

Getting Ready for Chapter 17

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Jesus' Followers Become the Church

In this chapter the children will learn that Jesus invites his followers to belong to the Church. From the Scripture story, the children will discover that the first Christians prayed together, celebrated the Eucharist, and helped poor people. The children will also learn that the word, *Amen*, means, "Yes, I believe. It is true."

ACTIVITY

Family Traditions Tell your children stories about relatives who were role models for the way your family prays, celebrates, and helps others. If you have letters or photos about these traditions, share them with your children.

WEEKLY PLANNER

On Sunday

Discuss how your church building is like a home for your parish community.

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Saint of The Week



Saint Peter the Apostle
(first century)

Peter, a fisherman, was called by Jesus to be one of his Twelve Apostles. Jesus loved Peter very much, in spite of Peter's denial about knowing him during the Passion. After the Resurrection, Jesus made Peter leader of the Apostles and head of the Church. Peter was later arrested in Rome and put to death.

Feast Day: February 22



A Prayer for the Week

Lord Jesus Christ, we thank you for calling us to be your followers. Send us your Spirit to fill us with joy and to help us share our love with others. Amen.

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Scripture Background

In the Time of the Early Church

Eucharist Scripture provides few details about how the Eucharist, or Lord's Supper, was celebrated in the first Christian communities (Acts 2:42–47; 20:7; 27:35; 1 Corinthians 10:16; 11:17–34).

From these brief accounts, we sense that the disciples were filled with the joy of the Resurrection and the hope of the Second Coming. Gathering in someone's home for a communal meal, they blessed and thanked God and recalled the events of Jesus' life, death, and Resurrection. By repeating Jesus' words of consecration at the Last Supper, he became present to them in the breaking of the bread.

OUR CATHOLIC TRADITION in Architecture

Domed Churches In Eastern Christianity the churches are usually topped with domes instead of steeples. These domes are often gilded, expressing the radiance of heaven. One of the most famous of the domed churches is the Cathedral of St. Basil in Moscow, Russia. Building began in the sixteenth century during the reign of Czar Ivan IV. Many colorful, onion-shaped domes are covered with intricate patterns. Gold is used heavily in the decoration.