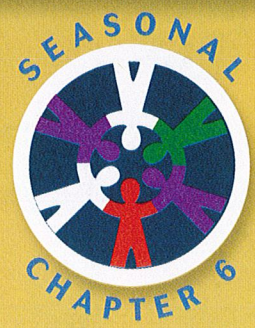




Jesus said, "Follow me."
Mark 2:14



This chapter presents an overview of the Church Year.



**The Church year helps
us to follow Jesus.**

WE GATHER

What does it mean to follow Jesus?
Name some ways you follow Jesus.

WE BELIEVE

All during the year, we gather with our
parish to worship. Together we celebrate
the Eucharist and the other sacraments.

The Church year is made up of
special times called seasons. During
the different seasons, we grow in love
for Jesus. We grow as his followers.



Advent

Christmas

Ordinary Time

Lent

Three Days

Easter

Ordinary Time

Advent is a season of waiting and preparing. We wait and get ready for the coming of the Son of God.

Christmas is a time to celebrate the birth of the Son of God. We rejoice that Jesus is with us always.

Lent is a season of preparing. We remember all that Jesus did to save us. We get ready for the Church's greatest celebration.


The Three Days, called the Easter Triduum, are the Church's greatest celebration. We celebrate Jesus' Death and Resurrection.

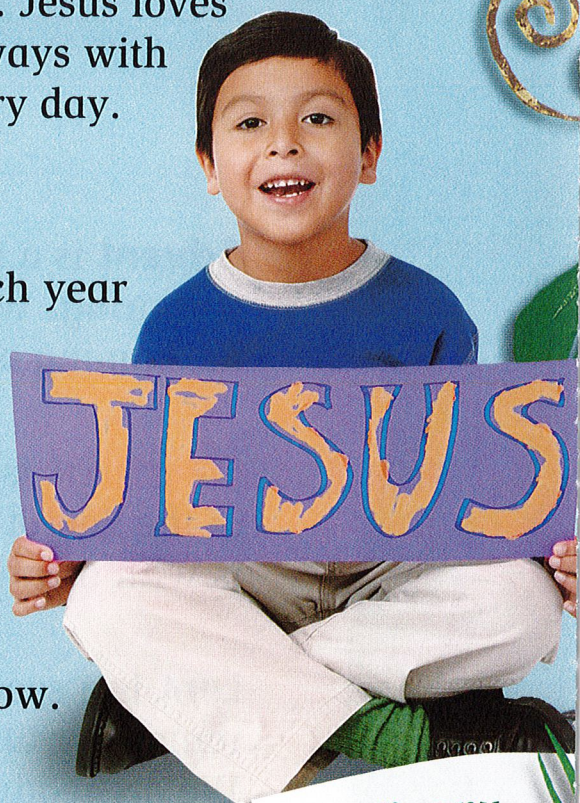
Easter is a time of great joy. We rejoice and celebrate that Jesus rose to new life.

Ordinary Time is when we celebrate everything about Jesus, especially his life and teachings.

The seasons of the Church year help us to follow Jesus. We want to grow closer to Jesus. He is God's greatest gift to us. Jesus loves us and gives us life. He is always with us. He is here, today and every day.

WE RESPOND

 Each season of the Church year has a special color. Color the Church-year time line to follow Jesus through the seasons. On the lines write, "Jesus, I will follow you." Then put an X on the part of the time line to show the season you are celebrating now.





✦ We Respond in Prayer

Leader: We will follow Jesus
through the Church year.

Reader 1: We pray in Advent:

All: Come, Lord Jesus!

Reader 2: We pray at Christmas:

All: Rejoice! Jesus is born!

Reader 3: We pray in Lent:

All: Lord, have mercy.

Reader 4: We pray during the
Three Days:

All: Jesus, bring us to new life.

Reader 5: We pray at Easter:

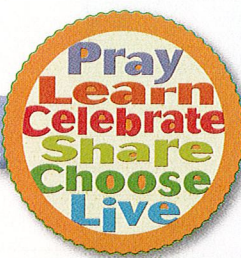
All: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Reader 6: We pray in Ordinary Time:

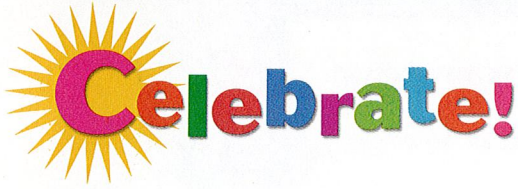
All: Jesus, we will follow you.

Leader: We remember that Jesus is
with us always. May we always
follow him!

All: Amen.



PROJECT DISCIPLE



Draw a picture in each space to tell about the Church season. Cover each space with a scrap of paper. Then play a memory game.

The Three Days	Lent	Easter
Advent	Christmas	Ordinary Time
Easter	The Three Days	Lent
Christmas	Advent	Ordinary Time

Reality Check

Write three ways that you can follow Jesus through the Church year.

Take Home

Play your memory game with a family member. Take turns to find matching pairs of seasons.

DISCIPLE CHALLENGE

When you find a matching pair, name something you do to celebrate that season.

