

We Celebrate God's Love

FOCUS: In this chapter, you will be helping your child to understand that at the Eucharist, we offer Jesus and ourselves to the Father.

At each Eucharist, we celebrate Christ's total self-giving. Christ gives himself to us as our living bread so that we may live in him as he lives in the Father. The great sacrifice of praise that Christ gave to his Church at the Last Supper enables us to make present the offering of his life for our salvation each time we celebrate Mass.

Jesus' sacrifice reveals to us the depth of the Father's love. Jesus gave us the Mass as our thanksgiving to the Father, who created and redeemed us. We unite ourselves with Christ's Passion, Death, and Resurrection, which freed us from the power of sin and death.

Scripture in This Chapter

Exodus 1–14 Israel's Deliverance and the Passover

Luke 22:14–20 The Last Supper

John 13:1–15 Washing of the Disciples' Feet

John 6:51 Life of the World

Catechism of the Catholic Church

901, 1164, 1337–1341, 1368

In this chapter, help your child to

- ✦ describe the history of the Passover.
- ✦ explain that Jesus gave us the Eucharist and a new commandment at the Last Supper.
- ✦ describe the gift of the Eucharist as a sign of Christ's love.
- ✦ describe that at Mass, we listen to God's Word and offer ourselves with Jesus to God.

Words Your Child Should Know

- ✦ Last Supper
- ✦ Passover
- ✦ sacrifice

Key Terms for Your Information

- ✦ Egypt—country in northern Africa that held the Israelites slaves
- ✦ manna—special bread that God sent the Israelites while they were in the desert
- ✦ martyr—someone who died for Jesus
- ✦ Mass—the celebration established by Jesus at the Last Supper as a remembrance of his Death and Resurrection.
- ✦ Moses—leader of God's people who led them to freedom
- ✦ Pharaoh—ruler of Egypt