

Queen of Angels School of Religion

Sunday Morning Classes

Grade 2 -- Preparation for First Communion

Student Text: Christ Our Life God Cares For Us Level 2 (Loyola Press)

Unit IV: Jesus Gives Us The Gift of Himself

- **The children will understand the meaning of the Eucharist.**
- **The children will learn the parts of the Mass and be able to join in.**
- **The children will be able to receive their First Holy Communion with love and joy.**

Lesson 15: "Jesus Promised the Gift of Himself"

- **The food and drink that we share in the Eucharist is truly Jesus.**
- **Jesus is the Living Bread, the Bread that gives us God's life and love.**
- **The children see Jesus multiplying food for the crowd.**
- **They hear him inviting them to receive bread from heaven that is broken and shared for the salvation of the world.**

Scripture: I Corinthians 10: 14 –22 Christ unites those who receive Him.

I Corinthians 11: 17 – 34 unity of belief with all who receive the Eucharist, sharing the mystery of Christ

John 6: 51 – 58 Whoever eats My flesh and drinks My blood has eternal life.

Class Discussion

talk about family dinners, how we share food and learn about the lives of others when we talk to them and spend time with them

family pets and parents who cook food for us – the giving and sharing of food is a sign of love

God feeds us as a sign of love and care

God gave Adam and Eve the Garden of Eden and told them to eat

God fed the Israelites in the desert with manna

God sent a bird to feed Elijah in the desert

Jesus feeds the five thousand

Jesus promises to give us His body to be our food and His blood to be our drink

Jesus gives us the Eucharist at the Last Supper

Group Prayer

God is so good to us

Ways to extend the lesson at home

- **talk about why we come together at Sunday Mass to celebrate.**
- **bake bread with your child (from scratch or with frozen loaves from the store)**
- **talk about how important bread is in our daily lives—make a list of all the things we eat that uses bread**
- **pray the *Our Father* and talk about all the things that God gives us as "our daily bread"**
- **Read Chapter 6 from the Gospel of John with your child**