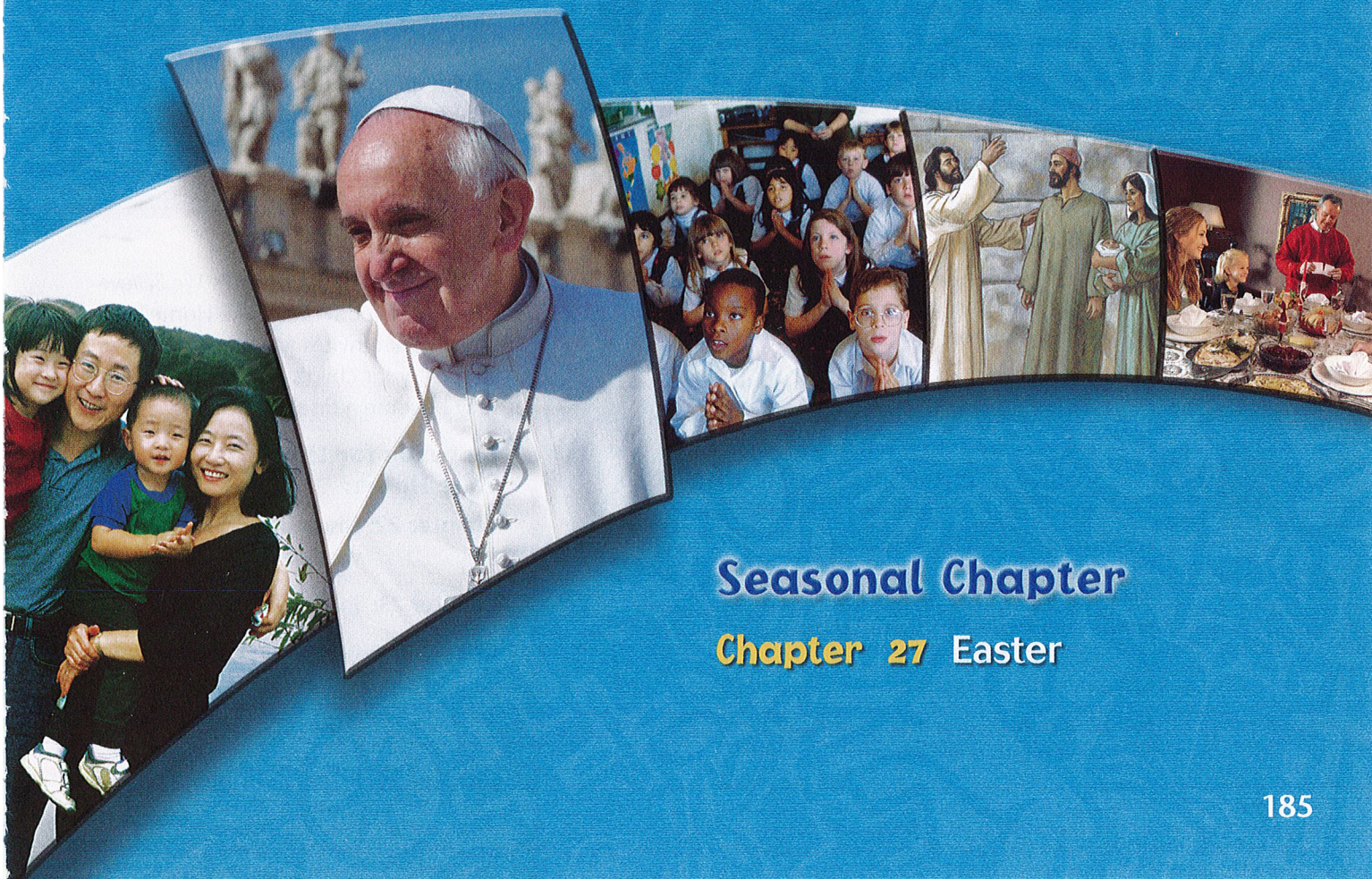


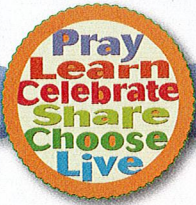
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Seasonal Chapter

