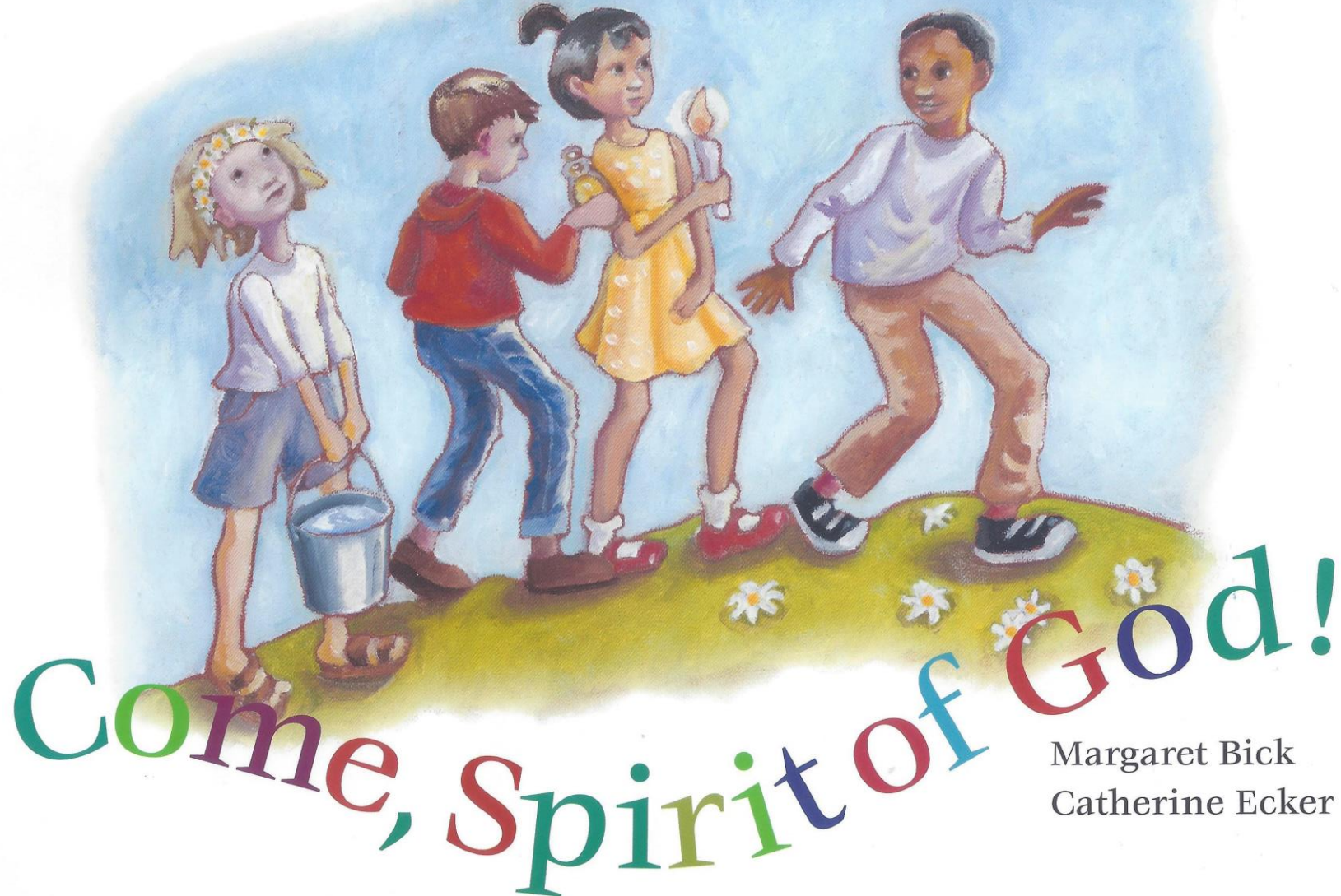
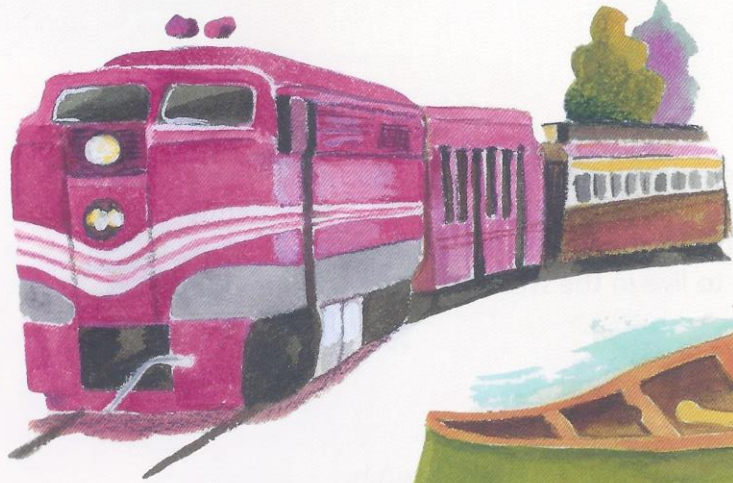


