

We Go in Peace to Share God's Love

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WE GATHER

✦ **Leader:** Let us listen to what Jesus told his disciples at the Last Supper.

Reader: Jesus said, “As I have loved you, so you also should love one another. This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.” (John 13:34–35)

Group 1: When we show respect for all people,

All: Jesus, we do as you asked.

Group 2: When we are kind and helpful,

All: Jesus, we do as you asked.

Group 3: When we forgive others,

All: Jesus, we do as you asked.

All: Jesus, help us to share your love and peace with others.

Amen.



Have you ever been sent to do something? Who sent you? What did you do?

WE BELIEVE

We are sent to share God's love with others.

The first disciples were sent out to continue Jesus' work. We are also disciples. Jesus asks us to continue his work, too. At the end of every Mass, the priest sends us out to share God's love with others.

Before we are sent out, the priest blesses us. We make the Sign of the Cross as he says,

"May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, † and the Holy Spirit."

We respond, "Amen."

Then the deacon or priest may say, "Go in peace."


We respond, "Thanks be to God."



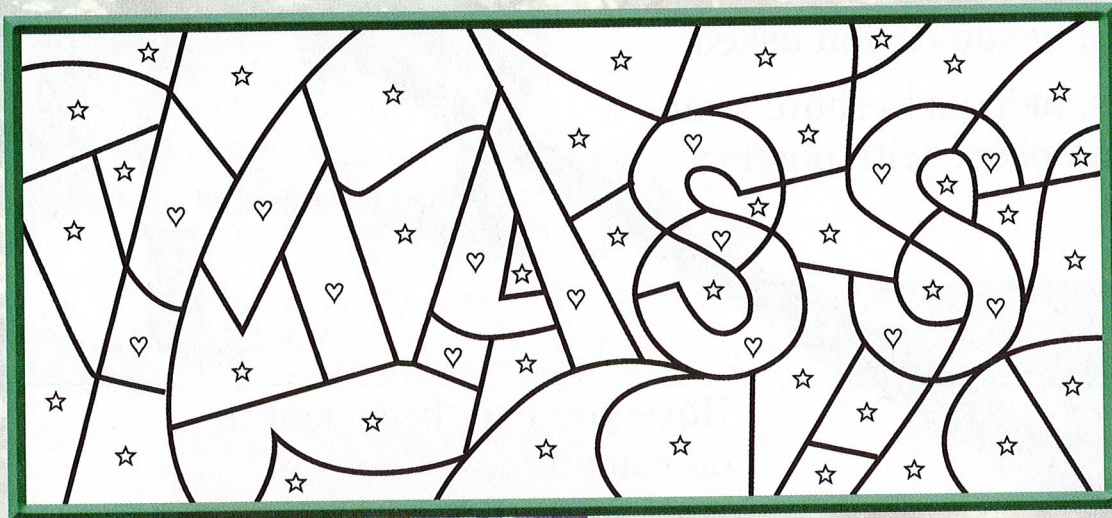
As Catholics...

The Blessed Sacrament is kept in the tabernacle in church. Jesus is really present in the Blessed Sacrament. We can visit Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. During our visits, we can talk to Jesus and tell him that we love him. We can be with Jesus our friend and thank him for all of his love and care. We can ask him to help us love and care for others.

Find out where the tabernacle is in your parish church.



Color all the ♡ spaces green. Color all the ☆ spaces blue. Read the word you see. It comes from a word that means "sending out."



Jesus is present in the Blessed Sacrament.

After Holy Communion there may be Hosts that have not been received. These Hosts are called the Blessed Sacrament.

The Blessed Sacrament is another name for the Eucharist.

The Blessed Sacrament is kept in the special place in the church called the **tabernacle**. A special light or candle near the tabernacle reminds us that Jesus is really present in the Blessed Sacrament.

After Mass and at other times, priests, deacons, and extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion take the Blessed Sacrament from the tabernacle. They bring the Blessed Sacrament as Holy Communion to those who are not able to join the parish community for Mass. The Blessed Sacrament strengthens all those who receive it.

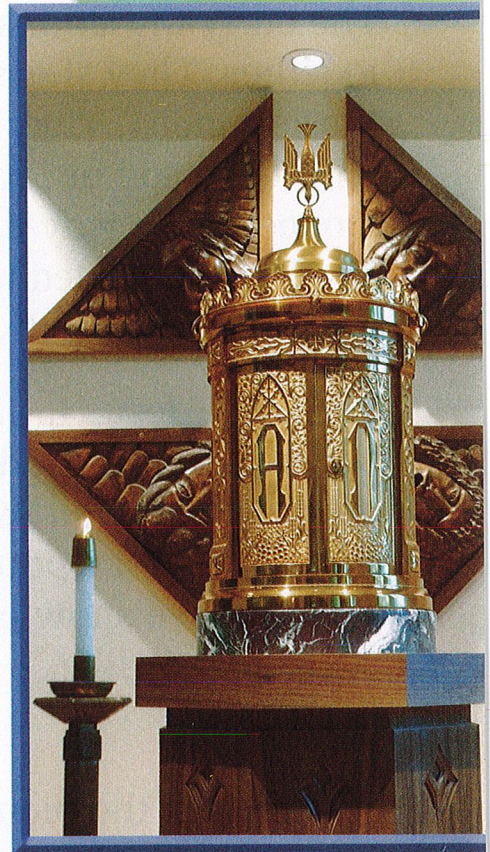


Jesus wants us to share God's love with those who are sick. We can do this by praying for them. Talk about other ways we can share God's love with those who are sick.

