

GRADE 3
CHAPTER Sixteen
Sacraments of Initiation

Objectives

- To learn the three sacraments of initiation are baptism, eucharist and confirmation
- To understand the meaning of each sacrament and how it affects our church membership
- To remember that sacraments are signs that give grace and come from Jesus

Step One: Invite: Name your personal experience

- Go outside and make a list of everything you see that is a sign of life.
- Choose one of your signs and draw a picture of it. Give your picture a title.
- Talk about your first communion day. What was it like? Who was there? What happened when you first received Jesus' body and blood?
- Make a family collage of first communion, drawing or pasting pictures and using the symbols of the bread and wine, body and blood. Think of a wonderful title that describes what this gift of God is for you.

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

- Read the scripture on p. 174
- Read the paragraph following the scripture and then review p. 175.
- Write a paragraph about the meaning of the word sacrament and how each of the sacraments of initiation help to welcome members into life within the church.
- Complete the Review and Apply on p. 177

Step Three: Celebrate: Offer prayers of praise and thanksgiving

- Use the Pray with God's Word on p. 176 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.