

Family + Faith, Unit 6: Sacraments Session

[slide 1] Opening Slide to be customized with local details

I. Invite

[slide 2] Begin the session with a warm welcome and provide the theme (Welcome matters, especially for an online session). Let parents/grandparents/guardians/children...the whole **Domestic Church** know that God loves them and how very welcome and appreciated they are.

- Welcome Domestic Church
- Theme – **Sacraments** (remind participants that each unit in the student books covers a theme and each unit has three chapters.) The information presented today will serve as a briefing on the theme for parents as they work with their children on the three chapters. We will experience an example of each of the three-step catechetical process. (see slide 2 notes)
 - » [slides 3 & 4] Short description of the Sacraments theme. (Read slides 3 & 4).
 - » [slide 5] Officially open the session with the **Invite** (1st step in the *Alive in Christ* three-step catechetical process, **Invite – Discover – Live**). Read explanation of Lectio Divina in notes.
 - » [slide 6] Show the prayer center set up on a table. Suggest that they set up a prayer center with their children.
 - » **(Student Book Note)** Let participants know that the Invite step is always on the first page of the chapter in their children's book.
 - » [slide 7] SAY: *I invite you to settle in your chair, take a few deep breathes, close your eyes, or to just be still; open your minds and your hearts to what God is saying to you in this passage. What is it that speaks to you? What one word or phrase stands out? Why might God be offering that word or phrase to you?*
 - » [slides 8–12]] Proclaim the passage (5 slides), then pause for 5 seconds or so and then ask the questions on the next slide [slide 13] Invite families to take a moment to think and discuss the questions and then write down the word or phrase in their **Family + Faith Journal**. Ask for a volunteer or two to share why that word or phrase has meaning to them. In case there are no volunteers, be prepared with your own word or phrase so you can model the process for the group.

- » **[slide 14]** SAY: *In every chapter our children hear the Word of God, reflect on it, and open their hearts and minds to how God is speaking to them in this reading of Scripture. This reflection process is based on an ancient form of prayer called **Lectio Divina**. In it, we read / hear the Word of God, listen carefully, and reflect on what God is saying to us. (read slide 14 notes)*

II. Discover – Catholics Believe

- » **[slide 15]** SAY: *The Discover Step helps form Catholic Identity through the study of Scripture, knowledge of Church teaching, and an understanding of Catholic practices.*
- » **[slide 16]** SAY: *Here is an enlightening explanation of the Road to Emmaus story that explains the two main parts of the Mass, the Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the Eucharist. Pay close attention for the explanation of what the word Mass means. (Hint: it's at the end)*
- » Play Road to Emmaus Video
- » SAY: *The visible signs or Sacraments give us God's grace and allow us to share in God's work. The Eucharist nourishes us to go out on mission to announce the Good News as the disciples in the scripture passage did.*
- » **[slide 17]** Read slide.
- » **[slide 18]** Read slide.
- » **[slide 19]** Read slide.
- » **[slide 20]** Read slide.
- » **[slide 21]** Read slide.
- » **[slide 22]** SAY: *In this video Bishop Hying tells us that Jesus gave us this gift as a way to encounter his grace, his life, his salvation, and his forgiveness. He tells us that Sacraments are building blocks for us in our relationship with God. Without them, we don't have a living memory of Jesus; with them, we encounter the living Christ here and now.*
- » Play video (2:15)
- » **[slide 23]** Read slide then play video. After video SAY: *Membership means belonging. It's important to us all. In the case of the Seven Sacraments, we are initiated into new life and our faith family. There is nothing we do to "earn" it, and there is nothing we do to become "worthy" to belong. We become a part of the Catholic family through our Baptism.*
- » **[slide 24]** Read slide.
- » **[slide 25]** Read slide.
- » **[slide 26]** Read from the slide 26 note: One **very important** belief we have

as Catholics is the Doctrine of True Presence. By this expression is meant that the true Body and Blood, soul and divinity of Christ are really and substantially present under the Eucharistic species, that is, the appearances of bread and wine which remain on the altar after the Consecration. Then Play video (3:57).

- » [slides 27 & 28] Read slides regarding the Sacraments of Healing.
- » [slides 29, 30 & 31] Read slides regarding The Sacraments at the Service of Communion.

III. Live

- » [slide 32] Read slide describing the Live Step, then read the slide 32 notes regarding the Let's Talk activity.
- » [slide 33] Show slide and let families choose one of the talking points. (time permitting, ask if anyone would like to share a comment or question)
- » [slide 34] Read slide describing the Family + Faith Parent Pages.
- » [slide 35] Review Key Features of the Family + Faith Parent Page 1.
- » [slide 36] Review Key Features of the Family + Faith Parent Page 2.
- » [slide 37] Review Key Features of the Family + Faith Parent Page 3.
- » [slide 38] Remind families that the Family + Faith Parent Pages will be emailed to them. Make announcements and read notes.
- » [slide 39] Read slide for Closing ritual – Renewal of Baptism Vows
- » [slides 40 & 41] Read questions.
- » [slide 42] Conclude the ritual with this statement. Let parents know that **Important Prayers** can be found in the back of their child's book in the Our Catholic Tradition Faith Basics Section.