

GRADE 1
CHAPTER Nineteen
The Mass

Objectives

- To understand that the Mass is a community celebration of God's love
- To learn that Jesus gives himself to us in the Eucharist
- To learn how to better participate in the Eucharist

Step One: Invite: Name your personal experience

- Tell a story about your favorite family celebration. Be sure to mention the decorations, food, activities, people invited and the reason for the celebration
- Think of a good reason to celebrate "right now, today." Work as a family to gather some decorations that will be a sign of what you are celebrating, then get the food and plan an activity. Now celebrate.
- What was it like to have this celebration? Tell one thing you are thankful for.

Step Two: Explore: Understand the meaning of God's Word

- Look at the pictures and explanations on pp. 182-183. Do you remember any of these things happening when you go to Mass? Tell about your experience.
- Read the scripture on p. 184 and then read the Words of Faith on p. 185.
- Complete the Review and Apply on p. 187
- Complete the activity on p. 187

Step Three: Celebrate: Offer prayers of praise and thanksgiving

- Complete the activity on p. 188
- Use the prayer on p. 181 to close

Faith Activities: Tips

- Throughout each chapter, there will be sections marked "Activity."
- Feel free to choose as many activities as you wish to share with your family. At a minimum, choose one activity above and beyond what might be mentioned in Steps 1-3.
- Follow the directions for the activity, share popcorn or a treat, relax and enjoy it.
- Post any artwork until the next lesson and then use the next chapter's activity to take its place.