Key Words

Blessed Sacrament another name for the Eucharist

tabernacle the special place in the church in which the Blessed Sacrament is kept




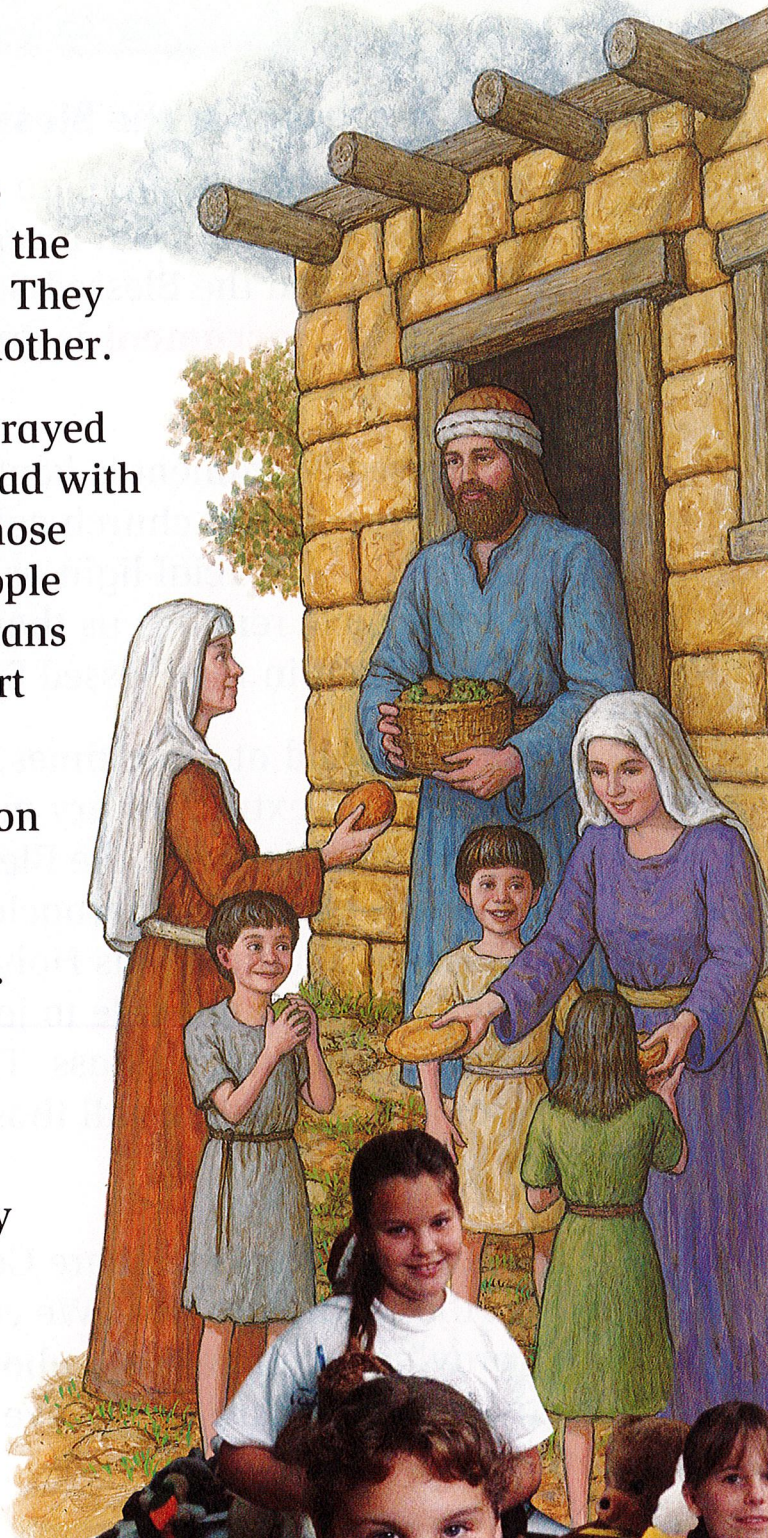
Jesus is with the Church as we share God's love.

The early Christians celebrated the Eucharist often. Receiving Jesus in the Eucharist helped their community. They were united with Jesus and one another.

The early Christians learned and prayed together. They shared what they had with those in need. They tried to help those who were sad or lonely. When people looked at the way the early Christians lived, they wanted to become a part of Jesus' community, the Church.

Receiving Jesus in Holy Communion helps us to love God and others. It helps us to be followers of Jesus. It helps us to be part of our parish. Together we show others what God's love is like.

 Look at the picture of the early Christians. Write one way we can follow their example.





