

# Unit 4, The Church – Chapter 12

Grade	Key Concept for Chapter Twelve
1	Saints are heroes of the Church who can show us how to live. People in the Church are called to live holy lives, as Mary and all the Saints did.
2	The Church year celebrates life, Death, Resurrection, and Ascension of Jesus. The Resurrection is the mystery of Jesus being raised from the dead.
3	The Church's mission is to share Jesus' Good News with the people of all nations. The Church is catholic because she is everywhere and she welcomes everyone.
4	Jesus gave leaders of the Church the authority to interpret Scripture and Tradition for the faithful. The Holy Spirit directs the Church in teaching and guiding the People of God.
5	Mary and the Saints provide the Church and models of heroic virtue and holiness. Canonization declares that a model Christian is enjoying eternity with God.
6	The Church is one, holy, catholic and apostolic. The Church is a community of people, united in faith, working together to share the Gospel and become closer to God.
7	The Church has a mission to bring all people to believe in God and to be baptized.
8	All baptized Catholics are called to share in Jesus' mission as priest, prophet and king to serve the mission of the Church.

*For more information about Catholic teachings on these points, as well as insights into how children your child's age typically understand these concepts, please see the blue **Family+Faith** page, found at the end of the chapter.*

## Beginning the Family Discussion:

**Pray with Scripture.** Use the **Invite** process from the first page of Chapter 12 in one of the children's books. For more information on how to use this process with your children, see the [Scripture Reflection Process video](#).

After each child has completed working on Chapter 12 in their online or print books, ask each child in the family what they learned about *the Church* from working on chapter twelve this week.

Check to see if they mention the key concept for their grade level found on the previous page. Note their answers below:

**Continuing the Conversation:**

Ask your children to name something from the **Live** section of their chapter that the family could put into practice this week. Note their suggestions here:

**Close with a prayer.** You might wish to use the prayer at the end of one of the children's chapters, just before the **Family+Faith Page**, or try a spontaneous prayer, such as having each family member name something they are thankful for, or a traditional prayer, such as the Our Father. Note any special family prayer requests here: