

## YOUR CHILD LEARNED >>>

This chapter explains that Jesus shares his life with us in the Seven Sacraments. He welcomes, feeds, and heals us.

### God's Word



Read **Luke 18:35–43** to learn about a man Jesus healed and how it changed the man's life.

### Catholics Believe

- Grace is a share in God's life and help.
- Sacraments are special signs and celebrations that come from Jesus and give grace.

To learn more, go to the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* #1145–1152 at [usccb.org](http://usccb.org).

### People of Faith

This week, your child met Saint Pius X. He was elected Pope in 1903 and is sometimes called "The Pope of the Eucharist."

## CHILDREN AT THIS AGE >>>

**How They Understand the Sacraments** It's a mystery to us, adults and children alike, that God invites us to communicate with him in his work. The Seven Sacraments have human actions and divine actions—the things people say and do and what God does through the Sacrament.

Your child might tend to only focus on the human actions—the things he or she can see. It's important that we direct children to the ways in which these visible signs help us understand the invisible reality—what God is doing in the Sacrament.



## CONSIDER THIS >>>

*Have you been a little overwhelmed lately? Do things sometimes seem out of control?*

As Catholics, "we recognize that many times in many ways God's special love is such that he offers us help to live in a way that leads to sharing his life... we face a struggle prompted by our culture's understanding that everything is within our human power." Learning to rely on God's grace changes our lives (*USCCA, p. 329*).

## LET'S TALK >>>

- Ask your child to name the first Sacrament we receive (Baptism).
- Share about your child's Baptism and how it was special.

## LET'S PRAY >>>



Saint Pius X, pray to God for us that we may receive Jesus in Holy Communion with reverence. Amen.



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