

Unit 5: The Church Celebrates God's Care

Before You Begin

1. Read **A Letter Home**, found on page 172 of the Student Book. Decide how or whether you will experience the media for this unit and chapter using a web-enabled smartphone or tablet.
2. Prepare or collect any materials that you will need, such as a Bible, the *Christ Our Life* Student Book, writing supplies, and art supplies.
3. Familiarize yourself with the Word to Know for this chapter: *deacon*.

Page 171 Unit Opener

Have your child read aloud the Scripture verse at the bottom of the page. Say: ***Saint Paul wrote these words about the importance of being members of the Church. At Baptism, we are welcomed into God's family. We receive the gift of God's life, the Holy Spirit. We become part of the Body of Christ.***

Point out the pictures on the page: a woman working happily, Jesus with children, and God's family at Mass. Invite your child to share his or her thoughts and feelings about these pictures.

Say: ***In Unit 5 we will learn more about the roles of our church leaders and how we can love and imitate Mary, the Mother of God, to spread Christ's love to all.***

If you choose, scan the QR code on the page and watch the video together.

Chapter 23: We Are One in the Church

Page 173 The Church Is the Body of Christ

Take turns reading aloud with your child page 173. Pray together the Scripture passage from the **God's Word** feature. Then pray the Sign of the Cross. Say: ***We who are baptized are part of the Church's body. We build up the Church, the Body of Christ, when we live and love like Jesus.***

Page 174 The Church Brings Us to Jesus

Say: ***God the Father wants everyone to know about his love. He sent his Son, Jesus, to teach us. Jesus spent his whole life telling people about God's love.***

Read aloud the Scripture passage at the top of page 174. Say: ***Jesus is the Good Shepherd. We are his sheep. We belong to the flock that is the Catholic Church.***

Take turns reading aloud the rest of the page. Say: ***Jesus sent his Apostles to take his place and shepherd his people. He made Peter the chief shepherd, the first pope.***

Help your child complete the activity **Leaders of Our Church**.

Page 175 The Church Calls Us to Serve

Read aloud page 175. Call your child's attention to the **Word to Know** feature. Read aloud the definition for *deacon*. Say: ***The pope, bishops, and priests help people know about God. They show God's love, and they bring people into the Church through the sacraments. Deacons help the priests serve God's family. Religious brothers and sisters help and serve the family of God.***

Lead your child in prayer using **A Moment with Jesus** on page 175. Allow time for him or her to talk to Jesus.

If you choose, scan the QR code on the page and watch the video together.

Page 176 The Church Teaches Us to Help

Invite your child to read aloud page 176. Say: ***All of us as members of God's family, the Church, do our best to love and serve as Jesus did.***

Have your child read aloud the directions for **Live and Love Like Jesus** and complete the activity. Invite your child to share his or her work.

Page 177 We Are One with Jesus

Invite your child to read aloud page 177. Ask: ***How does the Holy Spirit guide you?*** Read aloud the directions for **Love Is Shown More in Deeds Than in Words**. Ask him or her to complete the activity and share what he or she wrote.

Page 178 Chapter Review

Help your child complete the Chapter 23 Review on page 178. If you choose, scan the QR code on the page and have your child take the **Interactive Chapter Review**.

Discuss the question under **We Remember**. Review the **Word to Know** in this chapter by locating the word and the definition in the **Glossary**. Call your child's attention to the **We Respond** section and pray the prayer together.

Allow time for your child to complete the **Your Turn** activity. Ask your child to share what he or she drew.

Page 179 Families in Mission

Complete the **Families in Mission** pages with your child.

SCRIPTURE

Read aloud the text and the Scripture in the sidebar on page 179. Ask: ***How can we make the Body of Christ strong and healthy?*** (love others; share; tell others about God's love)

KNOW AND PROCLAIM

Read aloud the **Know and Proclaim** text and the chart. Ask: *Who makes up the Body of Christ?* (all of us)

TEST YOUR CATHOLIC KNOWLEDGE

Read aloud the question and possible answers in **Test Your Catholic Knowledge**. Have your child answer the question. Say: *We love God, and we bring others to God's family, the Church, through our actions and words.* [ANSWER: Tell them about God's love.]

Access additional Family Resources by scanning the QR code at the bottom of page 179.

Page 180 Families in Mission, continued**A CATHOLIC TO KNOW**

Read aloud **A Catholic to Know** on page 180. Ask: *How did Sister Theodore and the other sisters help grow the Body of Christ?* (They were filled with God's love. They taught and cared for others.)

WITNESS AND SHARE

Read aloud the **Witness and Share** introductory text. Then read aloud each faith statement in **My Way to Faith**, pausing to allow time for your child to reflect on each one.

SHARE YOUR FAITH

Read aloud the directions in **Share Your Faith** and have your child complete the activity. Invite your child to tell you about what he or she wrote.

Chapter 24: Mary, Mother of the Church, Cares for Us

Before You Begin

1. Decide how or whether you will experience the media for this unit and chapter using a web-enabled smartphone or tablet.
2. Prepare or collect any materials that you will need, such as a Bible, a rosary, the *Christ Our Life* Student Book, writing supplies, and art supplies.
3. Familiarize yourself with the **Word to Know** for this chapter: *Mary*.

Page 181 **Mary Asks Jesus to Help**

Decide who will read aloud the parts on page 181. Say: ***Mary tells us to do the same thing she told the servants to do at the wedding party. What was it?*** (Do whatever Jesus tells you.)

