

Second Grade: Blessed First Communion (April)

Chapter 5: Your First Communion



Objectives

- To proclaim that we are ready to say "yes" to God and receive First Holy Communion
- To explain that the Eucharist will empower us to do great things for God
- To teach that we will always have an open invitation from God to share in the great celebration of Mass

Opening Prayer

- Start by saying, "Let's take a moment in silence to be still and quiet and open ourselves up to whatever God wants to lead us to today."
- Have your child/children bless themselves and read the prayer.

God, our loving Father,

Thank you for all the ways you bless me.

Help me to be aware that every person, place, and adventure I experience is an opportunity to love you more.

Fill me with a desire to change and to grow, and give me the grace to become the best-version-of-myself in every moment of every day.

Amen.

Watch [Episode 1](#) and read pages 144-145.

Watch [Episode 2](#) and read pages 146-147.

Watch [Episode 3](#) and read pages 148-151.

Watch [Episode 4](#) and read pages 152-153.

Watch [Episode 5](#) and read pages 154-155 - Ask your child how they think the disciples felt during the Last Supper (answers could include nervous, excited, confused, grateful, honored, humbled)

Second Grade: Blessed First Communion (April)

Watch [Episode 6](#) and read pages 156-157

Show What You Know - Pages 158-159 are a review of what you have learned in this chapter. Give your child time to answer all of the questions and review the answers with them at the end. Suggest that they may have to look back in the chapter to find the answers to some of the trickier questions.

Journal with Jesus - Have your child write as if they are writing a letter to Jesus. In this chapter they will be writing a letter about what receiving Jesus in the Eucharist inspires them to do.

Watch [Episode 7](#) and read the closing prayer on page 162-163.

Second Grade: Blessed First Communion (April)

Chapter 6: God's Family



Objectives

- To proclaim that we are all made for mission
- To explain that the parish is our spiritual family
- To teach that God created each of us with a purpose

Opening Prayer

- Start by saying, "Let's take a moment in silence to be still and quiet and open ourselves up to whatever God wants to lead us to today."
- Have your child/children bless themselves and read the prayer.

God, our loving Father,

Thank you for all the ways you bless me.

Help me to be aware that every person, place, and adventure I experience is an opportunity to love you more.

Fill me with a desire to change and to grow, and give me the grace to become the best-version-of-myself in every moment of every day.

Amen.

Watch [Episode 1](#) and read pages 166-167.

Watch [Episode 2](#) and read pages 168-171 - What are some of the reasons Sarah mentioned why it's great to be Catholic? (answers can include things such as our parish family cares for us, there is a church in almost every place around the world, etc.)

Watch [Episode 3](#) and read pages 172-175.

Watch [Episode 4](#) and read pages 176-177.

Watch [Episode 5](#) and read pages 178-181.

Watch [Episode 6](#) and read pages 182-184.

Second Grade: Blessed First Communion (April)

Show What You Know - Pages 186-187 are a review of what you have learned in this chapter. Give your child time to answer all of the questions and review the answers with them at the end. Suggest that they may have to look back in the chapter to find the answers to some of the trickier questions.

Journal with Jesus - Have your child write as if they are writing a letter to Jesus. In this chapter they will be writing a letter about reasons they want to spread Jesus' love.

Watch [Episode 7](#) and read the closing prayer on page 190-191.

Important words for this year

Second Grade: Blessed First Communion (April)

Altar: The table where the Liturgy of the Eucharist is celebrated at Mass. The altar is a sign of Christ's presence with us. It is also called the table of the Lord.

Ambo: a special stand or place from where the Scriptures are read at Mass.

Anointing: The signing of a person with holy oil. Anointing is used in the Sacrament of Baptism and Confirmation, and in other sacraments and rites of the church.

Apostles: were disciples Jesus chose to be the first leaders of his followers. Jesus sent the Apostles forth to preach, to baptize, and to make disciples of all people.

Ascension: the return of Jesus to his Father in Heaven to live with him in glory.

Assembly: The people who gather to celebrate the Mass

Baptism: A sacrament on initiation where one is joined to Christ. We share in Jesus' death and resurrection. God shares his life with us. We become adopted sons and daughters of God, members of the church and followers of Jesus. Our sins are forgiven and we receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Bible: The written word of God. the Holy Spirit inspired, or guided, the people of God to write the Bible. It is made up of the old and new testaments. It is also called the Sacred Scripture.

