

# Jesus Gives Himself in the Eucharist

## UNIT 3

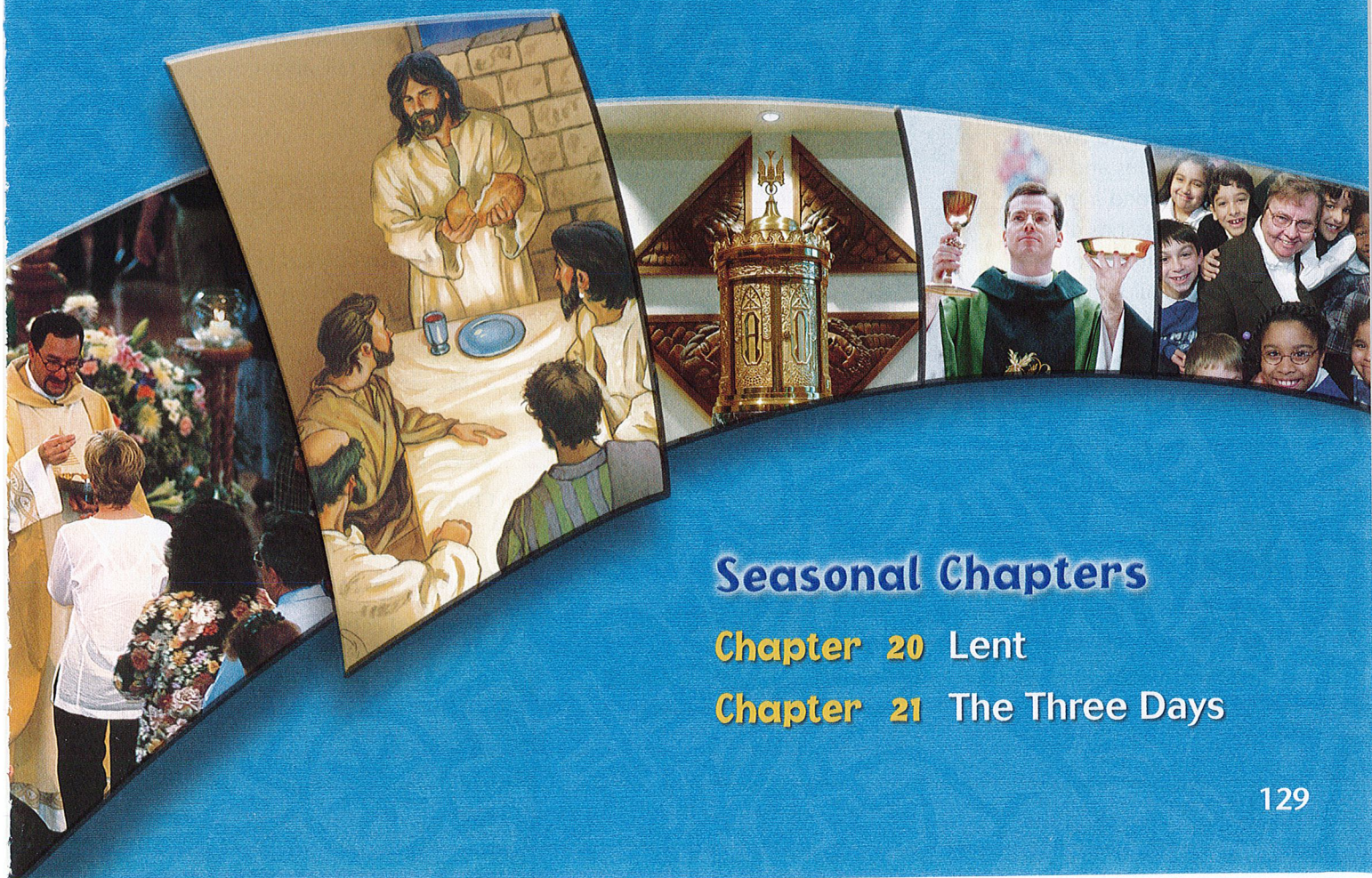
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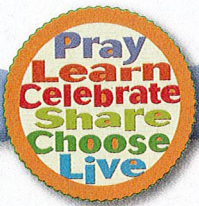
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### Seasonal Chapters

- Chapter 20** Lent
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### In Unit 3 your child will grow as a disciple of Jesus by:

- appreciating that Jesus gave us the gift of himself at the Last Supper
- gathering at Mass to celebrate what Jesus did at the Last Supper
- listening to God's Word during the Liturgy of the Word
- recognizing that Jesus is truly present in the Eucharist
- sharing God's love and peace with others.

