

# TEACHER'S NOTES

6 year olds	<b>OUR HEAVENLY FATHER</b>
Chapter 20	<b>JESUS BEGINS THE CHURCH</b>
Lesson 2	<b>THE WORK OF THE CHURCH</b>

## AIMS

1. Children will understand that the Church has the authority to teach about Jesus and to dispense His grace..
2. They will learn that Jesus works in and through His Church even today..
3. They will understand that Catholics enter the Church when they are baptised.

## BEGIN

Draw the children's attention to the "7 Sacraments" in their packs, and discuss how each effects the soul.

## STEP 1

Explain that the Church continues the work of Jesus through the Church leaders. Jesus gave His teaching authority to Peter and the Apostles. This authority has been passed on to the Pope (the successor of Peter) and to the bishops (the successors of the Apostles). These men should care for the Church and all its members. They should continue to teach the truth about Jesus and His teaching. Together with our priests, they continue to dispense His grace through the sacraments. The Church should care for all her members, just as Christ cared for His followers when He was still on earth.

## STEP 2

Jesus works through His Church to make sure that all that the Church solemnly teaches in matters of faith or morals is true. When ever the Pope declares certain matters to be true, the Holy Spirit ensures that he does not bind us to error. This wonderful gift that Christ has given to His Church is because Christ has promised to be with His Church until the end of time.

## STEP 3

Jesus also distributes His grace through His Church. When Popes, bishops and priests celebrate the sacraments (baptism, confession, holy communion, confirmation, marriage, holy orders and the last rites) it is Christ who works through his ministers. Priests use Christ's word, gestures and the thing he used like bread and wine.

## STEP 4

Have the children read the section in their packs entitled "Outside the Church There is No Salvation" and discuss it with them.

## REINFORCE

1. Assign the word search in the children's pack.
2. Ask the children to memorise Catechism question No: 42.
3. Discuss with the children the ways that we can receive teaching about Jesus and grace from His Church.

### **CONCLUDE**

1. Pray one Our Father, one Hail Mary, and one Glory Be to ask Jesus to always give us a good holy Pope.
2. Teach the children to sing an appropriate hymn such as “The Church's One Foundation,” Adoremus Hymnal, #560

### **PREVIEW**

In the next lesson we will learn more about Church leaders and we will review Apostolic Succession.