Chapter 27 Easter



In Unit 4 your child will grow as a disciple of Jesus by:

- learning about the ways people can serve God as married or single people, ordained men, and religious
- praying, celebrating at Mass and the sacraments, and with our parish community caring for those in need
- learning about the ways the pope and the bishops lead and serve the Church
- talking and listening to God in prayer
- honoring Mary and the saints by following their example of discipleship.

Saint Stories

Some popes and bishops who served the Church have been named saints. Saint Pius X was the pope from 1903–1914. As Pope, he wanted to ensure that children received their first Holy Communion at an early age. He is the patron saint of first communicants.



Saint Charles Borromeo was the Archbishop of Milan, Italy. Saint Charles began Sunday school for children, showed great care for the sick, and served his diocese with great love. He is the patron saint of bishops.

Share these saint stories with your child. Ask these two saints to help our pope and bishops.



Chapter 22 presents the different vocations to which God calls people. Pray together:

*God, you call each of us to serve you.
Bless your people:
single and married,
priests and deacons,
brothers and sisters.
Help each of us to answer your call
and to serve you with love.
Amen.*

Reality Check

“The Christian family is the first place of education in prayer.”

(Catechism of the Catholic Church, 2685)

Fast Facts

The Mass is celebrated in many languages throughout the United States, according to the native language of the people who are gathered. Mass is also celebrated in the Latin language, which was until the mid-1960s the only language used for Mass in most countries.

Show That You Care

In Chapter 26, your child will learn about God’s many gifts to us—including the gift of creation. Talk about the ways your family cares for creation. Decide on one extra thing you all can do to care for the environment this week.

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 22: Discussing your child’s vocation

Chapter 23: Sharing family faith traditions

Chapter 24: Praying an evening prayer

Chapter 25: Finding works of art depicting Mary

Chapter 26: Being a disciple of Jesus Christ

God Calls Us to Love and Serve

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WE GATHER

✚ **Leader:** God, our Father, in Baptism
you called us by name making us
members of your people, the Church.

All: We praise you for your goodness.
We thank you for your gifts.

Leader: We ask you to strengthen us
to live in love and service to others
as your Son, Jesus, did.

We ask this through Christ, our Lord.

All: Amen.

☀️ Think about a time when
someone you love called
your name. What did
you do? ✨



WE BELIEVE


We are called by God.

We read in the Bible that God says, "I have called you by name: you are mine." (Isaiah 43:1)

When we are **called by God**, we are invited by God to love and serve him.

We love and serve God now in many ways. As members of the Church we pray and respect God's name. We take part in the Mass and the other sacraments. We learn about God from the teachings of Jesus and the Church. We tell others the wonderful things God has done for us.

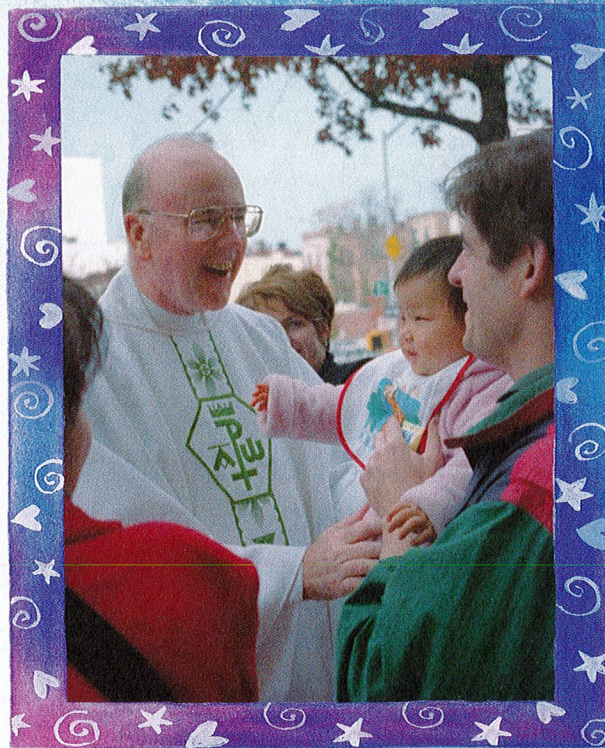
As we grow older we are called to serve God in different ways. We may serve God as single or married people, religious brothers or sisters or priests or deacons. These ways of serving God are all important to the Church. Together we work to bring God's love to others.

