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Discover!
Finding Faith in Life

We Celebrate God's Love

Scripture Focus: Romans 8:35, 37–39

Lesson Goals

- to identify that nothing can separate us from God's love
- to explain that Jesus shows us God's love
- to name how we celebrate God's love as a parish community

Parent Preview

- Review the Featured Story on page 1780 of *The Catholic Children's Bible* (Romans 8:35, 37–39).
- Read the Background Reflection on page 4 of the chapter 2 activity booklet.
- Review this home guide chapter.

Get Ready! (10 minutes)

Pray the prayer on page 1 of the chapter 2 activity booklet.

Invite your child to think of things or people he or she loves. Ask your child:

- Will you love any of these things forever? How do you know?

Tell your child that together you will think about God's never-ending love for us and talk about the ways we celebrate his love.

Dive In! (20 minutes)

Read the Featured Story on page 1780 of *The Catholic Children's Bible* (Romans 8:35, 37–39).

Ask your child these questions:

- What can separate us from God's love? (*nothing*)
- Who brings us the love of God? (*Jesus*)

Read the Understand It!, Live It!, and Tell It! sections on page 1781 of *The Catholic Children's Bible*.

Invite your child to complete the puzzle on page 2 of the chapter 2 activity booklet. *Answer: See solution on the third page of this home guide chapter.*

Discover! (20 minutes)

Read with your child the article "Showing God's Love" on the second page of this home guide chapter. Review the key words. Use the review questions to check your child's understanding.

Invite your child to complete the activity on page 3 of the chapter 2 activity booklet. *Answers will vary.*

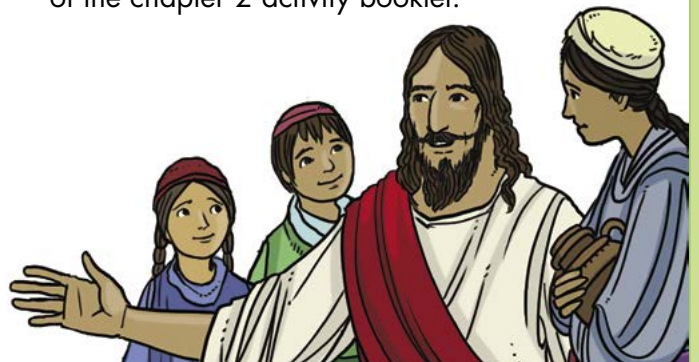
Go! (10 minutes)

Invite your child to share one thing she or he learned from today's lesson.

Choose one of the Family Activities on page 4 of the chapter 2 activity booklet to complete together during the next week.

Ask your child to find the sticker sheet and the Seek and Find sheet in the folder. Tell your child to place the chapter 2 sticker in the correct location on the Seek and Find sheet.

Conclude by praying the prayer on page 4 of the chapter 2 activity booklet.





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Showing God's Love

We show our love for family and friends in many different ways. Maybe you play with your brother or sister, even when you don't feel like it. Maybe you help your parents in the kitchen. You might sit by a friend who feels sad.

God sent Jesus, his only Son, to show God's love for us. Jesus showed, or **revealed**, God's love through his words and actions during his life on Earth. The Bible tells us that Jesus healed people who were sick. He sat with people who felt alone. He gave food to people who were hungry. Jesus showed us that nothing can **separate** us from God's love. Even now, Jesus is with us. Jesus watches over us with love.

Key Words

parish A group of people who gather to celebrate or remember God's love.

reveal To show, or tell about.

separate To split, or come between.

We Know and Live Our Faith

The following articles in the *We Know and Live Our Faith* resource correspond to the concepts introduced in this lesson:

- "Jesus Saves People from Their Sins," page 14
- "Sunday," page 20

If you have additional time, read the selections together, and ask some questions to check your child's understanding.

Just as we show our love by being kind to our family and friends, our **parish** celebrates God's love at Mass. Our parish is our church family, where we sing and pray together. Our songs and prayers help us remember God's love. At Mass, we receive his love through the Bible readings and the Eucharist, as well as through the priest and the people present with us. Together we celebrate God's love for us.

In our family and our parish, we take care of one another in happy times and sad times. We also celebrate God's love by being kind to one another because we know that God loves each person—and we should too. When we know how much God loves us, we want to share his love with others!

Review

1. How did Jesus show us God's love?
2. What is a parish?
3. How do we celebrate God's love together as a parish family?

Turn this page upside down to check your answers!

Answers: 1. Through his words and actions. 2. Our church family: a gathering of people who remember and celebrate God's love. 3. Going to Mass, singing and praying together, and being kind to one another.



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Answer Key

