

A decorative border of painted Easter eggs with faces and hair surrounds the central text box. The eggs are in various shades of brown, tan, and light beige. Each egg has a unique face with large eyes, a smiling mouth, and some have curly hair or antennae drawn on them. The background is a solid blue color.

We Respond in Prayer

Leader: On the night before Easter Sunday, during the Easter Vigil, those who have been preparing for Baptism during Lent are baptized. They receive the new life Jesus won for us in his rising from the dead.

Each of you is baptized. You are children of God. Let us renew the promises our parents and godparents made for us at Baptism.

Leader: Do you believe in God our Father and Creator?

Children: I do.

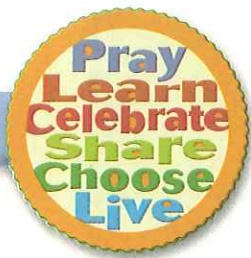
Leader: Do you believe in Jesus Christ who saved us through his dying and rising again?

Children: I do.

Leader: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit who guides the Church and who lives in each of us?

Children: I do.

Leader: This is what we believe. This is our faith. As a sign of that faith, come forward to be signed with the Sign of the Cross.



Show What *you* Know

Draw lines to match each day to a way to celebrate it.

Holy Thursday ●

Good Friday ●

Holy Saturday ●

Easter Sunday ●

- The Easter candle is lit and we sing "Christ our light!"
- We celebrate that Jesus gave himself to us in the Eucharist.
- We listen to the story of Jesus' Resurrection.
- We give special honor to the cross, and we praise God for the life that comes from Jesus' Death.



At the Easter Vigil Mass, new members of the Church receive the new life of Christ in the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and the Eucharist.

Write what you would tell a newly baptized person about being a Catholic.



Take Home

Pray this prayer with your family during the Three Days also known as the Triduum:

Jesus, we know you are with us in the Eucharist.

Jesus, we know your great love for us by your Death on the cross.

Jesus, we know you guide us always by the light of your Resurrection. Amen.



UNIT TEST

Use the words in the box to complete the sentences.

1. Baptism, Confirmation, and the Eucharist are Sacraments of Christian _____.
2. The _____ is the celebration of the Eucharist.
3. God's forgiveness of our sins through the words and actions of the priest is _____.
4. The Mass is a meal and a _____.
5. Our _____ is God's gift that helps us to know right from wrong.

sacrifice
healing
Initiation
conscience
Mass
absolution

Write T if the sentence is true. Write F if the sentence is false.

6. _____ We commit a sin when we know that a thought, word or action is wrong, but we do it anyway.
7. _____ Anointing of the Sick and Penance and Reconciliation are the Sacraments of Service to others.
8. _____ During the Sacrament of Penance, we pray an Act of Contrition.
9. _____ The most important prayer of the Mass is "Lord, have mercy."
10. _____ The Last Supper is the meal Jesus shared with his disciples on the night before he died.

The pictures show the two main parts of the Mass. Label the part shown in each picture. Then write a short description of this part.

11-12.



13-14.



15. At the end of Mass, the priest sends us out to love and serve God.
Write a few ways that you can do this.

Repentance

Part 1 I Open My Heart

Jesus said, “There will be rejoicing among the angels of God over one sinner who repents” (Luke 15:10). We make choices every day. We can choose to show love for God and for others. Sometimes we make unloving choices called sins. Jesus shows us that God will forgive us when we tell him we are sorry for our sins.

Look at this stained glass image. It recalls Jesus’ story about the forgiving father. Read this story from Luke 15:11–32.

With a partner, imagine this story as if it were happening today. Prepare to tell the group the story you imagined, and ask them how it shows God’s forgiveness.



Repentance

Part 2 We Come Together for Prayer

Leader: Listen to these words of Pope Francis: “God never tires of forgiving us, never!” (Pope Francis, Angelus address, March 17, 2013)
Let us pray for God’s forgiveness. Have mercy on us, O Lord.

