

# Baptized for Mission

## Preparation for the Session

**Turn to Page 231,**  
the Family + Faith page.  
*Vivos en Cristo*, Page 463

In this chapter you will cover the following objectives:

- Discuss Philip's attitude of openness to continuing Jesus' mission
- Understand that Evangelization is giving witness to the faith by proclaiming the Good News of Jesus in a way that invites people to accept the Gospel
- Recognize that by our Baptism, we share in the mission of the Church to announce the Good News
- Note that Confirmation perfects the grace of Baptism and seals us with the Gifts of the Holy Spirit
- Appreciate how the Eucharist unites us to Jesus Christ and nourishes us to live out our faith

**Turn to Page 223,**  
Baptized for Mission  
*Vivos en Cristo*, Page 447

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

**Parents, Consider This:** *Through the Sacraments of Initiation, we are invited to follow in Christ's footsteps and share in the priesthood of believers. Through Baptism, we begin the journey of faith and start to share in the mission of the Church. Confirmation seals the gifts of the Holy Spirit to strengthen us to carry out the mission of sharing the Good News. The Sacrament of the Eucharist instills a deep communion with Christ and with the members of the Church. How is our family living a commitment to follow Christ and participating in the mission of the Church? This is an important question to ask. Discuss concrete ways of doing this.*

**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](http://aliveinchrist.osv.com).

- Go Make a Difference
- Find Us Ready

## INVITE: Encountering God in His Word

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.

**Say:** These verses from the First Letter of Peter encourage his listeners to live as Christians.



**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:** We share in Christ’s mission by means of participation in the Sacraments and our membership in the Church.

**Invite** your child to respond to the questions. Prompt what else they might wonder about God’s plan for their life.

### DISCOVER: Learning God’s Truth

**Turn to Page 224,**  
The Apostles’ Mission  
*Vivos en Cristo*, Page 449

**Read** aloud the opening question and the first paragraph.

**Turn** to page 309 in the Our Catholic Tradition reference section of your child’s book to review more information about the Church’s mission.



**Read** the Scripture in the Parchment Paper box. Have your child read the part of the Ethiopian man, and you read the part of Philip.



**Do** the gold-star activity.

**Turn to Page 225,**  
God’s Mission for You  
*Vivos en Cristo*, Page 451

**Have** your child silently read this page. Ask when he or she might have opportunities to share the Good News. (i.e. when having a conversation with friends) Remind your child that God has given them the Holy Spirit to help them with their mission.

### Activity

**Have** your child complete the Share Your Faith activity.

**Parents, Consider This:** *The Apostles willingly carried out the mission of Jesus. Jesus gives us the Holy Spirit to help us on our mission, which begins when we enter into the Christian life through the Baptism. At his or her age, your child may not consider him or herself a “missionary,” but the Church teaches that as baptized persons, we are all called to spread the Gospel to others. We do this most often by example. In time, we may learn how to use words to articulate what we believe. Encourage your child to develop the ability to share their faith in word and actions.*

**Turn to Page 226,**  
Sacraments of Initiation  
*Vivos en Cristo*, Page 453

**Discuss** the opening question with your child. Invite your child to recall a Scripture story in which water is a main feature.

**Read** aloud the two paragraphs.

**Have** your child silently read the text about “Baptism.” Discuss the question at the end. *(It gives us a seal that marks us for Christ. Through Baptism, we are called to evangelize.)*

**Read** aloud the text under the “Confirmation” section. Have your child look for the words that describe the action of the Holy Spirit at Confirmation. *(The Holy Spirit pours out the gifts that seal and confirm you in Christ.)*

**Turn to Page 227,**  
Sacraments of Initiation  
(cont’d)  
*Vivos en Cristo*, Page 455

**Continue** to read the text about Confirmation. Then read the text in the “Eucharist” section. Tell your child to look for the terms that the Church uses for the Eucharist.

**Ask:** Why do you think the celebration of the Eucharist completes the Sacraments of Initiation? *(At the altar, we are united with the People of God.)*

**Write** the words, **Eucharist**, **transubstantiation**, **Real Presence**, and **Tabernacle** on index cards. Have your child read their definitions in the Catholic Faith Words box on page 226. When your child is confident of their meanings, read each definition and have your child hold up the word that matches the definition.

## Activity

**Have** your child complete the Connect Your Faith activity.

**Parents, Consider This:** *Have your family members participate in parish events. This is how we learn about and understand the responsibilities of being Church members. Engaging in activities such as this helps to introduce your child to Christian service.*

## LIVE: Living Our Faith

**Turn to Page 228,**  
Our Catholic Life  
*Vivos en Cristo*, Page 457

**Read** aloud the introductory question and paragraph. Summarize the rest of the text, which describes some things we need to know to be successful “agents” on a mission from God.



**Do** the gold-star activity.

**Turn to Page 229,**  
People of Faith  
*Vivos en Cristo*, Page 459

**Read** the paragraph about Saint Rose Philippine Duchesne.

- Share your reactions to the information.
- Talk about how prayer helps you participate in Jesus mission.

## Activity

**Have** your child complete the Live Your Faith activity.

**Parents, Consider This:** Refer often to the concept of God's unique purpose or mission that God gives each of us. This will help your child to think about God's purpose for their life.

**Turn to Page 231,**  
Family + Faith Page and  
conclude with the Let's Pray  
prayer on this page.  
*Vivos en Cristo*, Page 463

**Parents, Consider This:** It's important to form our children in the common language of prayer. We encourage you to pray Holy, Holy, Holy Lord during your night prayer this week.

### **Holy, Holy, Holy Lord**

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.



To access and send an eAssessment to your child, go to the Student and Family section of [aliveinchrist.osv.com](http://aliveinchrist.osv.com).