### What's *the* Word?

In Chapter 15, the children hear the Scripture story of Jesus feeding the crowd of people. Read the story together from the Bible (John 6:1–14), or retell it in your own words. Point out that it was a child who offered the five barley loaves and two fish. With the loaves and fish, Jesus performed a miracle and fed thousands of people. What are some ways that children help others today? Affirm your child's talents and abilities, and suggest ways to use those talents to help others. Remind your child that we hear stories from the Bible every Sunday at Mass during the Liturgy of the Word.



### Picture This

Look at the photos of the celebration of the Mass on pages 142–143. Talk about your own parish celebration of Mass. How do the people in your parish participate in the Mass? Decide on one way your family will participate more fully this Sunday.

### Reality Check

"Parents have the mission of teaching their children to pray and to discover their vocation as children of God."

*(Catechism of the Catholic Church, 2226)*

### Celebrate!

Make your next family meal a special one—maybe by serving a favorite food or dessert, or eating "picnic" style in the family room. Talk about how sharing a meal brings us closer together and how Jesus must have felt when he shared the Last Supper with his friends. Use this as an opportunity to build your child's anticipation of receiving first Holy Communion.

### Make it Happen

After Mass on Sunday point out the tabernacle to your child. Pray together to Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. As you leave the church, talk about one thing you will do together to share God's love. Do it!

### Take Home

Each chapter in your child's *We Believe* Grade 2 text offers a "Take Home" activity that invites your family to support your child's journey to more fully become a disciple of Christ.

#### Be ready for this unit's Take Home:

**Chapter 15:** Preparing and sharing a family meal

**Chapter 16:** Participating at Mass

**Chapter 17:** Praying for the needs of others

**Chapter 18:** Presenting the gifts at Mass

**Chapter 19:** Promoting peace in the family

# Jesus Gives Us the Eucharist

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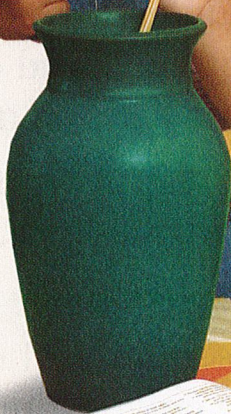
## WE GATHER

✝ Let us thank Jesus by singing.

### 🎵 We Remember You

Jesus, we remember you.  
Jesus, we remember you.  
We remember you gave your  
life for us.  
We remember. We believe.  
We praise you, we remember you.  
We bless you, we remember you,  
and we thank you that we belong to you.  
We remember. We believe.

☀ What special meals have you  
shared with others? Why do you  
like to remember them?



## WE BELIEVE

### Jesus brings us life.



Act out the following story.



John 6:2-14



**Reader 1:** One day thousands of people were listening to Jesus. He knew that the people were hungry. Jesus asked his disciples to get food for all the people.

**Philip:** Jesus, we could never find enough food to feed this many people!

**Andrew:** There is a boy here who has five loaves of bread and two fish.

**Reader 2:** Jesus took the loaves and gave thanks. He asked his disciples to give out the bread and fish. There was food for everyone and some leftover.

**All:** What a wonderful thing Jesus has done for us!



Jesus told us, “I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever.” (John 6:51)

All of us need bread to live and grow.

All of us need Jesus to grow closer to God and share in God’s life. Jesus is the living bread. He is the Son of God who was sent to bring us life.



Sing “We Remember You.”

## Jesus celebrated a special meal with his disciples.

Every year the Jewish people celebrate the feast of Passover. During this holy time, they gather to share a special meal. At this meal they say prayers of blessing. They thank God for all he has done.

On the night before he died, Jesus was with his disciples to celebrate the Passover meal with them.

 Mark 14:22-24

During the meal Jesus took bread and said a blessing. He broke the bread and gave it to his disciples. He said, “Take it; this is my body.” (Mark 14:22)

Then Jesus took a cup of wine and gave thanks. All the disciples drank from this cup. Jesus said, “This is my blood.” (Mark 14:24)

The meal Jesus shared with his disciples on the night before he died is called the **Last Supper**. At this meal the bread and wine became the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ.