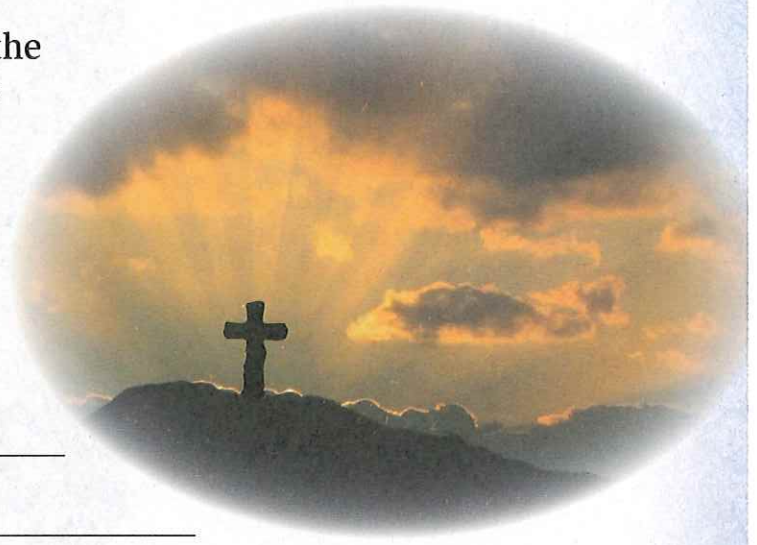
All: For we have sinned against you.

Leader: Show us, O Lord, your mercy.

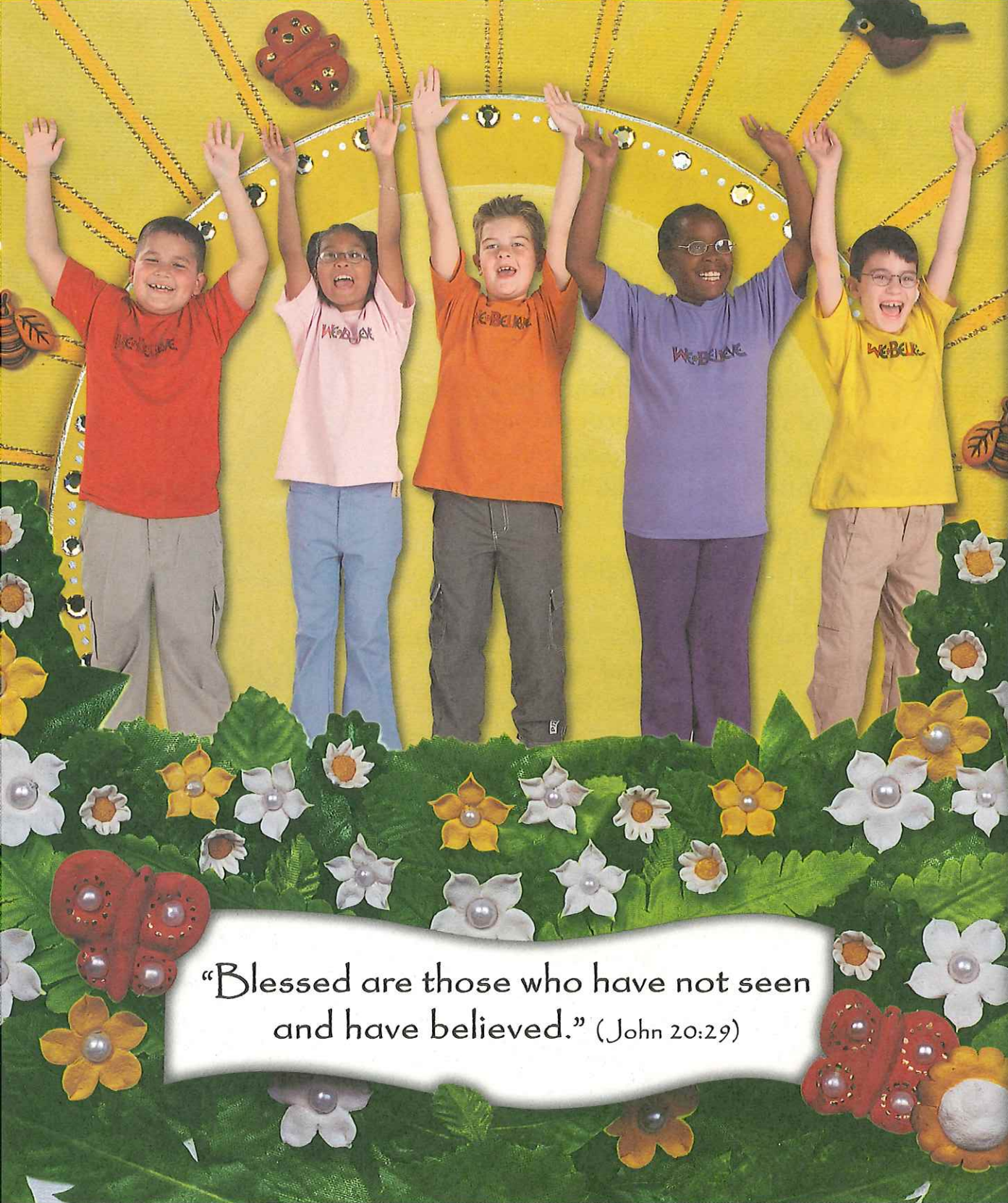
All: And grant us your salvation.
(Penitential Rite, Form B)

