

Leader's Guide for
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WE BELONG: Baptism and Confirmation

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WE BELONG: Baptism and Confirmation

In this video we discover the actions of *belonging* and *strengthening* in our everyday life, in the life of Jesus, and in the celebration of the faith community, the Church. Through this leader's guide we look at Baptism and Confirmation, two sacraments of initiation, that remind us we belong to a faith community and that God will always welcome and strengthen us to heal the earth and her people.

1. How do you welcome others? Talk about the way in which Carlos, Maria and Kim responded to a new boy in school. Discuss the significance of the first gesture of Baptism (tracing the Sign of the Cross on the forehead) as "tradition." How and when is this same gesture repeated at Confirmation (laying on of hands)?
2. Baptism and Confirmation, along with Eucharist, are sacraments of initiation.
 - A. In Baptism we are welcomed into the faith community and celebrate our belonging. Can you think of a time when you felt alone and not a part of the group? Who helped you?
 - B. We are strengthened by the Spirit for our growth in faith and connected in a deeper way to the community through Confirmation. Do you need help in your life? In what areas? Who has strengthened you in the past? How can you strengthen another by the way you live?
3. Belonging and strengthening were important in the life of Jesus. Pantomime and retell the story of the Ascension and Pentecost. How would you convey in story form the message that God loves you

and is with you in all that you do as you share your life and goods with others? Recall other Scripture stories which show people growing in their sense of belonging and being strengthened as brothers and sisters to one another.

4. What is the meaning of oil in Baptism and Confirmation? Recall the words spoken as oil is rubbed on hearts and head.
5. Discuss the significance of water in Baptism. In what way does Kim reflect the care of another beyond her own self-interest? How does Confirmation recommit us to let go of selfishness and live for others?
6. In what gesture does Peter publicly show his thanks for Kim? What does the white garment of Baptism symbolize? Name people in your life like Kim who are kind and generous. Choose a way your group could witness to these gospel values.
7. Talk about the paschal candle in church. Relate to the ritual of Holy Saturday. Around one large candle, symbolizing the light of Christ, put small votive lights representing each group member. As each person lights his or her candle from the Christ candle, invite the person to speak of a way to be a light for others.
8. Become familiar with the gesture of peace in Confirmation and as a sending blessing at Baptism. Write your own blessing of peace for your family.
9. Make a poster/banner with words "We say, 'Yes!'" During a closing prayer service, plan to place a sign for Baptism and Confirmation on the banner. Invite each person to say or sign their name on the banner as a "Yes!" to living the life of the Spirit through the celebration of the sacraments. As each sacrament is studied, a sign will be placed on the banner.

10. Prayer Service

Materials needed: bowl of water, candle, oil, Bible, banner, signs for sacraments.

Gathering Prayer

Welcome. We are people deeply loved by God as we grow together in the life of the Spirit through belonging and strengthening. Together we bless ourselves with the Sign of the Cross: *In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.*

Reading

We open our hearts as we listen to a reading from Matthew 28:16-20.

We place a sign for Baptism and Confirmation on our "We say, 'Yes!'" banner.

Gesture

Belonging and strengthening Jesus, through our Baptism we continue your ministry, we become your presence in the world. Water reminds us, Lord, of our dying and rising with you. (Everyone dips fingers in water and makes the Sign of the Cross.) Light reminds us, Lord, of your life in us. At our

Baptism we received a lighted candle from the paschal candle. (Light candle.) We pause and think of the times we have been a light for others. Oil strengthens us to live the life of the Spirit for others. (Each person dips his or her right thumb in the oil and makes a small Sign of the Cross on the back of their hands.

Sending

We lift our hands, hearts and heads for God's blessing. Please respond: *Amen*.

May we learn the ways of God's love. *Amen*.

May we nourish each other for growth. *Amen*.

May we be gift to our world. *Amen*.

(Offer a sign of peace to one another.)

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WE FEED: Eucharist

In this video we discover the actions of *feeding* in our everyday life, in the life of Jesus and in the celebration of the faith community, the Church. Through this leader's guide we look at the Sacrament of Eucharist where Jesus gives himself as word and food to us. We are invited to eat at the table of the Lord and celebrate the sacrifice of Jesus.

