

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 V: The Church Celebrates God's Care

- The children will understand that many members make up the one Body of Christ.
- The children will be motivated to live good Christian lives when they are away from Religion class. This involves daily prayer, weekly Mass, and frequent good deeds and kindnesses done out of love for Jesus.

Lesson 23: We Are One in the Church

The Church is one body in Christ. Christ is the head; Christians are the members. The children learn that the Eucharist unites all the members as we share in the one body and blood of Christ at Mass. Our lives are an expression of our love for Christ as we learn to continue Christ's work here on earth. The children will learn specific ways they can show Christ's love to others near and far.

Scripture: I Corinthians 12: 12 We are many parts of the Body of Christ.
Ephesians 2: 13 - 22 Jesus makes all people one body and enables us to praise one father with one voice.
John 17: 20 - 26 Jesus prayed that all people would be one family.
I Timothy 2: 1 - 6 God wants us all to know and love Jesus.
John 10: 14, 16 Jesus is the Good Shepherd. His one flock hears his one voice.

Class Discussion:

- All the members of our families are important.
- Even though we want to be good, we sometime are unkind to others.
- Even though we love our parents, we are sometimes disobedient.
- Receiving Holy Communion will not magically make us perfect Christians, but it will help us to want to be more like Jesus.
- There are examples of Christ's love around us - pope, bishops, priests, our parents.
- St. John Bosco and other saints have given us good example

Prayer: I will praise you, Lord, with all my heart. I will praise you by my words and deeds.

Ways to Extend the Lesson at Home

- Read Chapter 12 of I Corinthians and talk about how each person in the family is important and some of the things each one does something to help the family.
- Talk about how the members of the Church are able to help each other to do the right things.
- Read some stories from the Bible that show how Jesus helped others.
- Think of some ways that your family can help others.

Teacher's Notes:

As I have been telling the students all year, Communion is not just for one day. It is also not about getting dressed up or having a party. Communion is about becoming more like Christ. We not only join with Jesus, but we also join with all believers in Jesus.