 Write the name of a person you know who loves and serves God.

How does that person show love for God?

Key Word

called by God
invited by God to love and serve him





Married people and single people are called by God.

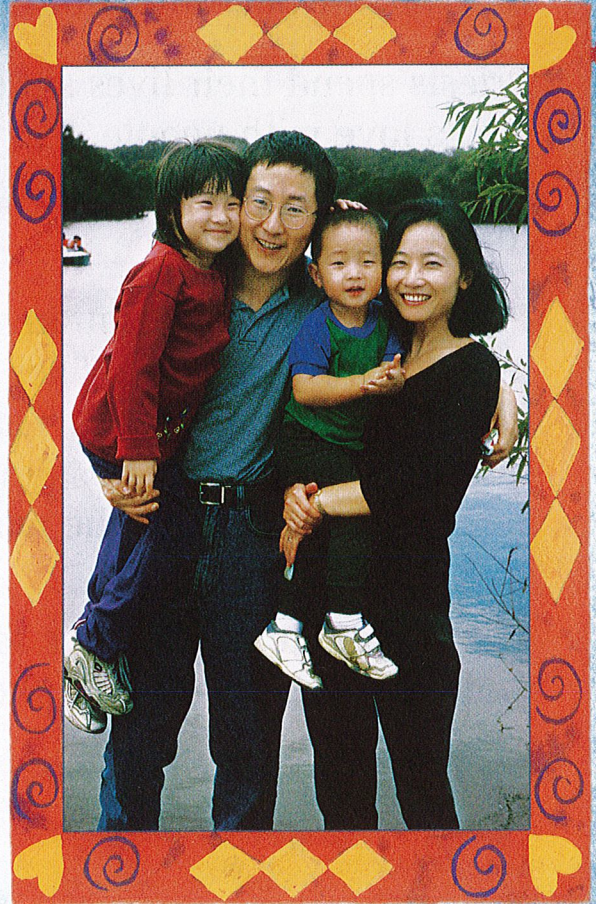
In our families there are single people and married people. They serve God in many of the same ways.

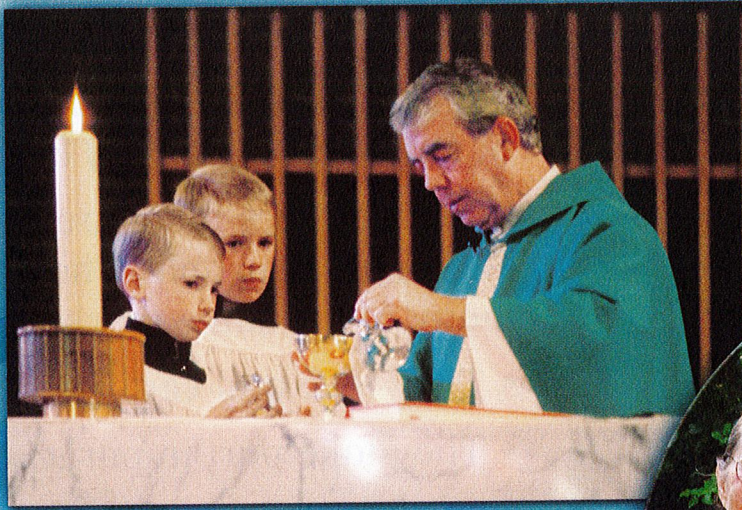
- They love and care for their families.
- They take part in parish activities.
- They tell others about Jesus and the Church.
- They work to make their communities better places.
- They help people in need.
- They pray for others.