1. Have you ever been hungry? What was it like? Do you know or have you heard about someone like Jen? Do you have someone like her grandfather in your life? Tell your story.
2. Do you prefer to eat alone or with others? What is your favorite family meal/celebration? What do you like best about your family meals?
3. Talk about the spiritual and physical hungers in our world. What are some of the ways you reach out to help those who are hungry and in need? Divide the group and have them pantomime a chosen event for others to guess.
4. The word *Eucharist* means thanksgiving. How do you show your appreciation and thanks for people and for life? For what are you thankful? Develop with the group a litany of thanks which will be used in the closing prayer service.
5. Comment on the quote of St. Vincent de Paul: "You had better love the poor, otherwise they will never forgive you for having fed them."
6. Share stories of Jesus helping the poor and needy. Act out the sharing actions of the Feeding of the 5,000 and the actions of Jesus at the Last Supper. What are ways that we can share with others?

7. The believing community, the Church, is always trying to make the memory of Jesus come alive through the celebrating actions of the Sacrament of the Eucharist. Gathering—what do you gather of your week to place on the altar?
 - A. Listening: How do you open your heart to listen to God’s word in Scriptures? How do you respond to these readings?
 - B. Remembering: What is the story of all that God has done and continues to do in Jesus?
 - C. Eating: Talk about the Eucharist as a sacrificial meal as Jesus gives his life for us. The bread and wine are the Body and Blood of Jesus, his very life.
 - D. Sending: How will you work for peace and justice in our world?
8. As we respond “Amen” to being called “The Body of Christ” at Communion, reflect on what it means to be Christ’s hands, feet and voice in our world today, helping Christ meet the world’s hunger.
9. During the closing prayer service, plan to make and place a sign for the Eucharist on a “We say, ‘Yes!’” banner or poster. Invite each person to say or sign their name on the banner as a “Yes!” to living the life of the Spirit through the celebration of the sacraments. Plan to place a sign for each sacrament studied on the banner.

10. Prayer Service

Materials needed: two candles, bread, cup of juice, litany of thanks from # 4, Bible, banner, a sign for the sacrament.

Gathering Prayer

Welcome. We are people deeply loved by God as we grow together in the life of the Spirit through sharing food. We light one candle for the *past* in gratitude for those who have walked in faith before us. We light a second candle to the *future* for all who will seek to live grateful lives after us. And in the *present*, we open our hearts for expressions of gratitude each day to God and one another.

Together we bless ourselves with the Sign of the Cross: *In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.*

Reading

We open our hearts as we listen to a reading from Mark 14:22-25.

We place a sign for Eucharist on our “We say, ‘Yes!’” banner.

Gesture

Good and Generous God, we are grateful for all you are and all you give us. We hold up and bless this gift of bread: Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation. Through your goodness we have bread which earth has given and human hands have made.

Response: *Blessed be God forever.* (Break and pass bread to eat.)

We hold up and bless this cup. Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this wine, fruit of the vine and work of human hands.

Response: *Blessed be God forever.* (Pass cup and drink from it.)

We give thanks for these gifts of God in our life: (name gifts from litany of #4)

Sending

Shake us gently out of our complacency, God, and remind us that we are to be your Body on earth.

Let all who come to us hungry, leave grateful for having met you through us. *In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.*

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In this video we discover the actions of forgiving in our everyday life, in the life of Jesus and in the celebration of the faith community, the Church. Through this leader's guide we look at the Sacrament of Reconciliation that helps us heal our relationship with God, ourselves and others when we sin. God's mercy and forgiveness are celebrated through the Church.

1. Arguing. Fighting. Competing. No apologies. Kim and Maria tell Carlos how much these actions bother them. Name an experience where your family, friends or community worked through its problems. Would you talk to Alex or Jamie about their fighting? What would you say?
2. In Reconciliation, we celebrate forgiveness. Have you ever been hurt? How did it feel? Have you ever hurt another? Can you think of a time when you needed to forgive someone who had hurt you? How did you become friends again?
3. How do you forgive others? How do others forgive you? What are the signs of forgiveness in your family? Do you find it difficult to forgive, to admit that you have done wrong? How do you ask for forgiveness and mend your differences with others?
4. Complete these statements:
 - When someone hurts me, the first thing I want to do is...
 - Usually I forgive someone who hurts me by...
 - Being hurt feels like...
 - Forgiving someone feels like...

