

# FAMILY+FAITH

LIVING AND LEARNING TOGETHER

## YOUR CHILD LEARNED >>>

This chapter explains how the Church community works together to act in Jesus' name.

### God's Word



Read **John 17:20–23** and talk about the ways each of you can be one with God.

### Catholics Believe

- The Bible is the Word of God written in human words.
- The Church is the community of all baptized people who believe in God and follow Jesus.

To learn more, go to the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* #781, 782 at [usccb.org](http://usccb.org).

### People of Faith

This week, your child met Saint Francis of Assisi, who helped bring about a renewal of Church through his simple way of life.

## CHILDREN AT THIS AGE >>>

**How They Understand the Church Community** This is an age when the social group often becomes important to children. They want to know that they belong and have friends. This is the perfect age to talk with your child about the Church as our community of faith. It's especially important that they have time to spend with peers at Church and are able to form friendships in their parish community.



## CONSIDER THIS >>>

When someone looks at you do they see Christ in you?

Have you ever asked yourself this? It may seem like an odd question. Yet, as baptized people we believe that God has invited us into his Divine life. "Only Jesus can transform us into himself. Our inner receptivity [our openness] is critical. To receive love, we need to be open to it." Offering ourselves at Mass together with the gifts of bread and wine is the best way to continuously give Christ the opportunity to transform us. "Then in Christ we become bread for the world's bodily and spiritual hungers" (*USCCA, p. 227*).

## LET'S TALK >>>

- As a family, talk about ways that you could live a more simple life.
- Talk about the different times you gather as a Church community.

## LET'S PRAY >>>



Saint Francis, pray for us that we may work together to build the Church. Amen.



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