

ALIVE IN CHRIST

GRADE 1

Jesus Christ

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Holy Signs

Let Us Pray

Leader: God, we thank you for the gift of love.

“May the peoples praise you, God;
may all the peoples praise you!”

Psalm 67:6

All: God, we thank you for the gift of love.
Amen.

God's Word

“You will realize that I am in my Father and
you are in me and I in you.” **John 14:20**

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What Do You Wonder?

- How can you stay close to Jesus?
- Does Jesus know what is in your heart and in your mind?

Signs of Love

How does the Church show and celebrate God's love?

You read about God's love in the Bible. You learn about God's love from Jesus. Jesus healed people as a sign of his Father's love.



God's Word

The Advocate

Jesus wanted to remain with his followers even when he returned to God the Father. This is what he said to them:

"I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me, because I live and you will live." **John 14:18-19**



Circle what Jesus said to his followers.





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The Sacraments

God's love is something to celebrate. Jesus teaches that God is always with you!

The Holy Spirit fills you with God's love. When you show God's love to other people, the Holy Spirit is in you.

Jesus gave the Church special signs to help people celebrate that he is still here. These signs are called the **Seven Sacraments**.

Share Your Faith

Think What are some pictures or items that remind you of God?

Share Share your answer with a partner.

Catholic Faith Words

Seven Sacraments

special signs and celebrations that Jesus gave his Church. The Sacraments allow us to share in the life and work of God.

Signs and Celebrations

How is Jesus with us today?

Jesus gives us Sacraments so that we can always know his love and care.

The Sacraments are special signs and celebrations. Every Sacrament has words and actions we do and things God does that we can't see. When we celebrate the Seven Sacraments, Jesus is with us. The Holy Spirit makes him present to us.



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Sacraments of Initiation

- Baptism
- Confirmation
- Eucharist



Sacraments of Healing

- Penance and Reconciliation
- Anointing of the Sick



Sacraments at the Service of Communion

- Matrimony
- Holy Orders



Connect Your Faith

Draw a Sacrament you have taken part in or have seen.








Our Catholic Life

What signs are used to celebrate the Seven Sacraments?

The Church celebrates Seven Sacraments. Each Sacrament uses words and signs that show God's love.



Place a check mark next to the Sacraments and signs you have seen.

Sacraments	Signs			
<input type="checkbox"/>	Baptism		Water	God gives new life in Jesus.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Confirmation		Holy Oil (Chrism)	The gifts of the Holy Spirit are given.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Eucharist		Bread and Wine	The Body and Blood of Christ are present.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Penance and Reconciliation		Outstretched Hand	God forgives those who are sorry.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Anointing of the Sick		Holy Oil of the Sick	God helps heal our bodies and spirits.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Matrimony		Wedding Rings	God blesses the love of a man and woman.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Holy Orders		Holy Oil (Chrism)	God calls men to lead and serve the Church.

People of Faith

Mary, first century

Mary is the Mother of Jesus. She is the greatest of all Saints. One day an angel gave Mary a message: "You will have a son named Jesus." Mary was confused. She asked, "How can this be done?" The angel said, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you. Your son will be the Son of God." The Holy Spirit was with Mary. The Spirit is with us, too, in the Sacraments.



January 1

Discuss: What Sacraments have you received?



Learn more about Mary at aliveinchrist.osv.com

Live Your Faith

Match the Signs Match the Sacraments on the left with the correct symbols on the right.

Baptism



Eucharist



Penance and Reconciliation



Matrimony



 Let Us Pray

Prayer of Thanks

Gather and begin with the Sign of the Cross.

Leader: For Baptism's life-giving water,

All: Thank you, Jesus.

Leader: For holy oil that blesses,

All: Thank you, Jesus.

Leader: For the gift of your life in the Eucharist,

All: Thank you, Jesus.

 Sing "The Seven Sacraments"

The Sacraments,
the Seven Sacraments.
Signs that come from Jesus
and give us grace.
The Sacraments,
the Seven Sacraments.
Signs that God is with us
in a special way.

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FAMILY+FAITH

LIVING AND LEARNING TOGETHER

YOUR CHILD LEARNED >>>

This chapter identifies the Seven Sacraments as special signs and celebrations that Jesus gave his Church.

God's Word



Read **John 14:20** to learn what Jesus says about being one with him and God the Father.

Catholics Believe

- The Church has Seven Sacraments. They are signs and celebrations that Jesus gave his Church.
- The Sacraments allow us to share in the life and work of God.

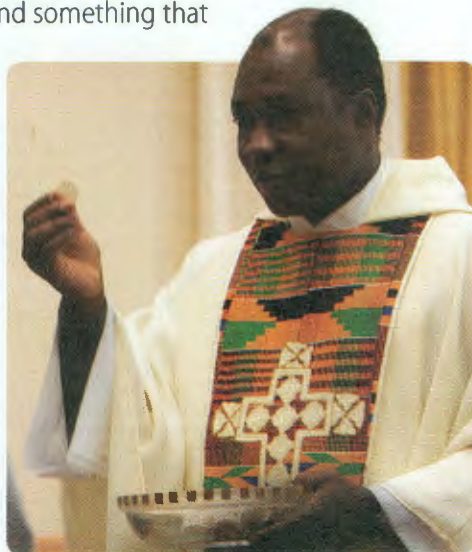
To learn more, go to the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* #1131–1134 at usccb.org.

People of Faith

This week, your child met Mary and learned a little about the Annunciation. Mary trusted the Holy Spirit, even when she didn't fully understand.

CHILDREN AT THIS AGE >>>

How They Understand the Sacraments As visible signs of invisible, spiritual realities, the Seven Sacraments are difficult for children in first grade to understand. Still, they are such a vital part of the life of the Church that we want children to be exposed to learning about the Sacraments very early. As time goes by, your child will understand more fully. In the meantime, you can explain that a Sacrament is something we can see that helps us understand something that we can't see. The people performing the visible sign and the community gathered work together with God making present the invisible, spiritual reality.



CONSIDER THIS >>>

What are some signs you recognize when your child is sick?

Is it flushed ears, or watery eyes? Or perhaps it is when he or she just wants to be held? We see these signs as indicators of something more. In the Seven Sacraments, we see signs that indicate something more—God's love and presence. "As we come to understand the Sacraments, it is important to recognize that the Sacraments have a visible and invisible reality, a reality open to all the human senses but grasped in its God-given depths with the eyes of faith" (*USCCA, p. 168*).

LET'S TALK >>>

- At Mass, ask your child to point out some objects or actions that help people celebrate the Sacraments.
- Get out pictures from family Baptisms, First Communions, or weddings. Talk about the Sacraments that were celebrated on those days.

LET'S PRAY >>>



Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us now and always. Amen.



For a multimedia glossary of Catholic Faith Words, Sunday readings, seasonal and Saint resources, and chapter activities go to aliveinchrist.osv.com.

Chapter 17 Review

A Work with Words Complete each sentence with the letter of the correct word or words from the Word Bank.

1. A sign of Baptism is .
2. Sacraments are signs of God's .
3. The Catholic Church has Sacraments.

Word Bank

- a. water
- b. Seven
- c. love

B Check Understanding Fill in the circle beside the correct answer.

4. What special signs and actions did Jesus give us?
 Commandments Sacraments
5. What do all Sacraments have?
 bread words and actions
6. What did Jesus do for people?
 hurt them healed them
7. What are the Sacraments?
 celebrations stories
8. What Sacrament has the Body and Blood of Christ?
 Eucharist Baptism