- Being forgiven feels like...
 - I go to the Sacrament of Reconciliation because...
5. Facing how our behavior affects others is not easy. Write a prayer of contrition or sorrow. Learn the prayer of sorrow from the Rite of Penance. Pray the Confiteor from the Mass and the Lord's Prayer.
 6. Forgiveness is important in the life of Jesus. Discover passages and stories about forgiveness in Scripture (e.g., Matthew 18:21; Mark 11:25; John 20:19-23; Luke 15:11-32, 19:1-10, 18:9-14, 23:33-34). Have group members present them.
 7. Forgiveness is celebrated in the faith community through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Become familiar with the actions of this sacrament. How would you name your weaknesses and examine your conscience? Who does the priest represent? (Jesus and the faith community) What two gestures in the sacrament show our sorrow and willingness to change? (naming and telling our sins, accepting the penance) What are the five movements of this sacrament? (welcoming by the priest; reading of God's word; confessing sins and accepting penance; prayer of sorrow and absolution; praise of God and dismissal)
 8. Make up and role play situations that need reconciliation. Some examples are:
 - harsh words between friends and then an apology
 - being caught talking or whispering about someone, putting someone down, and then reconciling
 - teasing a younger brother until he cries, then saying I'm sorry
 - student copies another's homework and denies this when asked by teacher; later tells the truth
 9. During the closing prayer service, plan to make and place a sign for the Sacrament of Reconciliation on a banner or poster. Invite each person to say or sign their name on the banner as a "Yes!" to living the life of the Spirit through the celebration of the sacraments. Plan to continue to place a sign for each sacrament studied on the "We say, 'Yes!'" banner.

10. Prayer Service

Materials needed: two candles, a small piece of wood, Bible, banner and sign for the sacrament.

Gathering Prayer

Welcome. Together we bless ourselves with the Sign of the Cross: *In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.*

We are people deeply loved by God as we grow together in the life of the Spirit through forgiving. God of Forgiveness, we need your light to name our wrongs and to ask pardon for what we have done or failed to do. We light a candle to the *past*. Give us light to see what we have hidden in the darkness when we have failed to love. (Pause) And in the *present*, represented by this wood, we name in our hearts our need for forgiveness. (Pause)

Reading

We open our hearts as we listen to a reading from Matthew 7:3-4.

We place a sign for Reconciliation on our “We say, ‘Yes!’” banner.

Gesture

Forgiving God, help us not to let the “speck” in someone else’s eye get in the way of seeing the “log” in our own. Please respond: *Help us, Forgiving God.*

For all our mistakes...*Help us, Forgiving God.*

For our smallness and blaming of others...*Help us, Forgiving God.*

To be like those who forgive us...*Help us, Forgiving God.*

For blaming or neglecting others...*Help us, Forgiving God.*

For ignoring or forgetting God and others...*Help us, Forgiving God.*

For what else shall we pray? (pause)...*Help us, Forgiving God.*

Offer a sign of forgiveness (a hug, handshake).

Sending

Loving God, let us go peacefully into the world. Help us overcome our fear of admitting our mistakes and wrongdoings. Let all those we meet feel the strength we have in accepting our weaknesses. *Amen.*

Place hands on shoulder of each person and say: Do not be afraid. Go in peace.

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In this video we discover the actions of loving and serving in our everyday lives, in the life of Jesus and in the celebration of the faith community, the Church. Through this leader's guide we consider two sacraments of commitment which call us to serve as Jesus did: Marriage that celebrates lifelong love and service and Holy Orders that celebrates a life of ordained service to the community.

1. Discuss Fr. Miguel's and Carlos's parents reasons for the vocation each followed in answering God's call to live a gospel life. What is a vocation? How are Marriage and Holy Orders similar? Like Maria, Kim and Carlos, do you wonder what your life will be as an adult? As a help in discerning God's call for you, write a prayer blessing for yourself similar to the ones offered in the celebration of these two sacraments.

