

Chapter 2

Discover!

Finding Faith in Life

We Are Priestly People

Scripture Focus: 1 Peter 2:4–10

Lesson Goals

- to identify Jesus as the cornerstone of faith
- to explain that we become priestly people through Baptism
- to state that the Sacrament of Holy Orders is one special way to live in service to God's people

Parent Preview

- Review the Scripture on page 1922 of *The Catholic Children's Bible* (1 Peter 2:4–10).
- 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.

Explain that a cornerstone is the most important stone in a building, because it holds two walls together, and all the other stones or bricks are set on top of it.

Tell your child that together you will learn that Jesus is our cornerstone, and we are the living stones of the Church today.

Dive In! (20 minutes)

Read the Scripture on page 1922 of *The Catholic Children's Bible* (1 Peter 2:4–10).

Ask your child these questions:

- What does Peter mean in verse 7?
(*Jesus was rejected but rose again. Jesus is most important to our lives.*)
- Why did Peter call us "living stones" (verse 5)? (*Each of us builds up our Church, like stones build a structure.*)
- Who is the cornerstone, or main foundation stone, of our faith? (*Jesus*)

Read the Understand It! and Live It! sections on page 1 of the chapter 2 activity booklet. Invite your child to retell the Scripture passage in his or her own words.

Invite your child to complete the activity on page 2 of the chapter 2 activity booklet.
Answers: living, used, chosen, priests

Discover! (20 minutes)

Read the article on the second page of this home guide chapter. Review the key words, and ask the review questions.

Invite your child to complete the activity on page 3 of the chapter 2 activity booklet.
Answer: Baptism

Go! (10 minutes)

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

Encourage your child to complete the puzzle handout on the third page of this home guide chapter. *Answer: We build up the Church!*

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





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Think about your parish priest. What **qualities** make him a good priest? The role of a priest is to make things holy through his words and actions. When do you see your priest making your parish holy? How does he do so?

Priests, along with deacons and bishops, are men who have been **ordained**. That means they have received the Sacrament of Holy Orders, which marks them specially for service to the Church. Ordained men have chosen to live their lives in service to God's people in a special way. For example, only ordained men can celebrate the sacraments with us, such as hearing confessions, celebrating the Eucharist, and anointing the sick.

Key Words

ordained Marked specially for service to the Church through the Sacrament of Holy Orders.

qualities Characteristics, abilities, and gifts.

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:

- "The Sacraments," page 33
- "The Sacrament of Holy Orders" and "The Ordination of Priests," page 34
- "The Ordination of Bishops" and "The Ordination of Deacons," page 35

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

Women cannot receive the Sacrament of Holy Orders, but women can also choose to serve God in a special way by joining a religious order. Nuns and sisters promise to serve God with their lives too.

But as today's reading explains, all of us—men and women, children and grown-ups—are priestly people. We are living stones who build God's spiritual temple here on Earth. We become priestly people through our Baptism. Baptism makes us part of the Church and calls us to do God's work. We make life holy by serving God and working to make the world better.

Look at the people you see every day: your family, friends, and teachers. Can you spot some ways they are making life holy today?

Review

1. What does it mean to be priestly people, and how do we become priestly people?
2. How do we make life holy?
3. What happens in the Sacrament of Holy Orders?

Turn this page upside down to check your answers!

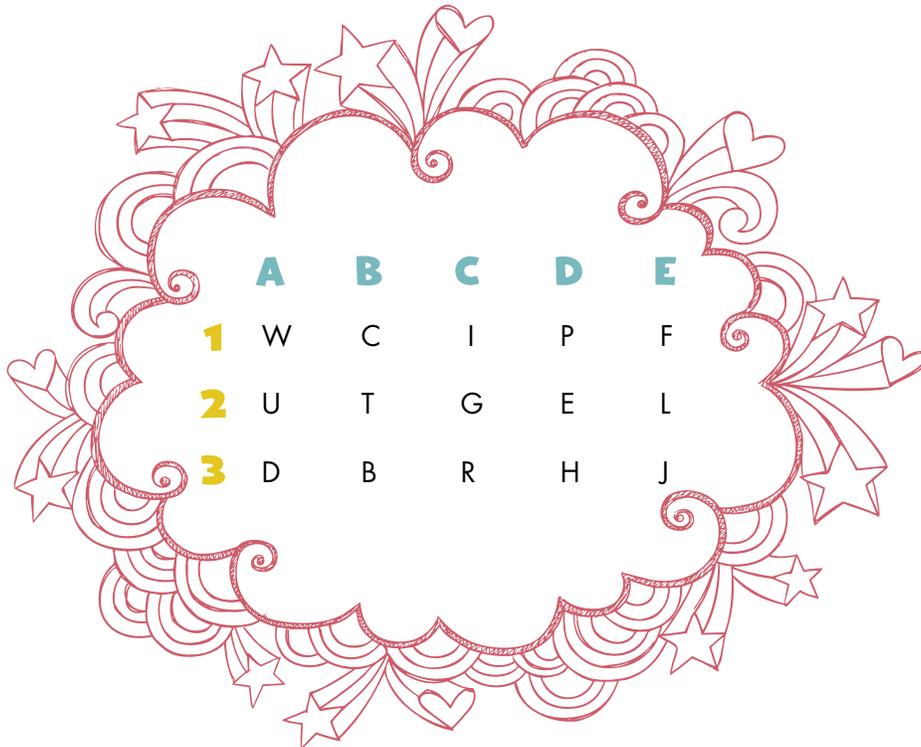
1. We serve as living stones who build God's spiritual temple on Earth through our words and actions.
2. We make life holy by serving God and working to make the world better. 3. A man becomes an ordained bishop, priest, or deacon, called to serve God's people in a special way.



Handout

Called to Be "Living Stones"

Use the code below to find the secret message. Determine the letter that goes in each blank by finding where the number and letter below the blank intersect on the code chart. Then transfer the circled letter in your final answer to the space marked with the number 2 on the back of your folder.



1A 2D 3B 2A 1C 2E 3A



2A 1D 2B 3D 2D

1B 3D 2A 3C 1B 3D !

