



Jesus Shares a Special Meal

Engage: Page 111

- ▶ **Say:** *Let's close our eyes and imagine we are at Mass. What do you see? What do you hear? Take turns describing the experience. Say: Celebrating Mass together is the most important way we talk to and listen to God.*
- ▶ Set a timer for one minute. Count how many items at Mass you and your child can name.
- ▶ Read aloud the session title and the song title. **Say:** *We can sing this song to the tune of "Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star." Sing the song together. Then pray aloud the prayer together. Conclude by praying Amen.*

Explore: Pages 112–113

- ▶ **Ask:** *If you could choose whatever you wanted to eat for supper, what food would you choose? (Answers will vary.) Say: Meals are a time for love and sharing.*
- ▶ Read aloud the title and the sentences on page 112. Then read aloud the story of the Last Supper, found in Luke 22:7–23, from a children's Bible or retell it from your Bible using simple language. Answer any questions your child may have about the story. Then read aloud the directions and have your child complete the activity.
- ▶ Read aloud the Reading God's Word feature. **Say:** *These are Jesus' words to the disciples who shared the Last Supper with him.*
- ▶ Help your child recall the seven sacraments. Then read aloud the title and the sentences on page 113. Point out the word *Eucharist*. Help your child find it in the Glossary. Discuss the definition. **Say:** *We celebrate the Eucharist as a Church family. The Eucharist brings us closer to Jesus.* Read aloud the directions and have your child complete the activity.
- ▶ Read aloud the I Go to Church feature. **Say:** *Jesus died on the Cross so our sins can be forgiven. We remember this at Mass in the celebration of the Eucharist.*



Art Exploration: Explore Art Print 19 Blackline Master

- ▶ Find in a magazine, in a book, or online a picture of The Last Supper.
- ▶ **Ask:** *What do you see in this picture?* Encourage your child to describe the picture in detail, including what the people are doing.
- ▶ **Say:** *Jesus shared a special meal with his friends.*
- ▶ Display the Art Print Blackline Master for Session 19. Read aloud the introduction and discuss the question.
- ▶ Read aloud the section A Special Meal. **Say:** *The Last Supper was the last meal that Jesus ate with his friends. Soon after the meal, Jesus died on the Cross. Jesus died so our sins can be forgiven and we can live with God the Father in heaven.*
- ▶ **Ask:** *Who leads us in celebrating the Eucharist at Mass?* (the priest)
- ▶ Read aloud the section Eucharist Match. Help your child complete the activity.
- ▶ After you read aloud the Reading God's Word feature, **say:** *When we go to Mass, we remember the Last Supper that Jesus shared with his friends.*
- ▶ If your child has no food allergies, give him or her a sample of unleavened bread, such as pita bread or matzo. **Ask:** *How is it different from bread we use for sandwiches?* (Answers will vary.) **Say:** *This bread is similar to the bread that Jesus broke when he said, "This is my body. Eat this. Remember me."*

Reflect: Pages 114–115

- ▶ Together look at page 114. **Ask:** *What do you think the children in the picture are saying to each other?* (Answers will vary.) **Say:** *Jesus showed his love by sharing the Sign of Peace with his friends.*
- ▶ Demonstrate sharing the Sign of Peace with your child. Then pray aloud the prayer Love and Peace. After giving your child time to pray silently, pray the Sign of the Cross.
- ▶ Read aloud the title and the sentences on page 115. Give each other the Sign of Peace. **Say:** *When we give the Sign of Peace, we share love with people as Jesus did.*
- ▶ Read aloud the directions and have your child trace the word *Peace*. Read aloud the sentence together. Then invite your child to complete the activity.

Respond: Page 116

- ▶ Read aloud the Faith Summary. Have your child trace the word *Eucharist*. **Say:** *We have talked about the special meal of the Eucharist, which brings us closer to Jesus.*
- ▶ Invite your child to pray silently as you pray aloud. **Say:** *Dear Jesus, thank you for the gift of the Eucharist.* Together pray the Sign of the Cross.
- ▶ Read aloud the words from the story in With My Family and have your child say the picture words. Use the Picture Glossary on pages 206–207 if needed. Invite your child to answer the question at the end of the story.