2. In Marriage we celebrate lifelong love.

What kind of person would you like as a lifelong friend? Like the friendship of Carlos, Sr., and Angela, what qualities would you like this friend to have? What can you do to become a better friend right now to prepare for the day when you may become a husband or wife?

In Holy Orders we celebrate commitment/service to others.

Who are the people you admire for the way they lead and serve in the Church? In what ways do you lead and serve? In calling forth your gifts, who has been a leader for you?

3. In loving and serving others, we experience God's love and care for us in the events of daily living. Talk about the ways people show their love unselfishly. How could you use your talents and gifts for the service of the Church and the world? Act out situations which show people placing others before their own needs.

4. Loving and serving were important in the life of Jesus.

For Jesus, marriage was a sign of God's friendship with us.

At the celebration of the Wedding at Cana, people honored a man and woman in marriage. Talk about the sensitivity of Mary and Jesus to the couple. How are couples honored in marriage today? Write a blessing that someone could have spoken at this wedding at Cana.

At the Last Supper Jesus showed through words and a gesture the way in which he calls us to serve.

For guided imagery, have students place themselves at the Last Supper. Welcome the sounds, sights, textures, the feel of the room, the people present. See Jesus wash the feet of all present.

Hear Jesus say these words: "What I just did was to give you an example. As I have done, so you must do." Share ways you already minister as Christ in your everyday activities.

5. In the Sacrament of Marriage couples make a solemn commitment to live faithfully together for the rest of their lives. Write words of promise that one could speak which express a love bond between a husband and wife. Describe the last wedding you attended. What elements reflected the culture and traditions of the people celebrating marriage? Who are the ministers of this sacrament? Who are the witnesses?
6. In the Sacrament of Holy Orders a priest takes a solemn vow to God and the entire Church to serve others. Who has served you or your family like Fr. Miguel? What was the help given? How was Angela and her family served? What qualities do you think are needed to be a good bishop, priest, deacon?
7. Ordained ministry is a vocation, a call by God to a special kind of service. What action in ordination reminds you of Confirmation? What is the meaning of laying on of hands and anointing the palms of the hands with oil?
8. In loving others we experience God's love and care for us in daily living. How does your family live their faith at home and in the parish?
9. During the closing prayer service, plan to make and place a sign for Marriage and Holy Orders on a banner or poster. Invite each person to say or sign their name on a banner as a "Yes!" to living the life of the Spirit through the celebration of the sacraments. Plan to place a sign for each sacrament studied on the "We say, 'Yes!'" banner.
10. Prayer Service

Materials needed: two candles, Bible, edible seeds in a bowl, banner, signs for sacraments

Gathering Prayer

Welcome. We are people deeply loved by God as we grow together in the life of the Spirit through loving and serving. We light one candle for the *past* in honor of all the men and women who have loved and served by becoming God's presence in the world. We light a second candle to the *future*

for all the people we will love and serve. And between these two candles is the *present*, represented by these edible seeds, a sign of our willingness to grow in love and service. Together we bless ourselves with the Sign of the Cross: *In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.*

Reading

We open our hearts as we listen to a reading from John 13:4-14.

We place a sign for Marriage and Holy Orders on our ““We say, ‘Yes!’” banner.

Gesture

Jesus of all loving and serving, through the sacraments of Marriage and Holy Orders you call us to be your hands, feet and heart in the world today. Anoint us for love and service. Please respond: *Yes, Lord.*

Give food to the hungry. Comfort the sad and lonely. *Yes, Lord.*

Bring peace to the troubled and hope to the discouraged. *Yes, Lord.*

Live love in your families. Develop justice for all people. *Yes, Lord.*

Be active in school, in government, in science, in the arts. *Yes, Lord.*

Be who you are, remembering always that I call you because I love you. *Yes, Lord.*

(Shake hands with each group member as a sign of commitment.)

Sending

We stretch out our hands and offer a special blessing to all people who love and serve through Marriage and Holy Orders. Please respond: *Amen.*

Gracious God, may all committed people praise you when they are happy and turn to you when they are sad. *Amen.*

May they be glad you help them in their work and know you are with them in their need. *Amen.*

May God the Creator give them joy and bless them. *Amen.*

May Jesus the Redeemer help them in good times and in bad. *Amen.*

May the Spirit fill their hearts with love and friendship with others. *Amen.*

(Pass the bowl of seeds. Eat them as a sign of willingness to grow now as a friend to others.)

