TEACHER'S NOTES

6 year olds	OUR HEAVENLY FATHER
Chapter 17	The Best Gift of All
Lesson 1	The Last Supper

AIMS

- 1. Children will learn that Jesus wanted to remain with us after He died.
- 2. The will learn that at the Last Supper Jesus changes bread and wine into His body, blood, soul and divinity.
- 3. They will learn that by eating His Body and Blood, Jesus lives in those who receive Him.

BEGIN

Ask the children to tell you about some of the miracles that Jesus performed. Tell the children that today we are going to learn about the best gift and miracle of all, Jesus feeding us with Himself in Holy Communion. Today, we will learn about the night Jesus performed this great miracle.

STEP 1

Read the two "Special Paragraphs" in the children's pack aloud with the children...

STEP 2

Read the Biblical account with the children that is in their packs.

STEP 3

Discuss with the children the painting in their pack

- 1. Where is Jesus in the picture? Point out Jesus celebrating the challis of His blood.
- 2. Who are present? The Apostles are present.
- 3. What is Jesus doing? Get the children to discuss in as much detail as possible from commenting on the miracle of changing bread and wine into in His Body and Blood to repeating the actual words of consecration.

STEP 4

Ask the children questions about this chapter:

QUESTIONS	ANSWERS
When did Jesus first give His followers His Body and Blood	At the last Supper, the night before He was killed
What did Jesus change into His Body and Blood?	Bread and wine
What did Jesus change bread and wine into?	His own Body and Blood.
Why did Jesus give this gift of Himself to us?	So that He can live in us and remain with us always.
How do we know that bread and wine really and truly becomes Jesus	Because Jesus said so and Jesus is God, and God doesn't tell lies.

How could Jesus change bread and wine into Himself?	Because Jesus is God, and God can do all things.
Does Jesus want all of us to receive Him in Holy Communion?	Yes, very much.
Why?	Because He loves us so much.

REINFORCE

- 1. Assign the colouring project in the children's packs.
- 2. If possible show the "Last Supper" from the series Jesus: A Kingdom without Frontiers (Ignatius Press)

CONCLUDE

- 1. Lead the children in a simple prayer like: Dear Jesus, we thank you for your miracle of the Real Presence of your Body and Blood every Sunday at Mass.
- 2. Sing with the children, "O Jesus, we adore thee," Adoramus hymnal, #517

PREVIEW

In the next lesson we will learn how Jesus gave the power to His Apostles to change bread and wine into His Body and Blood.