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# God Speaks to Us Through the Church

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1. God speaks to us through the Church.
2. At the Last Supper, Jesus gave us the Eucharist.

*“Just before Jesus died he gathered his disciples together for a special meal. He asked his disciples to go prepare a room and a table for the meal. As they were eating Jesus took the bread, broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying to them, “Take this all of you and eat, this is my body.” Then he took the cup of wine and gave it to them and told them to drink from it saying to them, “Take this all of you and drink it, this is my blood.” Jesus told them to “Do this in memory of me.”*”

During lessons 16-18 your child had the opportunity to:

- Listen to a story about the Last Supper.
- Become aware that the priest uses Jesus' words at the Last Supper.
- Become aware of the similarity between the Last Supper and the Mass.
- Name bread and wine as the two foods used at the Last Supper and the Mass.
- Identify some features of a Catholic church: crucifix, altar, tabernacle; holy water font.

The church is a very special place where we can meet with other people in God's family. It is a special place where we can feel close to God and pray. When we enter the church we make the Sign of the Cross just like we do before we pray. Although we can visit the church anytime, there is a special day when members of the church family gather together. That special day is Sunday because that is when Jesus rose from the dead.

## SUGGESTED HOME ACTIVITIES

These are some suggested activities to do at home with your child.

1. Read and discuss with your child the information about the church (below, left).
2. Take your child to a church, point out its main features.
3. Sit with your child and encourage him or her to think about God and say a prayer.
4. Read and discuss the Bible story about the Last Supper (above).
5. When you take your child to Mass explain some of the main things that happen.
6. Encourage your child to complete the activity on the next page.



Look closely at the two pictures of Jesus with his disciples at the Last Supper. Six things have been added to the second picture. Can you find them? When you find them, circle them.



**To Remember:**

**Jesus is with us, as he was with his disciples.**