

This week's lesson is from **CHAPTER 17 – HOLY SIGNS**

We see signs every day – when we cross the street to get to school, or when riding our bicycles. and, we know how important these signs are to our safety.

Well, God offers us signs, too – different from the ones we see when we are outdoors. Many of God's holy signs are discovered when we receive His **sacraments**.

We talked about the *seven sacraments* in an earlier class, and we drew pictures of these on the board – do you remember these?

Everyone in our class has received the first sacrament – **Baptism**! When we were baptized, the priest poured a little water on our heads while welcoming us into the Catholic community. And, as you recall, by baptism the original sin of Adam was washed away – so we started our Catholic life fresh!

Please turn to **page 229**, and read the page. Please notice that The Holy Spirit is with us in each of the sacraments, and when we show God's love to other people, The Holy Spirit is with us. And, these sacraments allow us to share in the life and work of God.

Now, please read **pages 230 and 231**. Here, we see the three types of sacraments – sacraments of initiation (*your baptism was one of these*) - sacraments of healing, and sacraments at the service of Communion.

On **page 213**, please draw a picture of a sacrament you received or have seen. *I would like to see what you draw, when we see each other again!*

On **page 232**, the sacraments are shown with their signs – like the ones we drew in class:

water
holy oil (chrism)
bread & wine
outstretched hands
holy oil of the sick
wedding rings
holy oil (chrism)

Be sure to check the boxes of the sacraments you have seen!

We were just thinking about The Holy Spirit a minute ago – but can you recall a story in the Bible where The Holy Spirit did something very important? – Take a look at the top of **page 233**, where The Holy Spirit came to Mary and asked if she was willing to be the mother of Jesus. The same Holy Spirit is with us, too, as we receive the sacraments.

At the bottom of **page 233**, match the sacraments with their signs – *this is your test of what you have learned!*

And remember to practice your prayers (the Our Father, the Hail Mary, the Glory Be), thank God before beginning each meal, and pray every day. 😊