



RCIC PROGRAMME

Unit 5 - WE CELEBRATE (2)



Other Sacraments

AIMS

1. To reinforce understanding of our main Christians celebrations.
2. To identify and understand the meaning and importance of the Sacraments of Service and the Sacraments of Healing, and the signs and symbols related to them.



KEY WORDS

- Sacraments
- Celebrations
- Names of Seven Sacraments
- Signs
- Symbols

INTRODUCTION

- Ask questions about the previous session. Remind about the celebration of the Mass as our main Christian celebration. Then revise the main points about the Sacraments of Initiation, Baptism, Holy Communion and Confirmation. Share some of the work children have completed on Worksheet 4.

RESOURCES

- Images/Posters for each of the 7 sacraments.
- Various items (or images of) used in the celebration of sacraments and other special days. *Example:* Oil of anointing; rings etc.

MAIN

- Say that in today's session we are going to talk about the other sacraments. There are 4 other sacraments called the sacraments of **Service** and the Sacraments of **Healing**.
- Remind that the **Sacraments** are special **celebrations** that we have in our Catholic faith that move us closer to Jesus.
- Go through each of the four sacraments. Briefly talk about each of them to explain what happens in each of them. Use captions showing key words, images or signs and symbols to match with the poster of each of the sacraments. Ensure children understand the purpose of each Sacrament and who is it intend for. Also explain that some are only celebrated once in our life (e.g. Baptism and Confirmation) while others we can receive regularly (e.g. Reconciliation and Holy Communion).

CONCLUDING PRAYER

- Invite children to look at the images and captions used in the last two sessions about the 7 Sacraments. Ask them to bring to mind real people involved in any of these sacraments and pray for them. *Example:* someone soon to be baptised or getting married etc.

SACRAMENTS OF HEALING:

1. **RECONCILIATION:** Say that this sacrament is often called CONFESSIO. God forgives us when we show we are SORRY for our sins - things God does not want us to do. Symbols/signs used: absolution (more in Units 12 and 13).
2. **ANOINTING OF THE SICK:** Jesus helps people who are ill. The priest prays for them and anoints them. Symbols/signs used: Oil of anointing.

SACRAMENTS OF SERVICE:

1. **HOLY ORDERS:** A man is Ordained to Serve in the Church. Symbols/signs used: Laying of Hands and anointing with oil. Talk about different things/jobs the priest does.
2. **MARRIAGE or MATRIMONY:** Man and woman become One to form a family. They are united in Love for each other and for children they may have. They love each other so they promise to be together, love each other and support each other for the whole of their lives. Symbols/signs used: rings.

NOTES

There is a PowerPoint presentation on the 7 sacraments on the SDC website. You may find it helpful to use as you go through each of the sacraments or for revision. See the link in Resources section on www.sdc.me.uk.

ACTIVITY

- Scramble the posters, captions, artefacts/objects showing signs and symbols and place them on the floor where children can access them. Invite children to take turns to pick a caption or object and match it to the corresponding sacrament to show their understanding.
- Hand out Worksheet 5 and explain the task of unscrambling words to reveal the name of each of the 7 sacraments, and filling in the missing letter in the captions etc.