

Sacraments, Our Way of Life

Begin

- ▶ Together write a letter to a family member who lives far away. Have your child write about what he or she has learned about God, Jesus, and the Church. Read aloud the unit title on page 127. Say: *In this unit, we will learn more about sacraments that help us love and forgive others.*

Introduce the Saint: Pages 128–129

- ▶ Focus your child's attention on the picture and read aloud the text. Ask: *What do we call someone who travels to spread the faith?* (a missionary) Say: *We will learn about Saint Paul, his travels, and the letters he wrote.*
- ▶ Turn to page 128 and look at the picture. Say: *This picture shows Saint Paul preaching.* Read aloud the first two paragraphs. Ask: *How did Paul know Jesus was calling him?* (Jesus called in the form of a light that blinded Paul, and Paul heard Jesus speaking to him.) Have your child read aloud the rest of the page.
- ▶ Ask: *What are the two objects shown at the right?* (a sword and a page from an ancient book) Say: *The sword is a symbol of Saint Paul. The page is an early copy of one of Paul's letters, written in Greek.*
- ▶ Invite your child to read aloud the Be Inspired feature. Ask your child how we might eat or drink for the glory of God. (You and your child may have more ideas about this quotation after you have finished the unit.) With your child, add Paul's feast day, June 29, to your calendar. Plan an event together to celebrate the writings of Saint Paul the Apostle.

Unit Opener: Page 130

- ▶ Ask your child how Paul felt about the Church before Jesus called to him. (He wanted to destroy it.) Say: *Jesus invites us to change our minds and open our hearts to receive him.*
- ▶ Ask: *How did Paul respond when Jesus sent a disciple to cure Paul of his blindness and have him baptized?* (When Paul got his sight back, he saw the truth of God's love. He began spreading the message that Jesus is the Son of God.) Say: *Let's read to see how Paul's baptism affected his life and your life too.* Read the first paragraph.
- ▶ Read aloud News of Another's Goodness. Say: *Think of a good deed you know of that someone has done for another. Draw three pictures showing how the news of that good deed could be spread from person to person, as news of Jesus spread during Paul's time.* Invite your child to complete the activity and present his or her sequence of events to you.
- ▶ Read aloud the Reading God's Word feature. Remind your child that Saint Paul teaches us how to follow Jesus and love God and one another. Say: *Let's ask God to show us his way by praying this psalm.* Invite your child to pray the psalm along with you.