Ask: ***What does Jesus ask us to do?*** (love God and others; pray; participate at Sunday Mass; obey; be honest; be respectful)

Page 182 **Mary Is the Mother of the Church and Our Mother**

Call your child's attention to the **Word to Know** feature. Read aloud the definition for *Mary*.

Decide who will read aloud the parts at the top of page 182. Say: ***With the words, "Here is your mother," Mary became the Mother of all Christians. Later, she was officially called Mother of the Church.***

Invite your child to read aloud the next two paragraphs on page 182. Say: ***Mary is our Mother too because we are members of God's family, the Church. Mary is always ready to help us when we ask her.***

Lead your child in prayer using the **A Moment with Jesus** feature on page 182.

Page 183 **The Rosary Honors Mary Our Mother**

Say: ***The best way we can honor our heavenly Mother is to do our best to be like her. When we live by Mary's example, we are more like what the Father created us to be.***

Ask: ***What can you do to be more like Mary, mother of Jesus?*** (have faith; love God; pray; love others)

Have your child read aloud page 183. Show your child a rosary and allow time for him or her to look at and hold it.

Invite your child to complete the activity **We Pray the Rosary**.

Pray the Act of Consecration to Mary from the inside back cover of the Student Book.

If you choose, scan the QR code on the page and interact with the media together.

Page 184 Chapter Review

Help your child complete the Chapter 24 Review on page 184. If you choose, scan the QR code on the page and have your child take the **Interactive Chapter Review**.

Discuss the question under **We Remember**. Review the **Word to Know** in this chapter by locating the word and the definition in the **Glossary**. Call your child's attention to the **We Respond** section and pray the Hail Mary prayer together.

Allow time for your child to complete the **Your Turn** activity. Ask your child to share what he or she wrote.

Page 185 Families in Mission

Complete the **Families in Mission** pages with your child.

SCRIPTURE

Read aloud the text and the Scripture in the sidebar on page 185. Say: *God asks us to be strong, kind, brave, and caring like Mary. Mary said yes to God.*

KNOW AND PROCLAIM

Read aloud the **Know and Proclaim** text and the chart. Ask: *What can we do to be like Mary?* (say yes to God; help others; pray; share)

TEST YOUR CATHOLIC KNOWLEDGE

Read aloud the question and possible answers in **Test Your Catholic Knowledge**. Have your child answer the question. Say: *We honor Mary when we pray the Rosary.* [ANSWER: Hail Mary.]

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Page 186 Families in Mission**A CATHOLIC TO KNOW**

Read aloud **A Catholic to Know** on page 186. Say: *We can bring people to Jesus like Saint Philip and Saint James. We can spread the Good News and pray for others.*

WITNESS AND SHARE

Read aloud the **Witness and Share** introductory text. Then read aloud each faith statement in **My Way to Faith**, pausing to allow time for your child to reflect on each one.

SHARE YOUR FAITH

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Chapter 25: The Church Celebrates God's Love

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1. Decide how or whether you will experience the media for this unit and chapter using a web-enabled smartphone or tablet.
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3. Familiarize yourself with the **Word to Know** for this chapter: *heaven*.

Page 187 We Show Our Love

Have your child read aloud page 187. Say: ***Since God is our Father, all the people in the world are our brothers and sisters.*** Call your child's attention to the **Word to Know** feature. Read aloud the definition for *heaven*.

Page 188 We Can Meet Jesus Today

Ask your child to read aloud page 188. Then have your child complete the activity **Grow Closer to Jesus**. When he or she is finished, go over the answers.

If you choose, scan the QR code on the page and watch the video together.

Page 189 I Know Jesus

Read aloud page 189. Allow time for your child to look through his or her book and then complete the activity **My Favorite Jesus Story**.

Ask your child to complete the activity **Jesus' Promise**. When he or she is finished, go over the answers.

If you choose, scan the QR code on page 189 and have your child take the **Interactive Chapter Review**.

Page 190 Unit 5 Review

Lead your child through the **Unit 5 Review**. Discuss the questions under **We Remember**. Pray together the Glory Be to the Father prayer in **We Respond**.

Review the **Word to Know** in this chapter by locating the word and the definition in the **Glossary**. Allow time for your child to complete the **Your Turn** activity.

If you choose, scan the QR code on page 190 and have your child take the **Interactive Unit Review**.

Pages 191–192 We Celebrate

Decide who will read aloud the leader's parts of the prayer celebration. Then guide your child through the celebration on pages 191–192. Conclude with the Sign of the Cross.

Page 193 Families in Mission

Complete the **Families in Mission** pages with your child.

SCRIPTURE

Read aloud the text and the Scripture in the sidebar on page 193. Say: ***We grow toward Jesus Christ when we use our gifts to be more like him and lead others to him.***

KNOW AND PROCLAIM

Read aloud the **Know and Proclaim** text and the chart. Say: ***Jesus Christ is always in our hearts. He is really and truly present in Holy Communion.*** Ask: ***In what sacrament do we receive Christ's Body?*** (the Eucharist) ***Who makes up the Body of Christ?*** (We do.)

TEST YOUR CATHOLIC KNOWLEDGE

Read aloud the question and possible answers in **Test Your Catholic Knowledge**. Have your child answer the question. Say: ***Jesus Christ is the head of the Church. We all are parts of the Body of Christ.*** [ANSWER: Body of Christ.]

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Page 194 Families in Mission**A CATHOLIC TO KNOW**

Read aloud **A Catholic to Know** on page 194. Say: ***When we do something that shows our love for Jesus, we inspire others. Charles and his friends made other Christians strong by their actions.***

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