

A Feast For Everyone

Preparation for the Session

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the Family + Faith page.
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In this chapter you will cover the following objectives:

- Define Heaven as life and happiness forever with God
- Relate the story of the Wedding Feast to God's invitation and our response
- Describe the Eucharist as the spiritual food that helps us to live with Jesus forever
- Recognize the need to say "yes" daily to God

Read the **Consider This** feature. What thoughts or reactions do you have to the opening question?

Parents, Consider This: *Oftentimes, our concerns of this world interrupt our long-range view. We forget that this world is not all there is. Eternity seems very far away. Yet, the time comes for everyone to face the reality that life in this world is just the beginning. God wants everyone to have eternal life with him. He sent his Son Jesus to show the way, and the way of Jesus is unfailing love. As a follower of Jesus, love of God and love of neighbor are the means by which you show your readiness to accept God's invitation to the heavenly banquet. As you tend to the daily needs of this world, remember to keep the long-range view.*

Read these other sections on the Family + Faith Page.

- *Your Child Learned.* This highlights some of the content of Sacred Scripture and Tradition in the chapter.
- *Children At This Age.* This will help you to understand how your child processes and learns at this developmental level.



Let's Sing: These songs connect the session topics and can be downloaded from aliveinchrist.osv.com.

- All That God Wants You to Be
- Hail Mary

INVITE: Encountering God in His Word

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After gathering the supplies that you will need, find a quiet place to be with your child. This is a sacred time—a time when you will be present to each other and to the Lord. You may want to light a candle as you begin.



Let Us Pray Invite your child to make the Sign of the Cross. Read aloud the Psalm verse from the book. Help your child to respond.

Explain that Jesus tells us what we need to do to follow his call in our lives.

Say: Let's listen to what Jesus says about who is important in God's Kingdom.



Guide your child through the Preparing for God's Word Ritual you learned in the Introduction Session or play Track 1 of the *Songs of Scripture* CD.

- Proclaim God's Word in the Parchment Paper box on the page.
- Maintain several moments of silence.
- Ask: What did you hear God say to you today?

Invite your child to respond and also share what you heard.

Now, look at the *What Do You Wonder?* box.

Say: Jesus is reminding us to listen for God's invitation to be his disciples. He calls each one of us.

Invite your child to respond to the questions. Ask what else they might wonder about making Jesus a part of our lives.

DISCOVER: Learning God's Truth

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All Are Invited
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Ask your child to read the first paragraph. Have them read the definition for the Catholic Faith Word, **Heaven**. Have your child write the word on one side of an index card and the definition on the other side.

Ask: What does God the Father invite everyone to be a part of?
(the happiness of his great love on this Earth and in Heaven forever)



Proclaim the Scripture story (continued on page 279). Divide the parts with your child or you may want to enlist any other people in your home to help with this reading.

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The Wedding Feast
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Activity

Have your child complete the Share Your Faith activity.

Listen to "The Great Feast" on the *Songs of Scripture* CD, Track 16. Lyrics are available at aliveinchrist.osv.com. Discuss the last verse of the song with your child.

Read aloud the three paragraphs. Tell your child to listen for a sign of what Heaven will be like.

Tell them that every time they receive Jesus in Holy Communion, they are preparing for the great feast of Heaven.

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With God Now
and Always
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Have your child read aloud the next paragraph.

Ask: What does God call you to do? (to know, love, and serve him) How will you answer him?



Complete the gold-star activity.

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Say "Yes" to God!
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Read aloud the first two sentences, and then alternate reading each bullet with your child. After each bullet is read, brainstorm how to do each thing. Have your child give examples, with your help.

Activity

Have your child complete the Connect Your Faith activity.

Parents, Consider This: *Sharing a great meal with family or friends is always a little piece of Heaven. Research tells us that food tastes better when we are sharing it with others. Love "flavors" the meal. One of the most beautiful images of Heaven is the image of the heavenly banquet, a meal where God's perfect love is shared by all. For a taste of that banquet, we do not have to wait until we die. We experience the sign of this heavenly banquet today in the Eucharist. As members of Christ's Body, we become one with him in and through the Eucharist, the Sacrament of love and unity and the sign of the glorious end God has in store for us. Going to Mass with your family is a way to experience the future in the now.*

LIVE: Living Our Faith

Turn to Page 282,
Our Catholic Life
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Read aloud the two paragraphs.

Read the first line of "Words of the Prayer." Then have your child read, as an echo, the first line of "What They Mean." Continue this process through the remainder of the chart.

Refer to page 326 in the Our Catholic Tradition reference section of your child's book and pray the Hail Mary slowly and thoughtfully with your child.

Turn to Page 283,
People of Faith
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Read the paragraph about Saint Mary Magdalene de Pazzi.

- Share your reactions to the information.
- Discuss what you think Heaven looks like?

Turn to Page 285,
Family + Faith Page and
conclude with the Let's Pray
prayer on this page.
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Parents, Consider This: *It's important to form our children in the common language of prayer. We encourage you to pray Morning Prayer the (see Page 324), during your morning prayer this week.*



To access and send an eAssessment to your child, go to the Student and Family section of aliveinchrist.osv.com.