board. Invite the children to design a trading card for each of Jesus' twelve Apostles. Each trading card should include the name of the Apostle, an illustration, and any additional biographical information. Instruct children to finish the following for each Apostle: Helped the Church to grow by. Once children have finished designing their own twelve cards, invite them to trade cards. Encourage them to trade a card only for a card featuring the same Apostle so they maintain a complete set of all twelve Apostles.

# **Meeting Individual Needs**

**English Language Learners** 

Children whose second language is English may benefit during this lesson from additional graphics and visual aids. When speaking of Saint Peter or the Apostles, hold up or point to a picture. Do the same when referring to the pope or other Church leaders. The visual association with the English words and titles will aid comprehension.

# We Believe Resources

- Grade 3 Review & Resource Book, pages 19-21
- Grade 3 Family Book, pages 24–26
  Grade 3 Assessment Book, pages 15–16
- Grade 3 CD-ROM *Test Generator and Resource*:
   Use Chapter 8 Test or customize your own.
- www.webelieveweb.com



# SHARING FAITH

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# Sharing What I Learned

Look at the pictures below. Use each picture to tell your family what you learned in this chapter.







A Prayer for the Church Father,

we pray for the Church, and for us, its members.

Make us one.

Make us holv.

Make us catholic.

Make us apostolic.

We ask this in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.



# Marks of Our Family

The Church has four marks, or characteristics. Talk with your family about what makes your family special. Write your family characteristics in the spaces below.

The	Family
THE	

# Refrigerator Prayer Card

(Pray this prayer with your family.)

Cut out this card. Place it where everyone can see it. Each time you see this card, pray the prayer again.

Visit Sadlier's

www.WEBELENEweb.com



Connect to the Catechism
For adult background and reflection,
see paragraphs 765, 880, 811, 823, 830,
and 857.

# PROJECT DISCIPLE



Name

# What's the Word?

**Narrator:** One day Jesus was talking with his disciples. He questioned them.

Jesus: "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" (Matthew 16:13)

**Disciples:** "Some say John the Baptist, others Elijah, still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." (Matthew 16:14)

Jesus: "But who do you say that I am?" (Matthew 16:15)

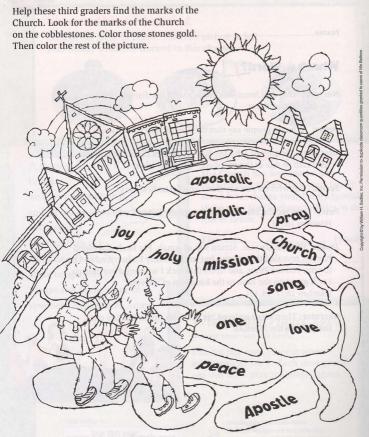
Peter: "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God."
(Matthew 16:16)

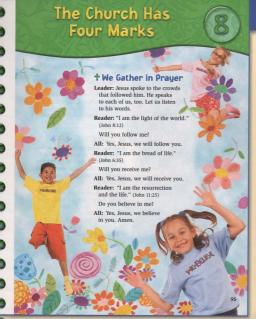
Jesus: "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah. For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my heavenly Father. And so I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church, . . . I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven."

(Matthew 16:17–18, 19)

Narrator: Then Jesus ordered his disciples not to tell any one that he was the Messiah.

Name





### PREPARING TO PRAV

The children will pray by using the words of Saint John. They will respond in complementary gestures and words.

- Select four children to place the four items representing the marks of the Church in the prayer space.
- Choose another child to be the reader, and three other students to hold up white cards labeled *Yes*, *We*, and *Believe*. Let them practice.
- Tell the children that you will take the leader's part. Allow the reader time to rehearse his or her part. Practice the group response.

### **The Prayer Space**

 Gather items representing the marks of the Church: a candle (for oneness), holy water (for holiness), a globe (for catholicity) and a picture of the pope and bishops (for apostolicity). Make a label for each item identifying the particular mark of the Church.

### This Week's Liturgy

Visit www.webelieveweb.com for this week's liturgical readings and other seasonal material.

# Lesson Plan

### We Gather in Prauer

### minutes

### \* Pray

- · Call the children to the prayer space.
- Name each of the four marks of the Church and signal the children to place their items on the table.
- Have the children open their books to the opening prayer.
- Pray the leader's part, and invite the reader and the children to follow.
- · Have the children hold up their white cards when

they hear their word mentioned in the response. For the first two responses ("All"), they are to hold up Yes and We. For the last response, they are to hold up all three cards. After the prayer is over, have these children place the cards in the prayer space.

