

# WALKING by FAITH

## Grade 3 / Home Lesson

### CHAPTER 14 ONE AND HOLY

#### Objectives

- Realize that the Mass is an experience common to all Catholics.
- Identify the four marks of the Church.
- Recognize the unity and holiness of the Church.

#### **Step 1: We Are Invited** (Life Experience), pages 84–85

Begin the lesson by praying together the opening **Prayer** on page 84.

Refer to the chapter title, **One and Holy**, and read together the letter from Jackie on pages 84–85. Help your child understand that the Mass celebrated in different churches and countries has more similarities than differences.

Help your child answer the bulleted question at the bottom of page 85. (Responses will vary. Use the Apostles' Creed on page 176 as a guide.)

Direct attention to the pictures on these two pages. Stress that the buildings and celebrations may be different, but the parts of the Mass are always the same.

Together work through the **Activity** on page 84.

#### **Step 2: We Explore** (Doctrine), pages 86–87

Read together **Our Unified Church** and **Catholics Believe** at the top of page 86. Ask: How is the Church like God? (It is loving, caring, compassionate, forgiving, merciful, and so on.)

Talk about what is happening in each of the photos. Then ask your child to respond to the caption question on page 86. (Catholics share common beliefs, worship, and sacraments.)

Help your child memorize the four marks of the Church: one, holy, catholic, and *apostolic*.

Read the **Scripture Story: The Feast of Pentecost**, page 87. Ask: How is the Holy Spirit like fire? (Possible answer: The Holy Spirit lights up our lives and warms our hearts.)

Read the caption above the illustration on page 87. Tell your child that the illustration is an artist's interpretation of the coming of the Holy Spirit on the first Pentecost.

Read the **Scripture Signpost**, and discuss the question. (Jesus wants us to be united so that we can continue his work.)

### **Step 3: We Reflect** (Integration of Faith into Everyday Life), page 88

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 the highlighted term.

Complete the **Faith Journal**, pages 27–28.

### **Step 4: We Celebrate** (Prayer and Conclusion), page 89

Remind your child that the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit make up the Holy Trinity. Ask: When we pray to the Holy Spirit, to whom are we praying? (God)

Read **The Church's Birthday** on page 89. Then pray together the closing **Prayer**. Tell your child that this prayer to the Holy Spirit is a traditional prayer that the Church community has prayed for many generations.

If you wish, you may lead your child in singing, "Come, Holy Ghost," or another appropriate hymn to the Holy Spirit. Be sure to explain that the word *ghost* is another word for "spirit."