Reader: “If we acknowledge our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive our sins and cleanse us from every wrongdoing.”
(1 John 1:9)

Leader: God, we thank you for the gift of your mercy. You call us to repent, to turn away from sin, and to ask you for help to live a good life. You generously forgive us. Receiving God’s forgiveness makes us feel:



All: *(Take turns reading aloud responses.)* Make us confident in your love and help us to confess our sins, knowing that you will always forgive us. Amen.



EASTER

“Blessed are those who have not seen
and have believed.” (John 20:29)



This chapter celebrates the entire
Easter season.

In the Easter season, we celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus.

WE GATHER

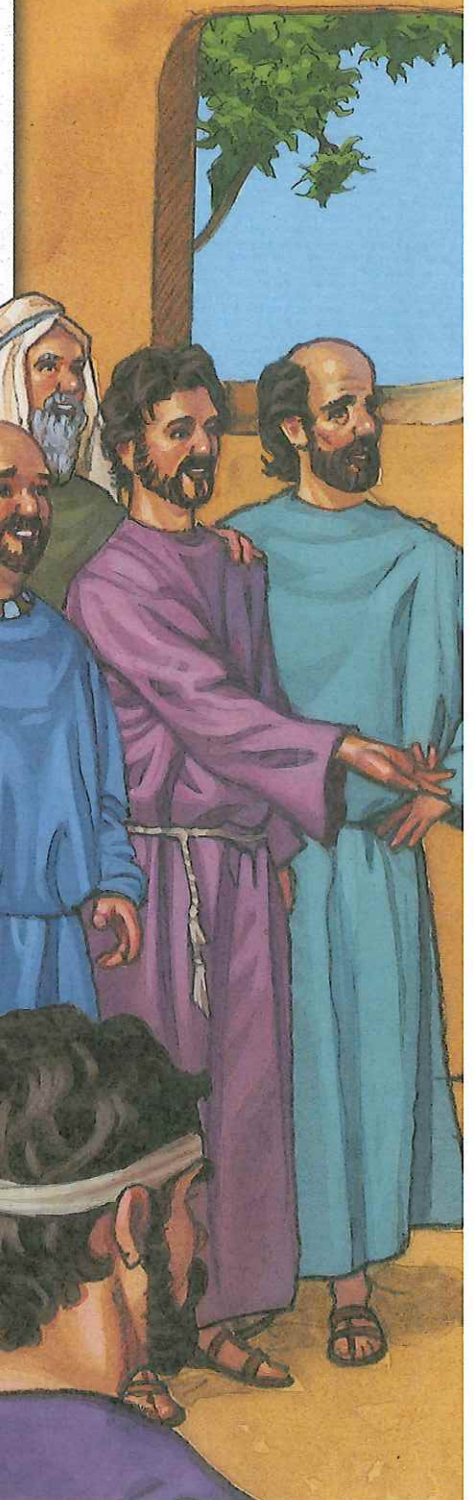
Name three things that you believe about God.

WE BELIEVE

Jesus has risen from the dead! During the Easter season, we celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus, for fifty days! We begin the Easter season on Easter Sunday. It ends fifty days later, on Pentecost Sunday.