# Family Connection Update

Invite volunteers to share the saints they learned about with their families when they visited *Lives of the Saints*.

#### Catechist Goal

• To highlight that Jesus chose the Apostles to lead the Church

### Our Faith Response

• To identify ways we can be like the Apostles

Lesson Materials

- medium-sized rock
- copies of reproducible master What's the Word?, quide page 95F

### **Teaching Tip**

Music as Calming Influence

As an "audio clue" that religion class is about to begin, you may want to play some quiet music for a few moments. Use music without words, or the Grade 3 CD, or an audio recording of a Gregorian chant. Ask the children to put their heads down and listen for a few moments. Then begin with a prayer.



Jesus chose the Apostles to lead the Church.

#### WE GATHER

Pear God, we are your people.

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

Write three words that describe a good leader.

### ME BETIEVE

Jesus had many disciples. He chose twelve of them to be his Apostles. He wanted them to share in his mission. Many other men and women disciples gathered with the Apostles to spread the Good News about Jesus.

One of the Apostles was named Simon. Jesus changed Simon's name to Peter. The name Peter 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)

How many of the Apostles can you name? They 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.

# Lesson Plan

# WE GATHER

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**Pray** Pray the Sign of the Cross and the We Gather prayer.

**Focus on Life** Have the children share answers to the *We Gather* questions. Tell the children that in this lesson they will learn how the Apostles led the Church.

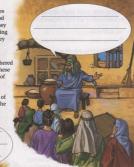
# WE BELIEVE

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Read the Text Have a volunteer read aloud the We Believe statement. Read aloud the first two We Believe paragraphs. Show the children a medium-sized rock. Ask: In what ways was Peter like a rock? Try to elicit reasons why Jesus changed his Apostle's name from Simon to Peter. Stress that the name *Peter* means "rock" and that Jesus wanted to build his Church on a strong foundation like a rock. Have volunteers read aloud the remaining *We Believe* paragraphs.

Evaluate the Work of an Apostle Invite the children to imagine what the work of an Apostle must have been like. Write on the board the title, The Work of an Apostle and make two columns (label the first column with a minus sign, and the second column with a plus sign). Write the children's responses for both columns (negative: encountering danger, traveling great distances, and so on) and (positive: serving jesus, helping to form the early Church, and so on).





# WE RESPOND

How did the Apostles help the Church to grow? Who were the other members of the Church who helped it to grow?

Dook at the pictures. In the spaces, write something you think the Apostles told people about Jesus.

What would you tell people you know about Jesus?

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# ACTIVITY BANK

### **Curriculum Connection**

Art

Activity Materials: shoe boxes, construction paper, clay, contact or shelf paper, medium-sized rocks

Jesus compared Peter to a rock. He chose Peter to lead the early Church because of these characteristics. Gather medium-sized rocks and ask the children to put together shoebox dioramas that illustrate the calling of Peter by Jesus, Encourage them to add construction paper or clay figures of Jesus and Peter to the scene. Suggest two or three Scripture verses for them to use. For example: Mark 1:17; Matthew 16:18; John 21:15. Write the verse on paper and attach it to the diorama. Remind the children that we can imitate the rocklike faith of Peter in our own lives.

### Scripture

Linguistic, Bodily-Kinesthetic

For a Scripture activity, see What's the Word?, guide page 95F.

### Quick Check and make in the service

- ✓ Whom did Jesus choose to lead the Church? (the Apostles)
- ✓ Name an important way that the Apostles helped the early Church. (They taught people about Jesus; they baptized people and gathered them into communities.)

# WE RESPOND

minute

Connect to Life Have the children think about the We Respond questions. Then have them share their answers. Complete the writing activity. Say: Think of ways that you can be like the Apostles and help the Church to grow.

# **Pray** Conclude the lesson with the following prayer:

Peter led the Church to which we now belong. Thank you, God, for leaders so true. Like the Apostles, we want to serve you. Amen.

# Plan Ahead for Day 2

Catechist Goal: To present that the pope and bishops are the successors of the Apostles

**Preparation:** Have copies of the parish bulletin. Prepare to tell about the history of the parish in *We Gather*, and locate the diocesan Web page in *We Respond*.

### Catechist Goal

. To present that the pope and bishops are the successors of the Apostles

### **Our Faith Response**

. To name ways the pope and the bishops serve the Church



dioceses

pope

#### Lesson Materials

· copies of parish bulletin

# As Catholics...

The Pope

Ask the children to focus on the special work that our Holy Father does. Tell them that the pope heads the Church and guides us to live in the way that God wants us to live. Have a volunteer read aloud the list of the pope's work. Invite the children to comment on his important contributions.