Blessed Sacrament: The name given to the Eucharist, especially the Eucharist the Church keeps in the tabernacle for the sick and for the devotion of these people.

Book of the Gospels: Contains the Gospel readings that we listen to at Mass.

Chalice: The special cup used at Mass to hold the wine that becomes the Blood of Christ.

Chrism: oil blessed by the Church. It is used in the celebration of the Sacraments of

Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Orders and in other rites of the Church.

Church: The community of people who belong to Jesus Christ. The Church is the People of God, the Body of Christ, and the Temple of the Holy Spirit.

Confirmation: A sacrament of Initiation in which the baptized celebrate and are sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Consecration: The part of the Eucharistic Prayer when we do and say what Jesus did at the Last Supper. The bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Christ by the words and actions of the priest and the power of the Holy Spirit.

Creed: a prayer that tells what we believe.

Disciple: A person who learns from and follows the teachings of another person. At baptism we become disciples of Jesus.

Eucharist: Means to give thanks and is a Sacrament of Initiation. It is the sacrament of the Real Presence of Jesus under the appearances of bread and wine. It is the sacrament in which we receive the Body and Blood of Christ. The Eucharist makes present the sacrifice Jesus freely offered for the forgiveness of sins.

Eucharistic Prayer: the great prayer of thanksgiving that the church offers to God the Father through Jesus Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit. We pray this prayer at Mass.

Gospel: the first 4 books of the New Testament. The word gospel means "good news".

Grace: means gift. It is the gift of God's life and love the Holy Spirit shares with us. God's grace helps us to live as children of God and followers of Jesus.

Holy Communion: Receiving the Body and Blood of Jesus in the Eucharist.

Holy Spirit: The third person in the Holy Trinity

Second Grade: Blessed First Communion (April)

Holy Trinity: A name for God. It tells us what God has told us about himself. There is One God and Three Persons -- The Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Host: the name we give to the bread used at Mass.

Hymn: a song of joy, praise, and thanksgiving to God.

Jesus Christ: the Son of God, the second person in the Holy Trinity, who became one of us. Jesus is the true God and true man. By his Death and Resurrection he saved us from our sins and reconciled us to God and to one another.

Last Supper: the last meal that Jesus and his disciples shared together on the night before Jesus died on the cross.

Lectionary: the book that contains the bible readings proclaimed at Mass.

Lector: the person who reads the first and second reading at Mass. Another name for a reader.

Liturgy of the Eucharist: the second main part of the Mass during which we remember and share in Jesus' life, death and resurrection.

Liturgy of the Word: The first main part of the Mass during which the Word God speaks to us through the readings from the bible.

Lord's Supper: another name for the Eucharist.

Mass: another name for the eucharist; mass is made up of two parts: the liturgy of the word and the liturgy of the eucharist.

New Testament: the second part of the bible that tells us about Jesus and the early Church.

Old Testament: the first part of the bible that tells us the story of God's people who lived before Jesus was born.

Paschal Mystery: the name we give to Jesus' suffering, death, resurrection, and ascension.

Resurrection: God's raising Jesus from the dead to new and glorious life by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Reverence: the gift of the Holy Spirit that enables us to show honor and respect for God, people and all creation.

Sacramentals: objects and blessings that we use in worship and prayer. They help us to remember that God is always with us. They help us grow closer to God the Father, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit.

Sacraments: the seven special celebrations of the church given to us by Jesus. They are Baptism, confirmation, eucharist, penance and reconciliation, anointing of the sick, holy order and matrimony. Jesus is present with the Church in a special way in the sacraments. Celebrating the sacraments makes us sharers in God's life and love.

Sacraments of initiation: join us to Christ and welcomes us into the community. There are three: baptism, confirmation and eucharist.

Sacred Scripture: the written Word of God also called the Bible.

Sacrifice: the giving of something important to God out of love. We share in the sacrifice of Christ at Mass.

Sanctifying grace: the gift of God's love and life. We receive this at baptism and it makes us holy.

Tabernacle: a special place in which the blessed sacraments are kept.

Vestments: special clothes the priest wears to celebrate Mass and other sacraments.

Worship: to give adoration and honor to God. We worship God at mass by joining with Christ and the Holy Spirit to give thanks and praise to God the Father through our words and actions.