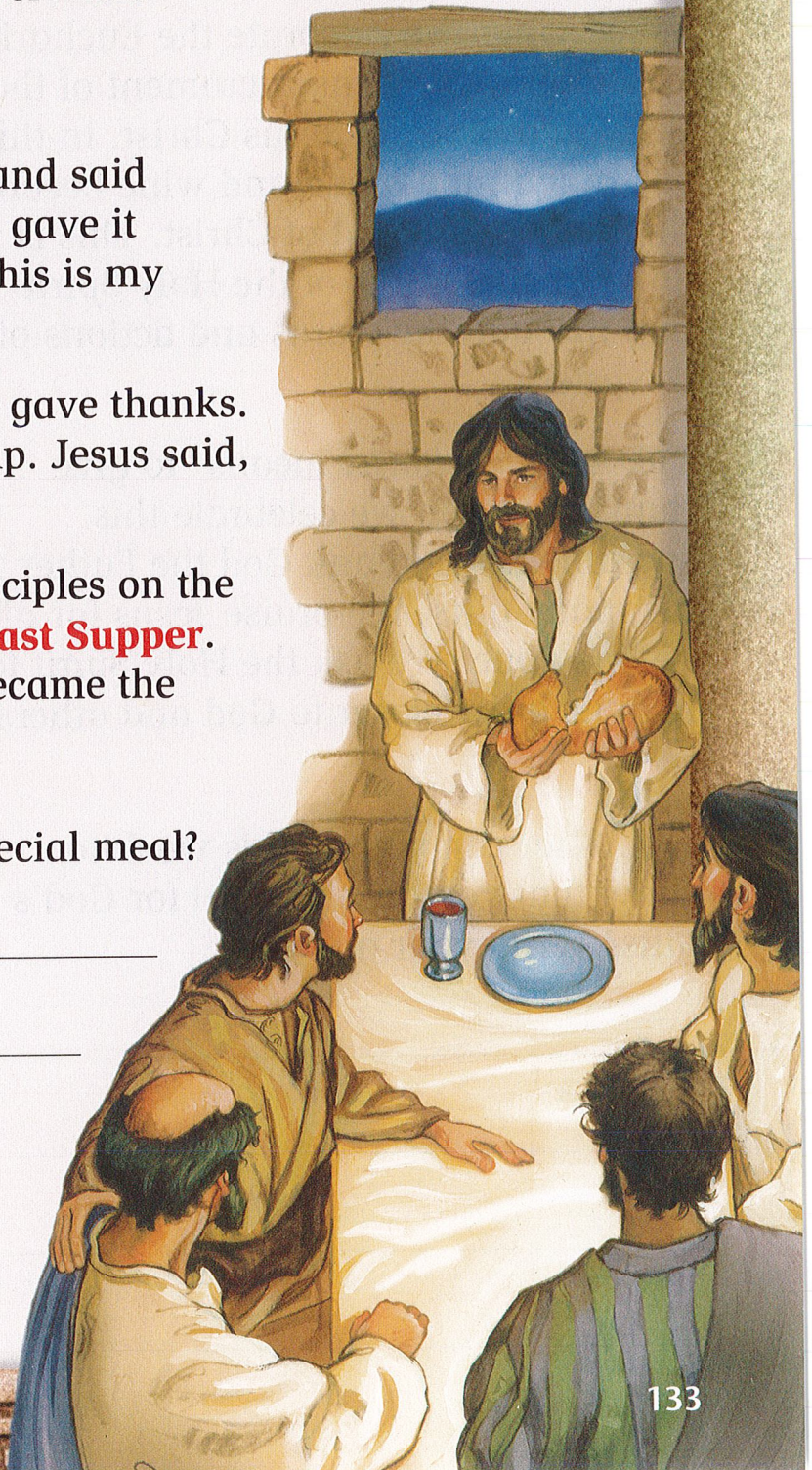
 Why was the Last Supper a special meal?

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### Key Word

**Last Supper** the meal Jesus shared with his disciples on the night before he died




## In the Eucharist we remember and celebrate what Jesus did at the Last Supper.

At the Last Supper Jesus told the disciples to remember what he had just done. Jesus wanted them to remember and celebrate this special meal again and again. Jesus said, “Do this in memory of me.” (Luke 22:19)

The Church continues to do as Jesus asked when we celebrate the Eucharist. The **Eucharist** is the sacrament of the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ. In this sacrament, the bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Christ. This is done by the power of the Holy Spirit and through the words and actions of the priest.

The word *eucharist* means “to give thanks.” When we celebrate this sacrament, we thank God the Father for his many gifts. We praise Jesus for all he has done. We ask the Holy Spirit to help us grow closer to God and others.

 What can you do this week to show that you are thankful for God’s gifts? Write your answer.

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### As Catholics...

Every Catholic church has an altar. At the altar the sacrifice of Jesus is made present. The altar is a table and it reminds us of the table of the Last Supper. From this table we receive Jesus in Holy Communion.

Think about the church where your parish community gathers for Mass. Where is the altar? What does the altar look like?

## The Mass is a meal and a sacrifice.

Another name for the celebration of the Eucharist is the **Mass**. The Mass is a meal. During the Mass we remember what Jesus did at the Last Supper. The bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Christ. **Holy Communion** is receiving the Body and Blood of Christ. Holy Communion makes the life of God within us stronger.

The Mass is a sacrifice. A *sacrifice* is an offering of a gift to God. The word *offer* means “to give” or “to present.” Jesus offered the greatest sacrifice of all time. He died to bring us new life. At every Mass we remember Jesus’ sacrifice.