Single people share God's love in their families, communities, and the Church. Married people celebrate the Sacrament of Matrimony. A husband and wife share God's love with each other and with their children. They teach their children about Jesus and the Church. They show them how to live as Catholics.

God Has Made Us a Family

God has made us a family
and together we will grow in love.
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and together we will grow in love.






Priests are called by God.

Some men are called, or invited, to serve God and the Church as priests. A man becomes a priest when he receives the Sacrament of Holy Orders.

Priests spend their lives sharing God's love with people. They share the message of Jesus and help us to live as Jesus did.

Priests lead the celebration of the Mass and other sacraments. They teach us about our Catholic faith. They work in parishes, schools, hospitals, and communities all over the world.

 Write one way priests serve God and others. Remember to thank them.

As Catholics...

Deacons are baptized men who have received the Sacrament of Holy Orders. Some men are deacons for life, or permanent deacons. These men may be married or single. Other men become deacons as a step before they become priests.

Deacons serve the Church by assisting the bishops and priests. Deacons serve in their parishes by baptizing new members into the Church and by witnessing at marriages. They can proclaim the Gospel and give the homily at Mass. Deacons also have a special responsibility to serve people in need.

Is there a deacon serving in your parish?


Religious sisters and brothers are called by God.

Some women and men are called by God to love and serve him as religious sisters and brothers. They belong to religious communities.

These women and men pray and work together. They live a life of loving service to God, the Church, and their religious communities.

Religious sisters and brothers serve in many ways.

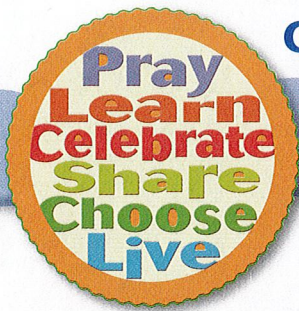
- They tell others about Jesus either in our country or in faraway places.
- They teach in schools and parishes.
- They work in hospitals and spend time with those who are sick or elderly.
- They care for people who are in need.

 What questions would you like to ask religious sisters and brothers about the work they do?



