

WALKING by FAITH

Grade 3 / Home Lesson

CHAPTER 13 THE CHURCH WORKS TOGETHER

Objectives

- Discover that the Church community has a mission that Jesus sent us to carry out.
- Understand that the Church is an organized institution.
- Recognize the need for Church leaders.

Step 1: We Are Invited (Life Experience), pages 78–79

Begin the lesson on **The Church Works Together** by praying together the opening **Prayer** on page 78.

Read together the story on pages 78–79. Ask: What difficulty did the friends have the first time they set up the stand? (They didn't have the right supplies because they didn't have a plan or a leader.) What two things helped the group organize their lemonade stand? (choosing a leader and making a plan)

Read together **A Mission and a Structure** on page 79. Use the **Language of Faith** in the back of the textbook to clarify the meaning of the word *mission*. Stress that Jesus' work on earth depends on each of us using our talents and abilities to serve others.

Read the **Scripture Signpost** and discuss the question. (Possible answer: The work Jesus sent us to do would not get done because it requires a variety of talents and roles.)

Spend some time with the **Activity**.

Step 2: We Explore (Doctrine), pages 80–81

Read together **The Call to Serve** at the top of page 80. Ask: What are our Church leaders called to do? (to serve others, not to have power over them) Then read **Catholics Believe**.

Direct attention to the picture and **Landmark** caption. Tell your child that the Basilica of St. Peter, the Vatican Palace, and the surrounding gardens and official buildings make up Vatican City, which is within the city of Rome. Libraries and museums are part of the Vatican.

Read the **Scripture Story** on page 80: **Jesus Chooses Peter**. Ask the bulleted question at the bottom of the page. (Jesus was giving Peter the responsibility to lead the Church.)

Read **Leading and Serving** on page 81. Be sure your child understands the meanings of the highlighted words. Use the **Language of Faith** in the back of the textbook to clarify. Ask: What is the sacrament in which a priest is ordained? (the Sacrament of Holy Orders)

Help your child name your current pastor or parish priest, your local bishop, and the current pope. In addition tell him or her the name of your diocese. Your child will use this information later in the lesson to complete a related activity.

Read **Saints Walk with Us: Pope John XXIII**; tell your child that Pope John was named “Blessed” in the year 2000.

Refer to the **Activity**, and help your child make a list of the qualities he or she thinks are necessary for a Church leader to have in order to serve the Church community well.

Step 3: We Reflect (Integration of Faith into Everyday Life), page 82

Review the material taught in this lesson by discussing **Recall** and **Think and Share**. Help your child complete the activity for **Continue the Journey**.

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

Refer to the **Language of Faith** section in the back of the textbook for clarification and review of all highlighted words.

Complete the **Faith Journal**, pages 25–26.

Step 4: We Celebrate (Prayer and Conclusion), page 83

Read aloud the section of text on page 83 titled **For All of Us**. Tell your child that the phrase *general intercessions* is sometimes called the Prayers of the Faithful. Be sure to point out this part of the Liturgy of the Word the next time your family attends Mass.

Have your child explain what he or she sees in each of the pictures on this page. Be sure your child recognizes the pope at the Vatican. In the picture at the top of the page, point out that the girl is reading from the Bible while her teacher and classmates listen. In the picture at the bottom of the page, a Eucharistic minister is sharing the Eucharist with an elderly person who is not able to attend Mass.

Close the lesson by praying the **Prayers** of intercession on page 83. Add any other prayers that you would like to pray.