

# WALKING by FAITH

## Grade 3 / Home Lesson

### CHAPTER 1 MADE FOR EACH OTHER

#### Objectives

- Recognize that God created us to be related, or connected, to others.
- Identify the variety of communities to which we belong.
- Distinguish the Church community from all other communities.

#### Step 1: *We Are Invited* (Life Experience), pages 6–7

Begin the lesson by praying together the opening **Prayer** on page 6.

Read together the text on page 6 and the top of page 7. Focus on the fun we can have with other people.

Point out the picture of the girl sitting alone. Ask: How do you think she is feeling? (sad, lonely, worried) What could you do to help the girl feel better? (talk with her; invite her to play)

Read the **Activity** caption aloud. Help your child create the list of groups, either aloud or on paper.

Review the vocabulary word *created*. Point out that we use this word to describe what God has made because the word *created* means “to make from nothing,” which is how God created the world and everything in it. Turn to the **Language of Faith** section in back of the textbook for a complete definition of the word *created*.

Read aloud the **Scripture Story: We’re Partners**. Call attention to the illustration. Ask: For what were the first humans thankful? (that they would not be alone)

Read the **Scripture Signpost** aloud, and invite your child to answer the question. (Possible responses: to avoid loneliness, to have someone who understood what it meant to be human.)

## **Step 2: We Explore** (Doctrine), pages 8–9

Read aloud the text, **Called Together**, on pages 8–9, and **Catholics Believe**, or summarize the text in your own words. Discuss the bulleted question on page 9. Be sure your child understands the meaning of the vocabulary words *community* and *Church*. Refer to the **Language of Faith** section in back of the textbook for complete definitions.

Emphasize that the Church community is different from all other communities because God called us to belong to the Church community. The Church community gathers to worship and to promote the kingdom of God by loving and serving God and other people.

Take note of the pictures on pages 8 and 9. Discuss the questions in the first caption. (the Church community; to worship God) Ask: How is the Church community like our family community? (Refer to the caption on page 9: In both communities, people share life and love.)

## **Step 3: We Reflect** (Integration of Faith into Everyday Life), page 10

Review the material taught in this lesson by discussing **Recall, Think and Share, Continue the Journey** on page 10. Remind your child that he or she belongs to the parish community of (name of parish). Help him or her complete the membership card. List yourself as the teacher.

Read **We Live Our Faith: At Home and In the Parish**. Try to follow through on the suggestions found there.

Complete the **Faith Journal**, pages 1 and 2.

## **Step 4: We Celebrate** (Prayer and Conclusion), page 11

Close the lesson with prayer. You might want to light a candle or move to another section of the room or house that is more conducive to prayer. When you and your child are ready, read together the text on page 11—**Chosen to Be God’s Children**. Then pray the **Prayer** suggested at the bottom of the page. End the prayer by making the Sign of the Cross.