WE RESPOND

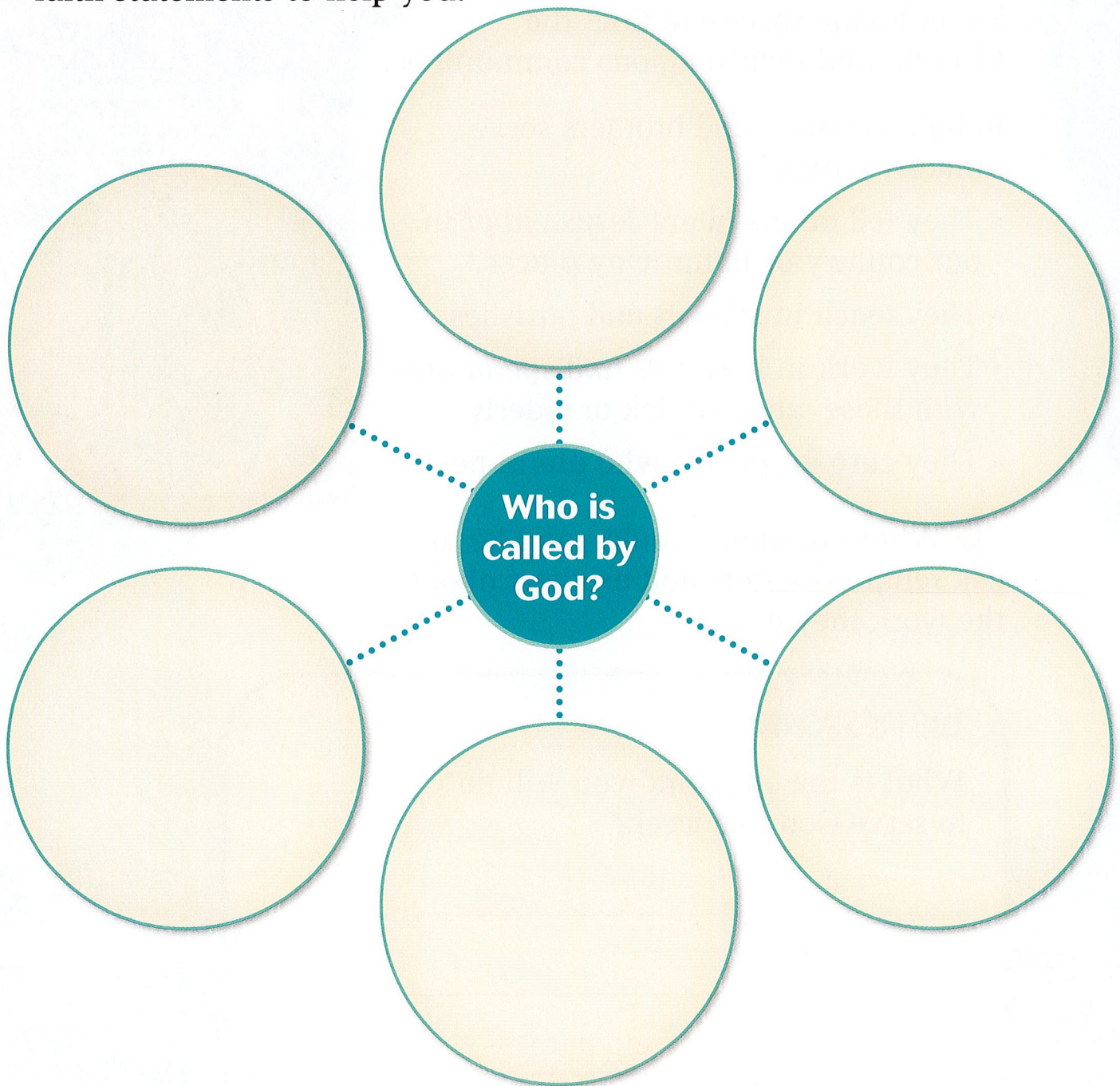
What is the one thing you will do to serve God this week?



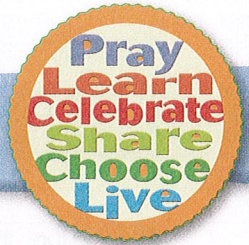
PROJECT

Show What *you* Know

Complete the web to show who is called by God. Use the chapter's faith statements to help you.




DISCIPLE



Make *it* Happen

Complete this trading card about a person you know who serves God.

	Name: _____
	Shows love for God and others by: _____

Saint Stories

Elizabeth Ann Seton is the first person from the United States to be named a saint. She taught and helped the poor. She started the first Catholic school in the United States. She started a religious community called the Sisters of Charity. They teach in schools, work in hospitals, and help in parishes today.



Take Home

Talk with your family about the person you want to be when you grow up. Make a list of ways that you will show your love for God when you are a grown-up.

CHAPTER TEST

Circle the correct answer.

1. Does God call all the members of the Church to love and serve him? **Yes** **No**
2. Does a man become a priest when he celebrates the Sacrament of Matrimony? **Yes** **No**
3. Do married people and single people serve God in many of the same ways? **Yes** **No**
4. Are only women called to serve God in religious communities? **Yes** **No**

Check the ways you are called to love and serve God.

5. ____ Respect God's name.
6. ____ Learn about God from the teachings of Jesus and the Church.
7. ____ Not share all the wonderful things God has done for us.

Write one way each of the following groups is called to love and serve God.

8. Married people _____
9. Religious brothers and sisters _____
10. Priests _____