Confirmation Preparation for Young Children
Family Book



Margaret Bick
Catherine Ecker

How can our family journey together? ☼



Begin our meals together
with the sign of the cross
and a thanksgiving prayer.
Trace the sign of the cross on
my forehead at the beginning
or end of each day.



Mark the dates of everyone's
baptism on our calendar
and celebrate the anniversaries.



Invite my sponsor for a meal.
Make invitations for people to attend
my confirmation celebration.



Sit close to the front at Sunday Mass.
Help me with the responses, prayers
and songs in the hymn book.



Pray with me at bedtime.
Pray for all confirmation candidates
in our parish.

Blessed be God! O blessed be God!

Blessed be God! O blessed be God!

Who calls you by name!

Who calls you by name!

Holy and chosen one!

Holy and chosen one!



1: Baptized with Water



Dear family,

In our first gathering, we remembered our baptism as we enjoyed God's gift of water. We learned that because of our baptism we have new life, and that my baptism and confirmation go together to prepare me to live as part of God's family. Everything that happens in baptism reminds us of what kind of family God's family is and how God means for us to live in the world. Confirmation is God's promise to help me live the new life baptism gives me.

Here are some ways you can help me before our next session.

- ☼ Help me find the baptismal font and holy water stoups when we go to church. Remind me to bring my book to church to complete page 7.
- ☼ Look for our baptismal certificates and help me complete page 8.
- ☼ Help me write my sponsor's name on page 9. Talk with me about this page.
- ☼ Say with me the Lord's Prayer on page 10.

Our next session is on at
(date) (time)

Love,

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(My name)

.....
(Your name)

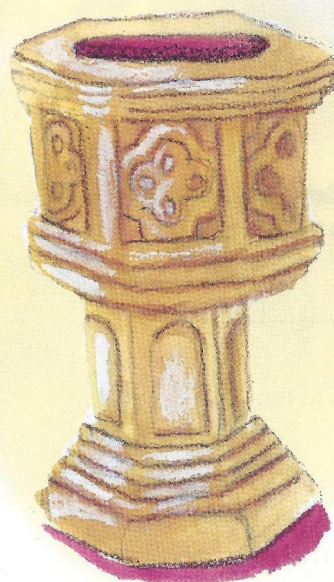


Water in My Church

YM baptist



Circle the ones
that are like the ones
in your church.











Baptism and My Family



Here's a picture of my baptism.

My name:

When I was baptized:

My baptism church:

