

The Mass and You



This lesson builds upon the previous lesson. Lesson 17 can be conducted as a tour of the church. Children love to go "behind the scenes" in the sacristy and get up close and personal with objects that they usually see from a distance. Catechists should remind the children that the church is a sacred space and should help them practice blessing themselves with holy water, bowing before the altar, and genuflecting each time they pass by the tabernacle.

Lesson Themes in Class



The Liturgical Colors

We learn how the year is divided into seasons with specific colors



Church Tour

We learn there are many special places in our church building

Becoming Disciples at Home:

1

PARENTS

Demonstrate to your child appropriate gestures at Mass: bowing, genuflecting, kneeling, etc.

2

CHILD

When you go to Mass, identify to your parents the chalice, paten, cruets, and tabernacle

3

FAMILY

Discover the many special places in your church by taking a family tour around the building

Order of the Mass	
Each section of the Mass has a specific purpose and helps to keep you close to God. After each section is completed, you can give thanks.	
Introductory Rites	
1. Entrance	
2. Greeting: "The Lord be with you..."	
3. Penitential Act ("I Confess..." or "Lord have mercy...")	
4. Gloria: "Glory to God in the highest..."	
5. Collect: "Let us pray..."	
Liturgy of the Word	
1. 1 st Reading	
2. Responsorial Psalm	
3. 2 nd Reading	
4. Alleluia	

Activities

We learn about the order of the Mass