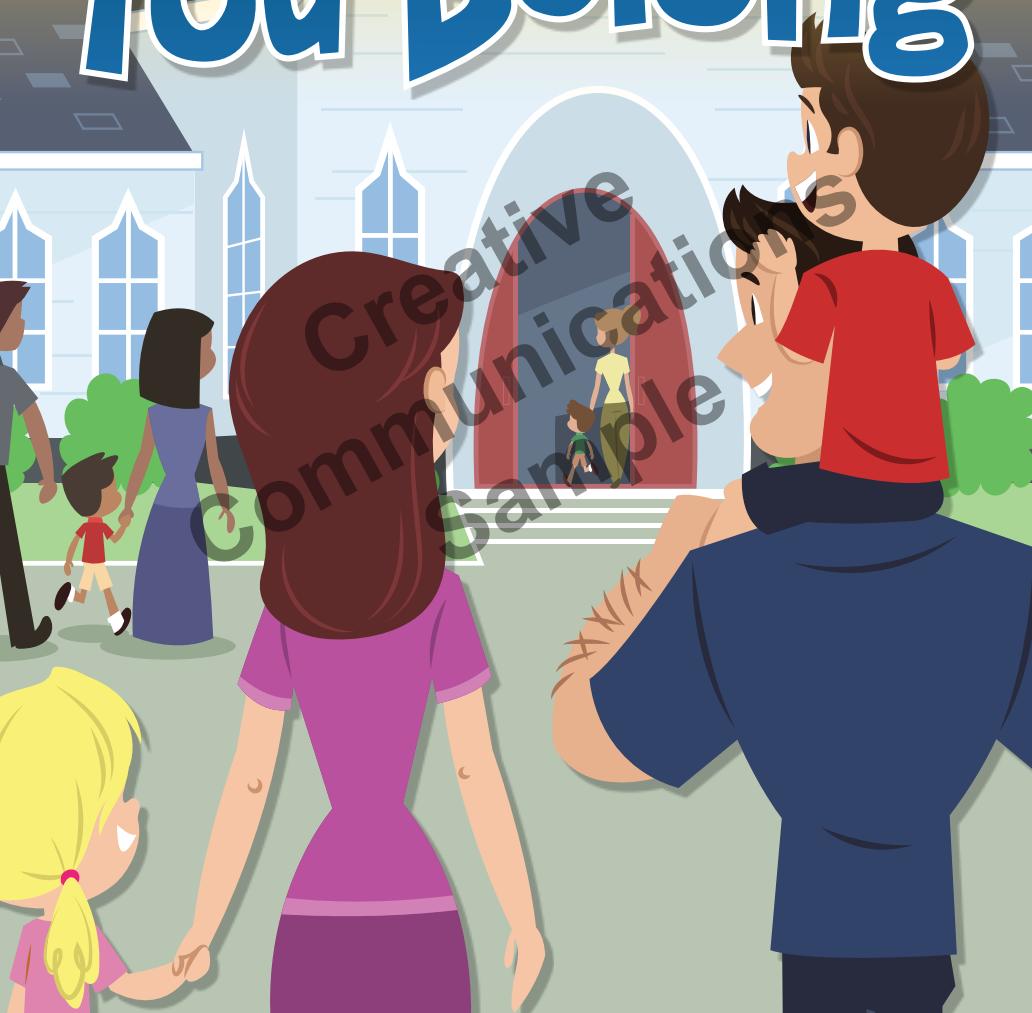


Welcome! You Belong



A Sticker Booklet About the Catholic Church

Welcome to the Parish!

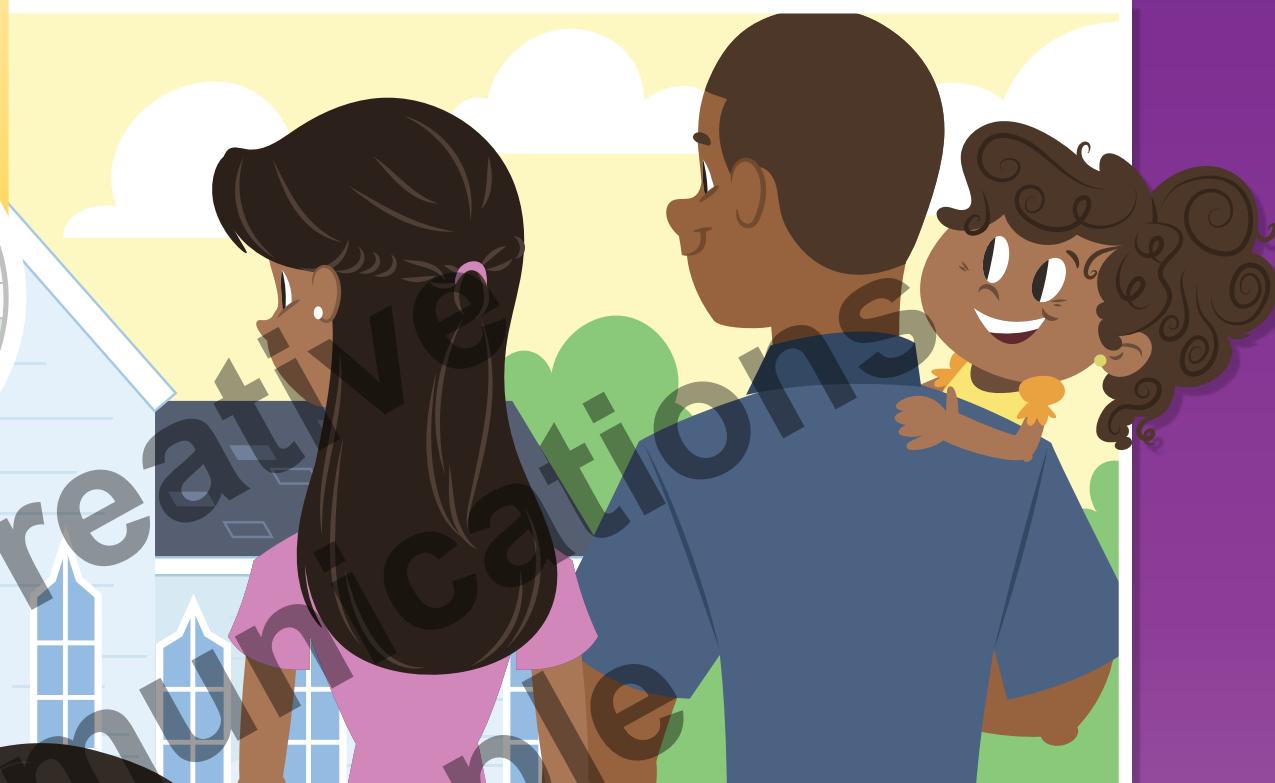
The parish church is a special kind of place where we meet Jesus in many different ways. You can feel right at home in any Catholic church, anywhere in the world! A Catholic church is a sacred place. Everything in it has a special meaning that can help you get to know Jesus better. Through Jesus, you are welcome in this place. You belong!