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Name

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Date of Baptism

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Church

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Name

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Date of Baptism

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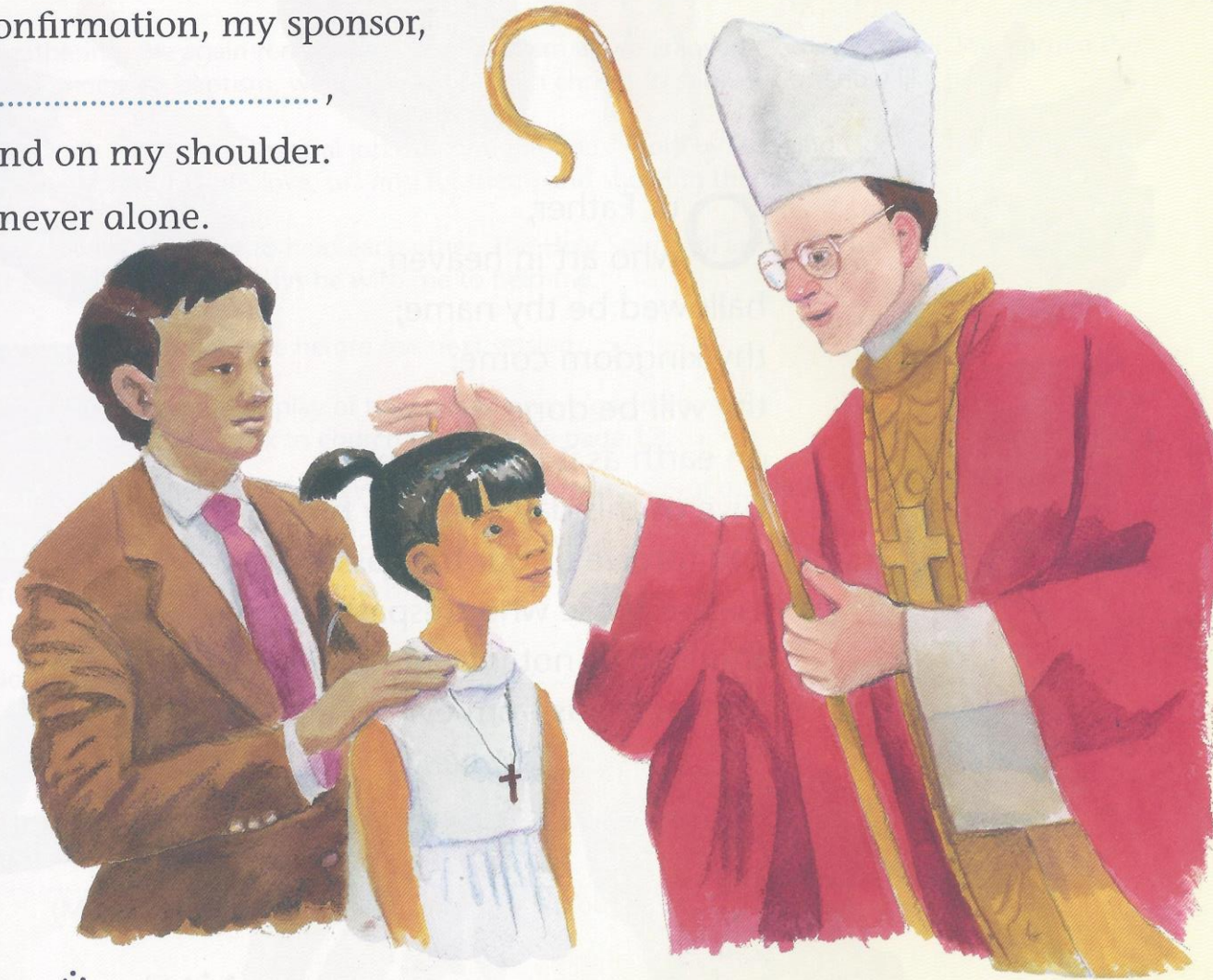
Confirmation Moment 1

During my confirmation, my sponsor,

.....,

will put a hand on my shoulder.

I know I am never alone.





The Lord's Prayer



Our Father,
who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses as we
forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

Amen.



End of lesson 1
Take a 5 minute break



2: Anointed with Oil



Dear family,

In our second gathering, we again remembered our baptism as we enjoyed God's gift of oil. We learned the words *chrism* and *anoint*. At baptism, we are anointed with chrism to show we are now like Jesus.

We learned that God's family has a special job: to continue Jesus' work by bringing God's love to other people, telling people about God's love, praying for them, and showing them God's ways.

God's family has to work together to help each other. The Holy Spirit will also help. Confirmation is God's promise that the Holy Spirit will always be with me to help me.

Here are some ways you can help me before our next session.

- ☉ Please help me to find the display of holy oils when we go to church.
Remind me to bring my book to church to complete page 12.
- ☉ Let's complete together page 13 as you tell me your memories of my baptism.
- ☉ Talk with me about page 14 and help me learn my part.
- ☉ Let's pray together Psalm 23 on page 15.

