

WALKING by FAITH

Grade 3 / Home Lesson

CHAPTER 6 WE WORSHIP GOD

Objectives

- Explain that people come together to worship God.
- Identify community worship as an integral part of Catholic prayer.
- Examine prayer as communication with God.
- Explore different ways of praying.

Step 1 We Are Invited (Life Experience), page 36

Begin the lesson by praying together the opening **Prayer** on page 36.

Invite your child to recall a good experience of Church. Ask: What made this experience a good memory for you?

Read together the text on page 36. Take some time to play the finger game with your child.

Step 2: We Explore (Doctrine), pages 37–39

Read aloud **Honoring God** and **Catholics Believe** on page 37. Use the **Language of Faith** at the back of the textbook to further explore the terms *worship* and *prayer*.

Ask the caption question. (Jesus is with us in the community gathered, in the Scriptures read, in the Eucharist shared, and in the priest presiding.)

Explain to your child that prayer can be a public experience (worship) or prayer can be a private experience. Prayer is always communication with God.

Help your child understand that *liturgy* is another name for the Mass, our public, community worship.

Ask: What are some reasons you pray? (Possible answers: to ask a favor of God for oneself or others, to thank God for something, to praise God, to complain to God.)

Read together the text on page 38, **Forms of Prayer**. Tell your child that he or she has probably prayed each form of prayer mentioned on this page at some time in his or her life.

Read aloud the **Landmark**. Point out the Book of Psalms in the Old Testament section of the Bible. If time permits, read one or more of the psalms together.

Read together the **Stepping Stones: Praying** on page 39. Then read **Where Will This Lead Me?** Encourage your child to look for new ways to pray each day and to pray often with others, especially with your family.

Step 3: We Reflect (Integration into Everyday Life), page 41

Review the material taught in this lesson by working through **Recall** and **Think and Share** at the top of page 40. Have your child complete the **Continue the Journey** activity.

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 in the chapter.

Complete the **Faith Journal**, pages 11–12.

Step 4: We Celebrate (Prayer and Conclusion), page 41

Close the lesson with prayer. Read together **Glory to God** on page 41. Then pray together the **Prayer**. Add any prayers of your own that you wish.