The color white is a symbol of light and joy. The priest wears white vestments all during the Easter season. The coverings on the altar are white, also. The entire Easter season is a great celebration of the light, life, and joy of the risen Jesus.

Celebrating the fifty days of Easter strengthens our faith. We show our belief in the risen Jesus.





John 20:19–29

On the night of his Resurrection, Jesus' disciples were hiding in a room. The doors were locked. The risen Jesus suddenly appeared and wished them peace.

One of the Apostles, Thomas, was not there that night. The other disciples told him about Jesus. Thomas did not believe them. Thomas wanted to see Jesus for himself. He not only wanted to see Jesus. He wanted to touch Jesus with his own hands!


A week later, the disciples were together again in the locked room. This time Thomas was with them. Suddenly Jesus was there among them. Jesus said to them, "Peace be with you" (John 20:26).

"Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe'" (John 20:27).

Thomas fell on his knees before Jesus and said, "My Lord and my God!" (John 20:28)

And Jesus said to him, "Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed" (John 20:29).





We believe in Jesus Christ. We believe in his life, Death, and Resurrection. We believe that Jesus brings us new life, now and forever.



What are some ways we show our belief in Jesus Christ?

WE RESPOND



Glory and Praise to Our God

Glory and praise to our God,
who alone gives light to our days.
Many are the blessings he bears
to those who trust in his ways.

God has watered our barren land
and spent his merciful rain.
Now the rivers of life
run full for anyone to drink.





We Respond in Prayer

Leader: Lord, we believe; increase our faith.

All: Lord, we believe; increase our faith.

Leader: In this Easter season we rejoice in the Resurrection. We ask God to bless us and strengthen our belief.

Reader: So that we can live as your Son, Jesus, calls us to live.

All: Lord, increase our faith.

Reader: So that we can share the Good News of Jesus Christ with all we meet.

All: Lord, increase our faith.

Reader: So that we can grow in our love for you.

All: Lord, increase our faith.

PROJECT DISCIPLE

Show What *you* Know

The words in the box are from the story about Thomas. Find and circle the words in the grid. Then retell the story.

believe

peace

Easter

blessed

Resurrection

Thomas

disciples

Jesus

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↪ **DISCIPLE CHALLENGE** Why is this a good story for the Easter season?



Alleluia, Lord Jesus! Thank you for the new life you have given us in the Resurrection.

Take Home

Give each family member a dyed hard boiled egg. Take turns lightly tapping the ends of your eggs together. If one end cracks, try the other end. If both ends crack, you are out of the game. The egg that stays whole or only cracks on one end is the Alleluia egg!



UNIT TEST

Fill in the circle beside the correct answer.

1. Through _____ each of us is called to share the Good News of Jesus.
☐ the pope and bishops ☐ justice and peace ☐ the Sacrament of Baptism
2. Working with other Christians to bring together all baptized people is called _____.
☐ ecumenism ☐ a mosaic ☐ a covenant
3. Catholics who celebrate and pray according to the Eastern Rites and Latin Rite all share in the same _____.
☐ sacraments ☐ customs ☐ languages
4. When we say that Mary was free from Original Sin from the first moment of her life, we are speaking of her _____.
☐ Annunciation ☐ Assumption ☐ Immaculate Conception
5. In a parable Jesus explained that people who care too much about owning things are like _____.
☐ the good soil ☐ the soil filled with thorns ☐ the mustard seed
6. The _____ is the union of the baptized members of the Church on earth with those who are in Heaven and Purgatory.
☐ Communion of Saints ☐ Assumption ☐ Immaculate Conception

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Write T if the sentence is true. Write F if the sentence is false.

7. _____ A covenant is an agreement between God and his people.
8. _____ A miracle is a short story that uses things from everyday life.
9. _____ When we pray the Rosary, we pray several different prayers.
10. _____ A Rite is a special way that Catholics celebrate and pray to God.

Write sentences to answer the questions.

11. How did John the Baptist prepare the people for the Messiah?

12. What is a saint?

13. What is one way that the Church honors Mary?

- 14–15. What are two ways we can be witnesses to Jesus Christ?