Our next session is on at
(date) (time)

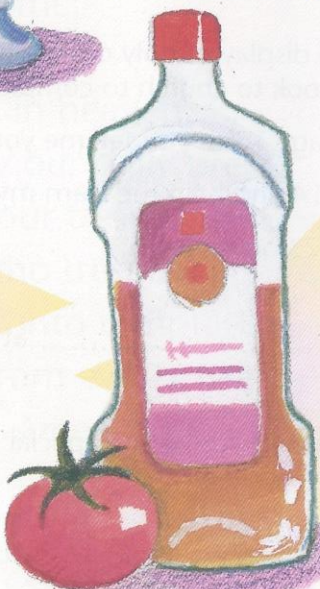
For our next session, please remind me to wear a special piece of clothing.

Love,

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(My name)

.....
(Your name)

Oils in My Church



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Circle the ones
that are like the ones
in your church.

Priest or Deacon or Parish Leader

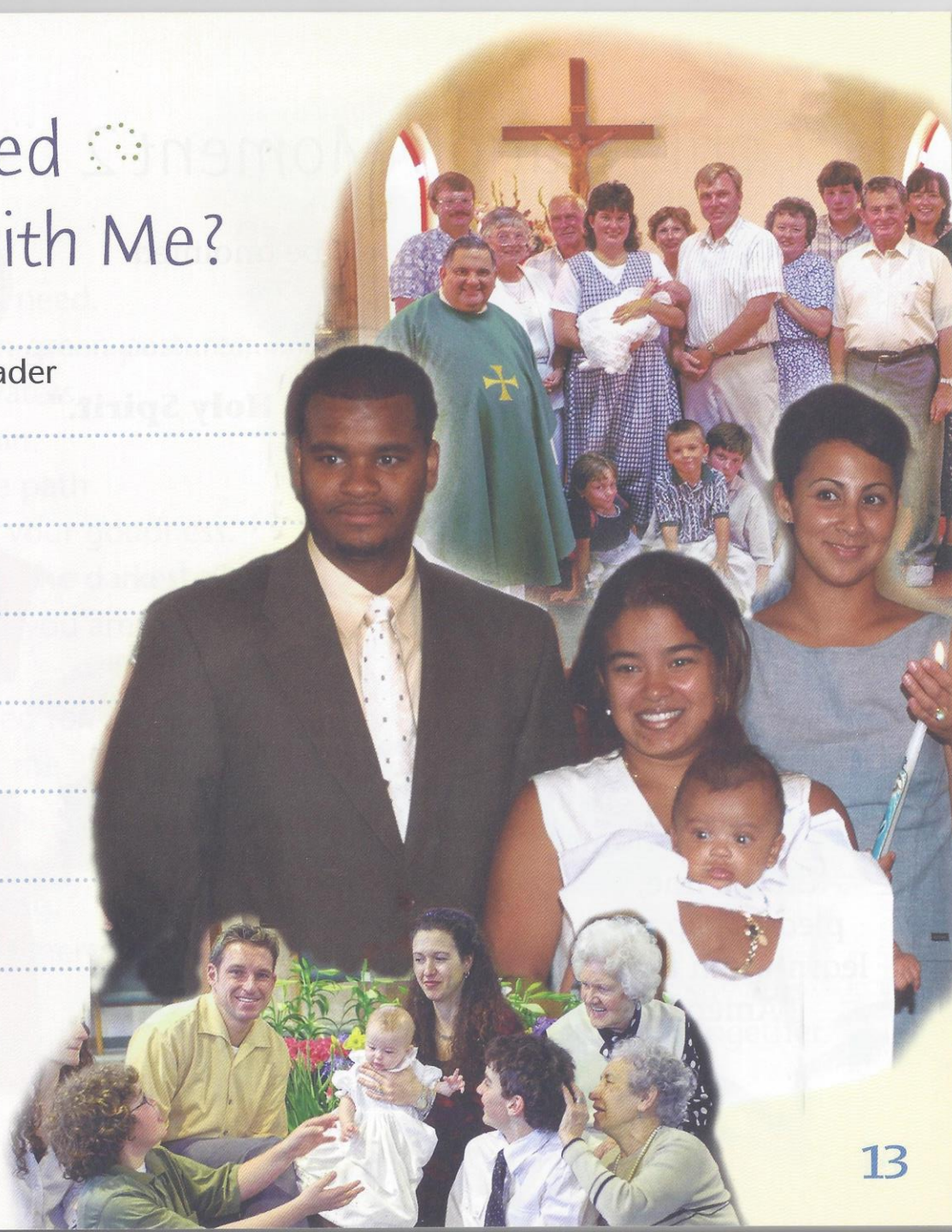
Godparent

Godparent

Guests

Help me
complete
this page.

