

## Overview

In Chapter 18 the children learned about the Liturgy of the Eucharist. In this chapter the children will learn about ways we continue the celebration of the Eucharist in our lives.

### Doctrinal Content

For Adult Reading and Reflection  
*Catechism of the Catholic Church*

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• Jesus is present in the Blessed Sacrament. . . . .	1418
• Jesus is with the Church as we share God's love. . . . .	1397
• Jesus is with us as we share his peace with others. . . . .	1416

### Key Words

**Blessed Sacrament**  
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**tabernacle**  
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## Catechist Background

**W**hen you hear the words “Christian community,” what comes to mind?

Hundreds of years ago Saint Francis of Assisi started a Christian community that was inspired by the New Testament. His community, like the early Church community described in Acts 4:12—5:16, shared Eucharist, prayer, work, and everything they had. These communities were based on the reality of Jesus among them, working through them.

As we leave our celebration of the Eucharist, we can still hear the closing words ringing in our ears: “Go in peace.” These words challenge the parish community to carry on the work of Jesus in the world. This is the mission of the Church.

We carry Jesus’ spirit of forgiveness and peace from Mass to others. We do what we can to lessen violence in our own area of life and pray for those parts of the world that are burdened with hatred and violence.

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- Six Tasks of Catechesis
- Catholic Social Teaching.

The love and generosity of Jesus become second nature to us when he lives in us through the Eucharist. We make this love real by caring for others, especially the poor, the needy, and those whose rights have been denied. We can visit Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, knowing that he is there to motivate us and strengthen us. By our Christlike words and actions we should be bringing others to believe in Jesus.

**H**ow do your words and actions bring others to believe in Jesus?

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## Focus on Life

### Chapter Story

Last Saturday Lanna's dad asked her brother Alex to go with his sister to the park and watch out for her. When Alex and Lanna got there, Lanna saw her friend Keisha in line at the water fountain. "I'll stay here, Alex, while you play basketball." Lanna was thirsty so she cut in the line in front of Keisha. Keisha pushed Lanna and started yelling. Both girls said they were not going to move.

When Alex walked by, he saw and heard the two friends fighting. Alex asked, "Why are you two fighting? I thought you were best friends." Keisha told Alex what happened. He asked Lanna, "Why did you cut in the line?" Lanna explained that she wanted to be first. Alex asked her, "How would you feel if Keisha had cut in the line in front of you?"

Lanna answered, "I wouldn't like it. I would have pushed her, too." Alex just shook his head and said, "Don't you want to be friends any more?" When Lanna and Keisha looked at each other, they realized they wanted to be friends.

Keisha said, "I'm sorry for pushing you. I hope you are not hurt. I want to be your friend." Alex said, "That's good, Keisha. Now Lanna, it's your turn. What do you want to say to Keisha?"

Lanna said, "I'm sorry for cutting in the line. I don't want to fight." Both Keisha and Lanna hugged each other and walked away together. As they walked home Keisha said, "I'm glad Alex talked to us. I guess you and I were both having a bad day." Lanna said, "Why don't we do something for Alex? He helped get us to be friends again!"

*How did Alex help Lanna and Keisha?*

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