Jesus said, "Let the children come to me, and do not prevent them; for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." Matthew 19:14



Welcome to our parish church. Come inside and join along. Jesus calls out, "Come to me!" We all know that we belong.

During Mass we celebrate God's great gift for you and me; Listen to God's holy Word; welcome to God's family!



God's Word Is for You!

We come to church to a celebration called the Mass. Here you are welcome to hear God speaking to you through his Word, the Bible! Open your ears to hear the Word of God spoken during Mass. God sent his son, Jesus, for you! Jesus invites you to follow him just like a loving shepherd calls to his dear sheep.

My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me. John 10:27

Open the Doors!

A church's doors are important because once you go through them, you are in God's house. It's time to stop and think about God and how much you love him. It's time to join your Church family and praise God. People who help at Mass gather near the doors. They might be ushers or greeters. What types of helpers do you see? What kinds of welcoming words do they share?



For God So Loved ...

God loves you! That is the gospel Good News that we celebrate in church. God loves you so much, he sent you Jesus. Jesus gave his life so that you may be forgiven of sin and have a welcome home in heaven forever!



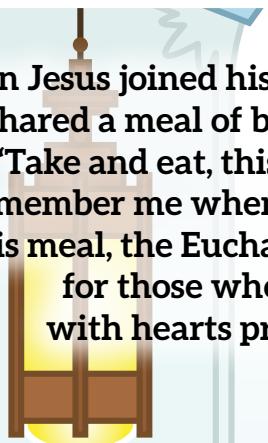
For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. John 3:16

Welcome in to sing and pray.
Here we learn the special way
God shows love for everyone.
God sent us his only Son.



Welcome in and have a seat. Here we pray to God above.
Here we say that we believe in Jesus and his saving love.

When Jesus joined his friends to dine,
He shared a meal of bread and wine.
“Take and eat, this is for you.
Remember me whenever you do.”
This meal, the Eucharist, is shared
for those who come
with hearts prepared.

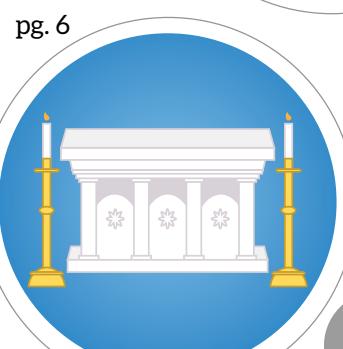


Welcome to the Table of the Lord

At the Last Supper, Jesus gathered with his friends at a table to share a meal. In a church, the altar is a special, holy table where the priest will celebrate the Eucharist. At the altar at Mass, the priest repeats Jesus' words and does what Jesus did. The bread and wine on the altar become Jesus' Body and Blood. "Do this in remembrance of me," Jesus told his disciples. Through these words, Jesus welcomes us to share this meal.

The Priest

A priest of the Catholic Church is a disciple of the Lord Jesus who is deeply in love with Jesus and desires to serve the Church at the altar. It is the priest, acting in the person of Jesus himself, who offers the forgiveness of sins and who welcomes you to the table of the Lord. The priest's words and even his clothes (called vestments) are a way of honoring Jesus, who is present with us at Mass.

 pg. 2 pg. 3 pg. 10 pg. 11 pg. 4 pg. 5 pg. 12 pg. 13 pg. 6 pg. 7 pg. 14 pg. 15 pg. 8 pg. 9 You can wear this sticker to church or anywhere to show that you belong to our Good Shepherd, Jesus!!

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This colorful sticker booklet is a wonderful way to learn about the sights and celebrations that are seen in the Catholic Church where we are blessed to share Jesus' welcoming words, "Let the children come to me ... for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."