#### The pope and bishops are the successors of the Apostles.

#### WE GATHER

F Jesus, help us to tell others about you.

Think about the priests who work in your parish. Do you know who led your parish before they did?

#### WE BELIEVE

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 laid their hands on the heads of these new leaders. The Apostles asked the Holy Spirit to strengthen these men in their work. In this way the Apostles gave these leaders the same authority that Jesus had given to them. 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.



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# Lesson Plan

Pray Pray the Sign of the Cross and the We Gather

Focus on Life Encourage the children to share answers to the We Gather question. Tell the children that in this lesson they will be learning more about the ways Church leaders continue the Apostles' work.

# WE BELIEVE

minutes

**Learn About the Successors of the Apostles** Have volunteers read aloud the We Believe statement and the We Believe section. Emphasize the following:

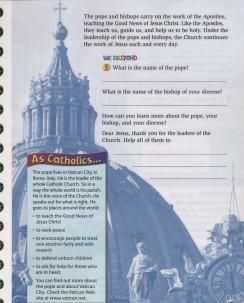
• The pope is the bishop of the diocese of Rome, Italy.

- The pope is the successor of Saint Peter.
  - Bishops continue to lead the Church today just as the Apostles did. They lead local areas known as dioceses.

Remember the Key Word The word dioceses is a term that some children may not have heard before. Pronounce the term slowly and define it: local areas of the Church led by bishops. Then identify the diocese to which the parish belongs.

Role-play the Duties Separate the class into small groups. Have them review the duties of the pope and bishops. Remind them that parishioners also carry out the work of the Church.

Imagine that the bishop is going to visit a parish that is celebrating its 75th anniversary. Have each group act out a brief skit on this theme.



# ACTIVITY BANK

### Liturgy

Christian Unity Octave

An octave means eight. (An octave in a musical scale means eight notes.) Every year, for eight days in January, the Church prays for unity among all Christians. With the children, you may want to plan eight days of prayer for unity right now!

The Franciscan Friars of the Atonement (Graymoor, New York) post information about these days of prayer, with a suggested intention for each day, on their Web site. This octave was first prayed and preached by the founder of this community. The Franciscan Sisters of the Atonement also share this special mission of prayer and action for unity.

### Quick Check

- ✓ Who are the successors of the Apostles? (the pope and bishops)
- ✓ What do the pope and bishops do for us? (They teach
  us, guide us, and help us to be holy.)

# WE RESPOND

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Connect to Life Have the children complete the We Respond activity. Refer the children to printed resources to help them learn more about the leaders of the Church. Suggest they visit the diocesan Web page. Have them complete the prayer at the end of the We Respond section.

**Pray** Conclude the lesson by having volunteers read aloud their prayers. Remind the children to pray for our pope and bishops at Mass.

# Plan Ahead for Day 3

Catechist Goal: To introduce that the Church is one and holy

**Preparation:** Cut out a large ring shape from cardboard to use as a wreath; have scissors, glue, and construction paper available.

### Catechist Goal

. To introduce that the Church is one and holy

### **Our Faith Response**

. To recognize ways in which our parishes show the Catholic Church is one and holy



marks of the Church

### Lesson Materials

- large ring cut from cardboard
- scissors, glue, and construction paper

### **Teaching Tip**

**Diversity Within Unity** 

Building esprit de corps in any organization requires a delicate balance between the group and individual needs. In your class you try to forge a sense of community and unity by encouraging acceptance and acknowledgment of personal and religious backgrounds. Help the children appreciate this task on a greater scale in the universal Church. An apt motto could be "Work in Progress."

### The Church is one and holy.

### WE GATHER

F Jesus, we believe in you and will follow you.

No one else in the whole world is exactly like you. You have special abilities, qualities, and characteristics.



n the space, draw or write some good things about yourself.



Just as each person has special characteristics, so does the Catholic Church. The Church is one, holy, catholic, and apostolic, We call these characteristics the marks of the Church.

The first mark is that the Church is one. The Church is one 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. We live and work together as one community.



# Lesson Plan

# WE GATHER

Tray Pray the Sign of the Cross and the We Gather prayer.