**Jesus is with us as we share
his peace with others.**

During Mass we ask Jesus to give us peace. At the end of Mass, the deacon or priest tells us, “Go in peace.” Jesus wants us to share his peace with others.

Every time we make a choice to be peaceful, we spread Jesus’ love and peace throughout the world.

WE RESPOND

How can you be a disciple of Jesus and share his love with your family? with people in your school? with people in your neighborhood?

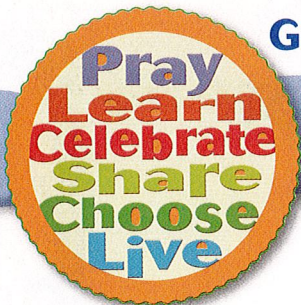
 **Take the Word of God with You**

Take the peace of God with you as you go.

Take the seeds of God’s peace and make them grow.

Go in peace to serve the world,
in peace to serve the world.

Take the love of God, the love of God
with you as you go.



PROJECT

tabernacle

Blessed Sacrament

Show What *you* Know

Write the two **Key Words** in one sentence.

What Would *you* do?

Imagine that you could write a recipe for being a disciple. What are some ingredients it might include?

1 cup of God's love

1 cup of _____

1 cup of _____

½ cup of _____

1 teaspoon of _____

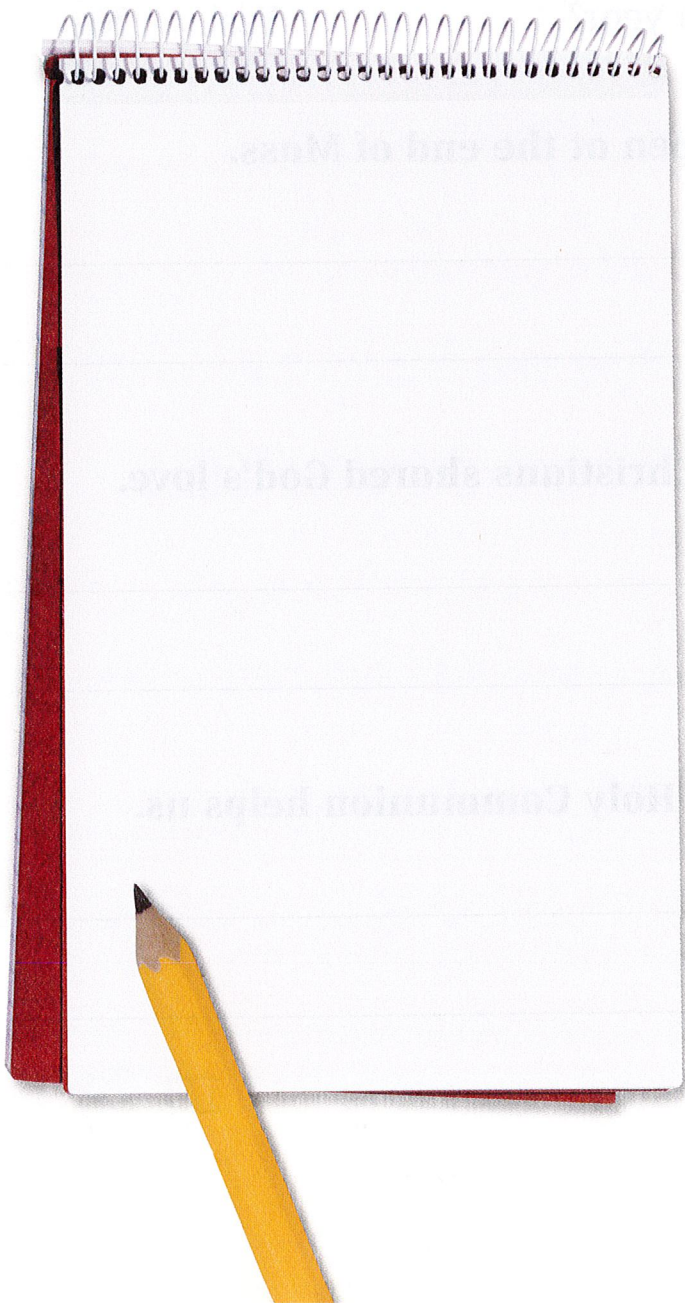


DISCIPLE



Make *it* Happen

Write a story about an early Christian who was a friend and follower of Jesus. Then, share the story with your classmates and family. Talk about ways this early Christian is like a disciple today.



Take Home

Make a list of things that make family life more peaceful.

As a family, talk about your list.

➡ **DISCIPLE CHALLENGE** Decide on one thing you all can do this week to make your home more peaceful.

CHAPTER TEST

Circle the correct answer.

1. Does the word *Mass* come from a word that means “giving thanks”? **Yes** **No**

2. Is Jesus present in the Blessed Sacrament? **Yes** **No**

3. Is the tabernacle the special place in the church in which the Blessed Sacrament is kept? **Yes** **No**

4. Did the early Christians celebrate the Eucharist only a few times a year? **Yes** **No**

5–6. Write two things that happen at the end of Mass.

7–8. Write two ways the early Christians shared God’s love.

9–10. Write two ways receiving Holy Communion helps us.