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In this video we discover the action of *healing* in our everyday life, in the life of Jesus and in the celebration of the faith community, the Church. Through this leader's guide we look at the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick which reminds us that God and the community of faith love us always and in a special way when we are sick or elderly. This sacrament helps us remember Christ's healing presence in our lives.

1. Carlos is worried about his grandmother's illness. Have you ever been sick? How did you feel? What or who is a help to you when you are sick? Who are the people who care about the sick and work to help them?
2. Maria and Kim join Carlos at the hospital to visit his grandmother. If you were sick what would you want the people around you to do? What would you say to God? Fr. Miguel says the biggest gift we bring to the sick is our presence, our faith, our prayers. Comment on this statement.
3. What are your experiences of healing in daily living? Can you name and tell their story? As a group write a note to someone who is sick. In preparation for the closing prayer service, name people and needs for which you would like to pray. During the Anointing of the Sick, the community prays for the sick just like the Prayers of the Faithful at Sunday Mass. In these prayers the sick and those who care for the sick are remembered.
4. Kim tells Mrs. Hernandez that her mother's name is already on their refrigerator door to remember to pray for her. How do you pray at home for the sick? (light a candle, say a prayer at dinner, etc.)
5. Jesus had compassion for people who were ill. Name and dramatize Scripture stories which tell of

Jesus' healing of bodies and spirits through touch and words. Reflect on these stories. For example, in the healing of the blind people, divide the class into the crowd, the two who are in need, and Jesus. Ask: Have you ever been like the crowd—scolding and telling someone to be quiet. Have you ever felt like the two sitting by the side of the road as people shake their heads at you in disapproval? Have you ever felt like Jesus in the story—seeing someone in need, feeling compassion and reaching out to help? As the group responds, ask them to share their own stories of times this has happened.

6. The Church celebrates the Anointing of the Sick through several gestures. Name these actions celebrated with the grandmother (gathering and greeting of friends and family; reading of Scripture; laying on of hands symbolizing the healing touch of Jesus; anointing with oil in the Sign of the Cross on the forehead and hands; special blessing for health, strength and endurance). Why is oil used for healing? Where are some of the places this sacrament is celebrated?
7. Talk about the Communion of Saints (believers everywhere and for all times who are present with us when we gather in faith). Ask participants to name their awareness of people close to them who make up the Communion of Saints.
8. Review the definition of a sacrament. Talk about mystery and God's constant love for us. Name the actions of the seven sacraments.
9. During the closing prayer service, plan to make and place a sign for Anointing of the Sick on a banner or poster. Invite each person to say or sign their name on the banner as a "Yes!" to living the life of the Spirit through the celebration of the sacraments. Plan to continue to place a sign for each sacrament studied on the "We say, 'Yes!'" banner.
10. Prayer Service

Materials needed: two candles, Bible, prayer petitions from #3, container of oil, banner and sign for sacrament.

Gathering Prayer

Welcome. Together we bless ourselves with the Sign of the Cross: *In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.*

We are people deeply loved by God as we grow together in the life of the Spirit through healing. We light a candle to the *past* for all the people in our family and world who have cared for the sick and needy. We light a candle to the *future* that we might always walk with others in their need. And in the *present*, represented by this container of oil, we name those people in our lives who are sick.

(Names are spoken from #3.)

Reading

We open our hearts as we listen to a reading from Matthew 9:27-30.

We place a sign for the Anointing of the Sick on our "We say, 'Yes!'" banner.

Gesture

We pray for those who are sick. Let your Spirit watch over them. Give them strength. Help those who care for the sick everywhere: family, doctors, nurses, friends. Give them a healing touch.

(Leader makes the Sign of the Cross with oil on the hands of those present.)

May your presence bring comfort to the sick. May your hands give loving care.

Sending

We extend our hands in blessing to those who are ill.

May God the Father bless you. *Amen.*

May God the Son heal you. *Amen.*

May God the Holy Spirit strengthen you. *Amen.*

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

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