Focus on Life Discuss the We Gather statement and have the children illustrate their uniqueness. Tell the children that in this lesson they will learn more about the marks of the Church

## WE BELIEVE

minutes

Read the Text Have a volunteer read aloud the We Believe statement. Ask volunteers to read the We Believe paragraphs. Emphasize the following important points:

- The Church is one faith community that is united by Baptism.
  - All Catholics share in God's holiness through their
  - · Receiving the sacraments and doing good works helps us grow in holiness.

Oneness in the Church Community Have the children work in pairs. Ask them to trace each other's hands on construction paper, cut out the outlines, and then write their names on them. Point out that their hands are of different sizes and shapes, but they will become part of a larger whole when they are connected together to make a wreath of hands. Glue the hands to a large ring cut from cardboard. Stress that this activity shows that they are all different, but they are all united and part of the one Church.



The second mark is that the Church is Andy. God is all good and holy. God shares his holiness with the Church. Through the Sacrament of Baptism, all members of the Church receive a share in God's life. This share in God's life makes us holy. We are all called to become like Christ. As members of the Church we grow in holiness when we celebrate the sacraments. We also grow in holiness when we love God and otthers as feast did.

#### WE RESPOND

Think about what this means to you: The Catholic Church is one and holy.

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marks of the Church four characteristics that describe the Church: the Church is one, holy, catholic, and apostolic.

Draw a picture to answer this question. How can

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# Chapter 8 • Day 3

# **ACTIVITY BANK**

### **Family**

### Domestic Church

Remind the children that each family is a "little Church," or a domestic Church. The family is the most basic unit of the Church and the place where we first come to faith. Each domestic Church, then, is called to be one, or united, in their faith and in their good works. "There should be found in every Christian family the various aspects of the entire Church" (Pope Paul VI). Be sensitive to those children who are part of families with members who do not belong to the Catholic faith.

Revisit the Prayer Space Gather the children in the prayer space to identify the objects on the table that symbolize the oneness of the Church and its holiness. Invite them to say a silent prayer of thanks for their Church community.

### Quick Check

- What is a mark of the Church? (a special characteristic that describes the Catholic Church)
- ✓ Name the first two marks of the Church. (one and holy)

# WE RESPOND

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**Connect to Life** Have the children think about the *We Respond* statement. Have them illustrate their answers to the statement. Share illustrations. Help the

children make a list of some of the ways a parish lives out its faith and worship. Highlight extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion who bring Communion to those unable to attend Sunday Mass, as well as parish members who bring food and clothing to those in need.

**Pray** Conclude with this prayer.

Thank you, God, for our one, holy Church. Thank you, God, for our new life in Baptism. Make us one. make us holv. Amen.

# Plan Ahead for Day 4

Catechist Goal: To teach that the Church is catholic and apostolic

**Preparation:** Obtain a copy of the parish directory; make copies of Reproducible Master 8, guide page 95G.

#### Catechist Goal

. To teach that the Church is catholic and apostolic

### Our Faith Response

 To recognize how our parishes show that the Church is catholic and apostolic

#### Lesson Materials

copies of Reproducible Master 8

### **Teaching Note**

A Cheer for the Church

Children enjoy chanting and clapping, and the words in this lesson lend themselves to this activity. Try these. Stress each syllable.

Ask: What are the marks of the Church? one (1 clap) holy (2 claps) catholic (3 claps) and apostolic (4 claps).

(Repeat three times. At the end add: CHURCHU

The Church is catholic and apostolic.

#### WE GATHER

Pear Jesus, help us to be one with you and with one another. Help us to live holy lives.

What do you think it is like to be new in a neighborhood? in a school?

How can you welcome others and help them to feel that they are accepted?

#### WE BELIEVE

What is the name of your parish? Think about the people in your parish. Is everyone exactly the same? Is everyone the same age? Does everyone speak the same language? Probably not.

God loves all people. God shares his love with us through the Church. The Church is open to all people. It is universal. The third mark of the Church is that it is catholic, The word catholic means "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 fourth mark of the Church is that it is apostolic. The word anostolic comes from the word apostle.



# Lesson Plan

# WE GATHER

minutes

Pray Pray the Sign of the Cross and the We Gather

Focus on Life Have the children answer the We Gather questions. Tell the children that in this lesson they will learn how the Church welcomes all people.

# WE BELIEVE

Read the Text Have a volunteer read aloud the We Believe statement. Have the students work in pairs and read and highlight important words in the first four We Believe paragraphs. Ask: What does the word catholic mean? (universal; all people are welcomed to become

members of the Church). What does the word apostolic mean? (comes from the Apostles: to be sent to teach the Good News and baptize new members). Read aloud the last We Believe paragraph with its bulleted items. Write on the board the words teach, lead, and sanctify. Stress that these are the responsibilities of the bishops as chief teachers in their dioceses.