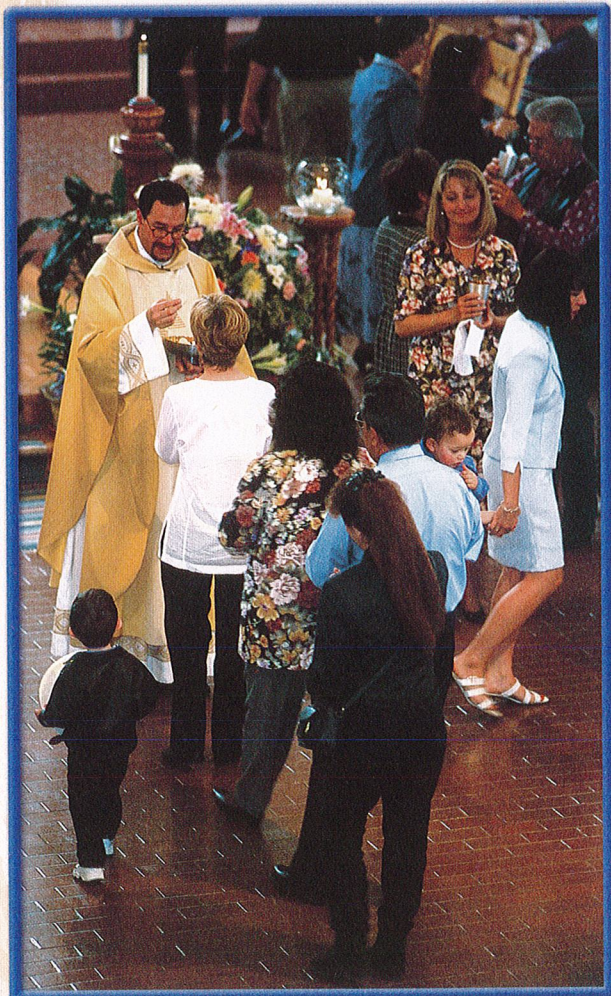


### Key Words

**Eucharist** the sacrament of the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ

**Mass** the celebration of the Eucharist


**Holy Communion** receiving the Body and Blood of Christ

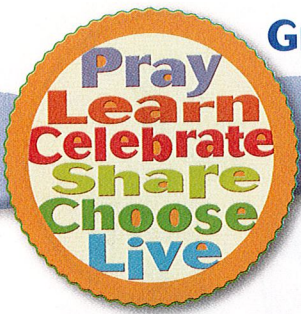


When we take part in the Mass, we remember and celebrate that:

- Jesus offered his life for us on the cross. He died to save us from sin.
- Jesus rose to new life so that we could live happily with God forever.
- Jesus gives us his own Body and Blood in Holy Communion.

### WE RESPOND

 Look at the pictures. What can each picture help you to remember about the Mass?



# PROJECT

Show What **you** Know Fill in each **Key Word** card.



The meal that Jesus shared with his disciples on the night before he died is the

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The sacrament of the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ is the

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Receiving the Body and Blood of Christ is

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The celebration of the Eucharist is called the

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This prayer is called *Grace Before Meals*. You can pray it before you enjoy a meal.

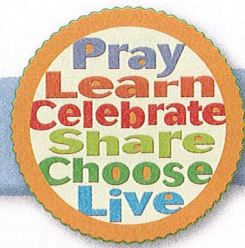
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Pray this prayer with your family and friends.

*Bless us, O Lord, and these your gifts which we are about to receive from your goodness, through Christ, our Lord. Amen.*



# DISCIPLE



## Reality Check

In the Bible, we read that Jesus fed many hungry people. We can follow Jesus' example. Check the ways that you and your family can help other families who are hungry.

- Give to food collections
- Try not to waste food
- Help out at your parish soup kitchen
- Pray for those people who are hungry
  
- Another way: \_\_\_\_\_



## Make it Happen

Before Mass, talk with your family. Explain that the Mass is a meal and a sacrifice.



## Take Home

This week, make one of your family meals a special celebration. Together, plan the menu and decorations.

Menu

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Decorations

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Ask each family member to help prepare for the meal in some way. Then, before your meal, pray the *Grace Before Meals*.

# CHAPTER TEST

Use the words in the box to complete the sentences.

1. The word *eucharist* means to

\_\_\_\_\_.

2. The \_\_\_\_\_ is the celebration of the Eucharist.

3. Jesus wants us to \_\_\_\_\_ and celebrate what he did at the Last Supper.

4. The Mass is a \_\_\_\_\_ and a sacrifice.

5. A \_\_\_\_\_ is an offering of a gift to God.

6. \_\_\_\_\_ is receiving the Body and Blood of Christ.

remember

meal

sacrifice

Mass

give thanks

Holy Communion

7-8. What did Jesus do at the Last Supper?

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9-10. What do we remember and celebrate at every Mass?

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