

# WALKING by FAITH

## Grade K / Home Lesson

### CHAPTER 14 OUR CHURCH FAMILY

#### Objectives

- Understand that the Church is a community of people who come together in Jesus' name.
- Understand that by following Jesus we make the world a better place.
- Explore specific ways that Church members follow Jesus.
- Affirm our love as a Church family.

#### **Step 1: We Are Invited** (Life Experience), page 69

Begin the lesson by praying aloud the opening **Prayer** on page 69.

Invite your child to tell where people gather in your community. (school, church, sporting events, parades, concerts, and so on)

Encourage your child to describe what he or she sees pictured on this page. Lead him or her to see that our Church family is a gathering of people of all kinds.

Tell your child that the Church is a community of people who come together in Jesus' name.

Point out the **Scripture** verse on this page and read it aloud. Explain that these are the words of Jesus.

#### **Step 2: We Explore** (Doctrine), page 70

After reading aloud the sentences on this page, remind your child that God is loving and kind to us all. Followers of Jesus act in loving and kind ways toward others. They act like God.

Call attention to the illustration of Jesus and the young boy with the basket. Ask your child what the basket contains. (fish and bread) Ask him or her to look at the picture as you tell the story of the "Loaves and Fishes."

Once, Jesus said, "Come, follow me."  
"We need to eat," the people said.  
So Jesus turned to one small boy  
Who had some fish and loaves of bread.  
"Will you share your fish and bread  
so all the people can be fed?"  
"Yes," said the boy. To his surprise,  
the fish and bread began to spread and spread.  
"Now all of you have something to eat," Jesus said.

Explain to your child that Jesus performed a miracle by multiplying the fish and bread so that there was enough for everyone to eat.

Read aloud **Catholics Believe**. Then ask your child how he or she feels when sharing with others. (happy, helpful, and so on)

### **Step 3: We Reflect** (Integration of Faith into Everyday Life), page 71

Remind your child that all members of our Church family are called to follow Jesus. Emphasize that following Jesus means helping others by sharing what we have with them.

Read the question on page 71 aloud and have your child use the pictures to provide the answers. After your child describes what is happening in each picture, read aloud the corresponding caption to confirm the answer.

During the upcoming week, look for "Good Deeds" reports in the media that you can share with your child to reinforce the idea that people are called to follow Jesus by serving others.

### **Step 4: We Celebrate** (Prayer and Conclusion), page 72

Call attention to the puzzle on page 72. Explain that the pieces make a puzzle just as God's children make a Church family.

Provide your child with crayons and explain how to color in the puzzle: Color in the parts marked with an X using a green crayon. Then color the rest of the puzzle using other colors.

When your child has finished coloring the puzzle, help him or her read aloud the word Love. Remind your child that whenever we love others, we follow Jesus. We are like the boy who shared his fish and bread with others. We act as members of the Church family.

Then pray together the closing **Prayer** on this page.

For additional activities contact your director of religious education or teacher regarding *Reproducible Activities*, pages 42–44.