Use Reproducible Master 8 Distribute copies of the worksheet to reinforce the children's recognition of the four marks of the Church.

Jesus chose the Apostles to be the first leaders of the Church. Their mission was to teach the Good News and to baptize new members. By Baptism all members of the Church share in the work of spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ.



The bishops are the successors of the Apostles. They 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. This is what it means to sanctify. They do this through prayer, preaching, and the celebration of the sacraments.



# ACTIVITY BANK

Multicultural Connection
The Worldwide Church

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Help the children to see that the Church extends far beyond each country's borders and includes people of all nations, cultures, and languages. If possible, show the children a video that presents the universal Church in various areas of the world.

### **Evangelization**

Learning About the Missions
Activity Materials: mission magazines, Catholic newspapers

Encourage the children to learn more about the work of missionaries. Have them read and report on articles that describe the work of the dedicated people who do the work of the Apostles today. They could make maps that show the work of the missionaries.

## WE RESPOND

How can your parish show that the Catholic Church is catholic?

How can your parish show that the Catholic Church is apostolic?

### Quick Check

What are the marks of the Church? (one, holy, catholic, and apostolic)

What does the word catholic mean? (universal)

# WE RESPOND

minutes

**Connect to Life** Have the children write their answers to the *We Respond* questions. Share responses. Stress the importance of their involvement and participation in their own parish's outreach to those in need.

Pray Conclude the lesson with the following prayer:

God of all, you have made the Church catholic. Help us welcome all people, no matter who they are. You have made the Church apostolic. Help us to be like the Apostles by spreading your Good News. We ask in the name of lesus. your Son. Amen

# Plan Ahead for Day 5

Catechist Goal: To review chapter ideas and their relationship to our faith life

**Preparation:** Make copies of Sharing Faith with My Family, guide page 95E.

### Catechist Goal

 To review the chapter ideas that are key to growing as disciples of Jesus Christ

### **Our Faith Response**

 To decide on ways to grow as disciples by living out what we have learned

## Show What you Know

Help the children complete the crossword puzzle. When they are finished, check their answers. Clarify any misconceptions.

### picture

This Brainstorm ways the Church welcomes all people. Then allow time for the children to decorate the pennant. Invite volunteers to share their pennants with the class.

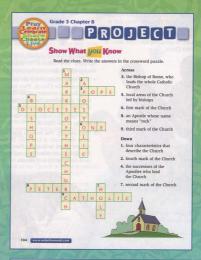
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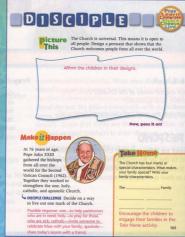
Read aloud the paragraph on Pope John XXIII. Then have the children complete the *Disciple Challenge*. Invite volunteers to share their responses.

#### **Take Home**

Read and discuss the activity. Be aware of the family backgrounds of the children. Encourage the children to do the activity with their families.

Discuss and send home copies of Sharing Faith with My Family, guide page 95E.





# CHAPTERTEST

#### Fill in the circle beside each correct answer.

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4. The pope and bishops are the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Apostles.

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

5. The Church is One . All members of the Church are united by Baptism.

6. The Church is <u>catholic</u>. It is open to all people.

7. The Church is holy . Through Baptism we receive a share in God's life.

8. The Church is <u>apostolic</u>. 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. Possible responses: They teach us. They quide us. They help us to

be holy.

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### CHAPTER TEST

Provide ten to fifteen minutes for the students to complete the test. After all have finished, check the answers. Clarify any misconceptions.

### **Alternative Assessment**

You may want the children to complete the following alternative-assessment activity.

Explain in your own words the marks of the Church. Make a design or logo showing that the Church is one, holy, catholic, and apostolic.

# **Additional Testing**

- Chapter 8 Test in Assessment Book, pages 15-16
  - CD-ROM Test Generator and Resource: Use Chapter 8 Test or customize your own.



# Review

# Key Words

Review the definitions as they are presented in the chapter's Key Word boxes:

- bishops (page 98)
- dioceses (page 98)
- pope (page 98)
- marks of the Church (page 101).

# We Believe Statements

Review the four statements.

- Jesus chose the Apostles to lead the Church.
- The pope and bishops are the successors of the Apostles.
- . The church is one and holy.
- The Church is catholic and apostolic.

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