

Unit 6, Sacraments – Chapter 17

Grade	Key Concept for Chapter Seventeen
1	The Church has Seven Sacraments. They are signs and celebrations that Jesus gave his Church. The Sacraments allow us to share in the life and work of God.
2	In the Liturgy of the Word, God's living Word is read. We profess what we believe about God and pray for the needs of the Church and the world.
3	In the sacraments of Healing, God's given to those suffering physical and spiritual sickness. In Penance, a priest absolves sin. In Anointing of the Sick, the priest anoints and prays for God to send his healing love.
4	The Seven Sacraments are effective signs, instituted by Christ, that give grace and continue his saving work in the world. The Sacrament of the Eucharist is at the heart of Christian life.
5	Sacred Scripture is the Word of God written by humans. The Word of God is proclaimed and preached in the first of two main parts of the Mass: the Liturgy of the Word.
6	All of the baptized are called to follow Christ by serving others. Ordained men serve God through preaching the Word and through celebrating the Sacraments.
7	As Christ first welcomed and fed his followers, we are welcomed and belong to the Church through the three Sacraments of Christian Initiation.
8	The Sacraments strengthen us to be faithful to our commitments and our relationships. The Sacraments at the Service of Communion celebrate people's commitment to serve God and the community and help build us the People of God.

*For more information about Catholic teachings on these points, as well as insights into how children your child's age typically understand these concepts, please see the blue **Family+Faith** page, found at the end of the chapter.*

Beginning the Family Discussion:

Pray with Scripture. Use the **Invite** process from the first page of Chapter 17 in one of the children's books. For more information on how to use this process with your children, see the [Scripture Reflection Process video](#).

After each child has completed working on Chapter 17 in their online or print books, ask each child in the family what they learned about the *Seven Sacraments* from working on chapter seventeen this week. (If your children are in 2nd or 5th grade, ask what they learned about the Mass).

Check to see if they mention the key concept for their grade level found on the previous page. Note their answers below:

Continuing the Conversation:

Ask your children to name something from the **Live** section of their chapter that the family could put into practice this week. Note their suggestions here:

Close with a prayer. You might wish to use the prayer at the end of one of the children's chapters, just before the **Family+Faith Page**, or try a spontaneous prayer, such as having each family member name something they are thankful for, or a traditional prayer, such as the Our Father. Note any special family prayer requests here: