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Discover

Catechist Edition Instruction

Discover (1)

Objective

- Understand that people of all ages can be baptized into the Church

New Life in God

Ask a volunteer to read aloud the question at the top of the student page.

- Tell the children that we will learn more about this as we cover the next two pages.

Read aloud the first paragraph.

New Life Begins

Invite two volunteers to each read aloud one of the paragraphs.

★ Instruct the children to underline the three things that took place when Aunt Kim received three Sacraments in one celebration.

- Review the answers with the group.

Work With Words

Pass out one index card per child.

- Have the children write the term *Sacred Chrism* on one side of the card and the definition on the

other side.

- Encourage the children to use this card, with the others they have created, to prepare for chapter and unit reviews.

Invite the children to share their impressions of the photograph on the bottom of the page.

Life in the Church

Point out the photograph at the top of page 225. Ask the children to explain how it is the same and how it is different from the photograph on page 224.

- Read aloud the caption.

Invite four volunteers to each read aloud one of the four paragraphs.

- Ask volunteers to summarize the story, and point out the similarities and the differences they found between Aunt Kim's and Steve's celebrations.

- Invite the children to answer the question following the text.

► Music Option: Have the children sing "If You Believe and I Believe" downloaded from aliveinchrist.osv.com.

Activity

Read aloud the directions for the Share Your Faith activity.

- Provide the children with crayons, colored pencils, or markers.
- Allow time for them to draw their pictures.

Quick Review

People of all ages can be baptized and become members of the Catholic Church.

Discover (2)

Objectives

- Identify that the Sacraments of Initiation include Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist
- Recall that Baptism removes Original Sin, forgives personal sin, and gives us new life in Christ; Confirmation seals and completes Baptism
- Recognize that Jesus shares himself with us in the Eucharist

Church Membership

Ask: What are the Sacraments of Initiation?

- Based on the text covered in the previous pages, see if the children can name all three Sacraments.

Invite a volunteer to read aloud the first paragraph.

God's Word

Proclaim the Scripture story.

- Ask: Who did Peter say Jesus' promise of the Holy Spirit was for? **everyone**

Encourage the children to share their impressions of the illustration on the bottom of page 226.

Work with Words

Pass out three index cards per child.

- Have the children create vocabulary cards for each term listed in the Catholic Faith Words box.

Receiving and Sharing God's Love

Read aloud the paragraph.

Sacraments of Initiation

Choose six volunteers to help you review the chart with the group.

- Begin by having one child read aloud the *Words and Actions* that go with Baptism. Have another child read aloud the accompanying *Effects*.
- Continue in this manner until all of the chart content has been read.
- ★ Direct the children to underline important words we hear in each Sacrament.

Activity

Read aloud the directions for the Connect Your Faith activity.

- Allow the children to pair up, discuss their answers, and write down one way their Church family welcomes new members.

Quick Review

The Sacraments of Initiation include Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist. Baptism gives us new life in Christ; Confirmation seals and completes Baptism; and Jesus gives us the gift of his Body and Blood in the Eucharist.

Catechist Tips: Liturgical Objects

Children often benefit from examining and touching objects used in celebrations.

- Invite a priest or deacon to bring a chalice, a paten, and unconsecrated hosts to your classroom.
- Ask your visitor to explain the meaning and use of these items.

Catechist Tips: Keep the Lord's Day

In many parishes, the Sacraments of Initiation are celebrated on Sundays. This tradition reinforces both the sacred aspects of the day and the social needs of the Church.

- Point out that celebrating the Sacraments of Initiation at parish weekend Masses is a way of inviting all parish members to share the celebration.
- Many families have gatherings to commemorate these Sacraments and reinforce family ties.

Catechist Tips: Good Manners

Help the children learn how to introduce themselves to others in a polite manner.

- Use an etiquette book or video to show the children how to introduce themselves to others and how to respond to introductions.
- Allow time for the children to role-play introductions so that they will be comfortable with them.

Catechist Tips: Welcome New Members

Pope Paul VI asked Christians to reinforce their words with actions. Words of welcome should be followed by actions.

- Encourage the children to find active ways of welcoming new children at school or in the parish.
- They could guide a new child to classes or introduce the new child to their friends.

Glossary Activity: Sacraments of Initiation

The Sacraments chart contains much information about the Sacraments of Initiation.

- Arrange the children in three groups. Assign each group one row of the chart.
- Have group members discuss their part of the chart.
- Have the children present the material to the class.

Additional Activity: Waiting for Wings

A helpful book to read aloud is *Waiting for Wings*, by Lois Ehlert (Harcourt, 2001).

- The book tells about the life cycle of four common caterpillars from their beginning stages to their becoming butterflies.

Additional Activity: Names

A Christian is baptized “in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.” Catholic parents are encouraged to give children the names of Saints.

- Ask the children how their names were chosen.
- Have some books of saints’ names books available so that the children can look up their names.

Additional Activity: Sacraments of Initiation

Have the children complete art projects to share with people who are celebrating Sacraments of Initiation.

- Cut out dress-shaped pieces of white cloth. Have the children decorate them with symbols of Baptism and give them to new members.

Additional Activity: Graphing

Help the children see the growth in your parish as a result of new Baptisms.

- Obtain the number of Baptisms in your parish for the last ten years.
- Show the children how to graph this information. Use the graphs to note long-term trends in parish growth.

Additional Activity: Create

Tell the children that they will be making a booklet about the Sacraments they have celebrated.

- Ask the children to bring in photographs or writings by family members.
- Encourage the children to include what they have learned in this chapter, as well as any memories

they have of the events.

Additional Activity: Water, Oil, Bread Poems

Supplies (display on a table):

- clear bowl filled with water
- oil in a glass cruet
- whole loaf of bread
- paper
- pencils

Introduce the activity by lifting up each of the symbols of water, oil, and bread, and reminding the children they are the symbols for the Sacraments of Initiation. Instruct the children to choose one of the symbols and create a short rhyming poem about it. When the children have completed poems, have volunteers share them with the whole group.

Parish Video Connection: The Beauty of the Catholic Church

Once you've completed the Catechist Edition instruction for page 227, play this video for the children. Afterward, invite volunteers to share with the group which Sacraments and signs of the Sacraments they saw in the video.

YouTube Link: <https://youtu.be/lpOVsFtZ1hM>

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Parish Video Connection: The Eucharist

After completing the Catechist Edition instruction on page 227, show the children this video. Ask volunteers to share anything new or interesting that they learned about the Sacrament of Eucharist.

Ask: Why does Jesus give us his Body and Blood? ***to unite us with him***

YouTube Link: <https://youtu.be/QcB7Uem00n4>

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