Family Book





Confirmation Moment 2



During my confirmation I will be anointed.

The bishop will say, “

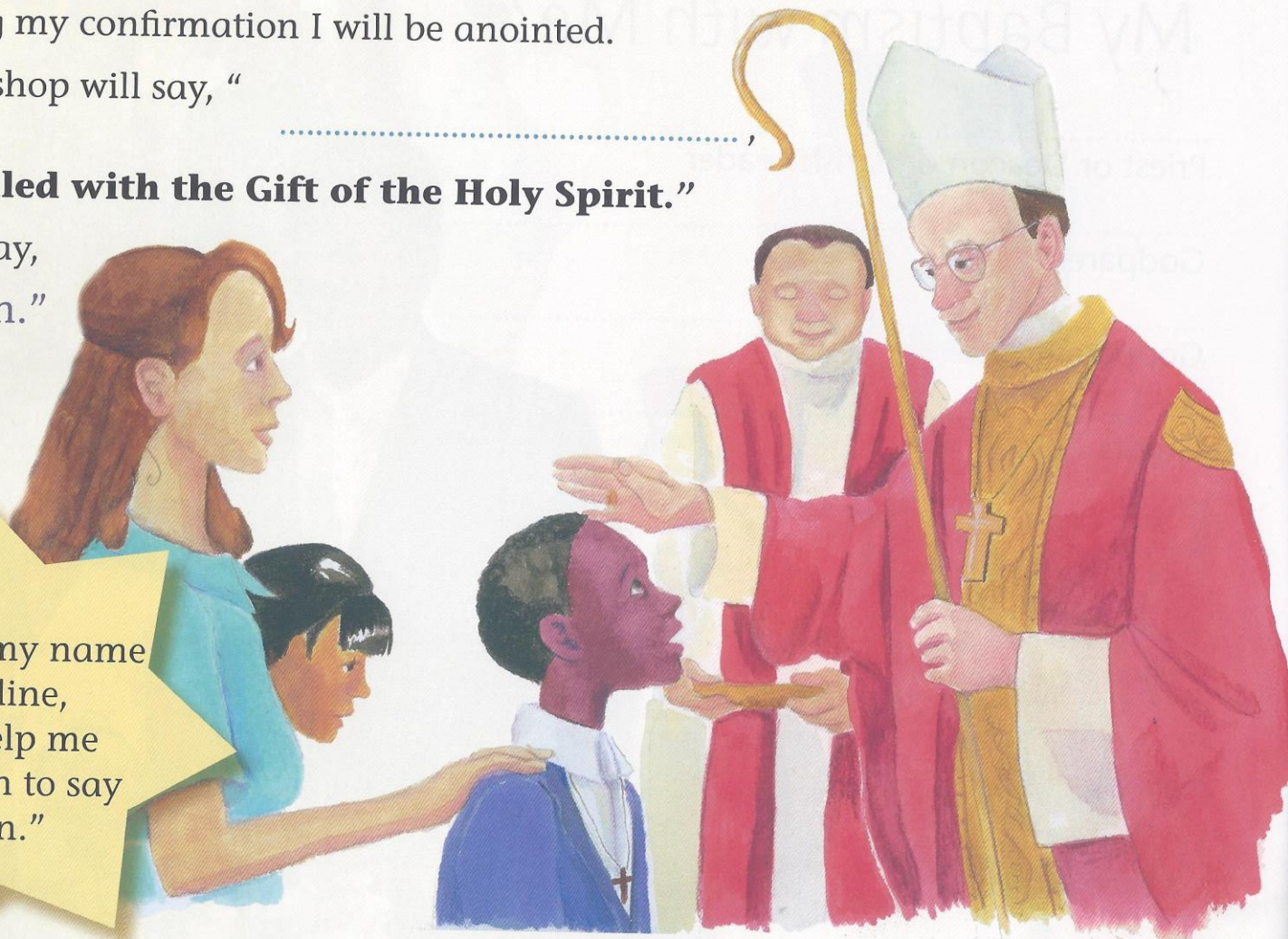
.....,

be sealed with the Gift of the Holy Spirit.”

I will say,

“Amen.”

After I put my name
on the line,
please help me
learn when to say
“Amen.”



Where are the sacred oils located?



Chrism Mass week beginning of Easter week.



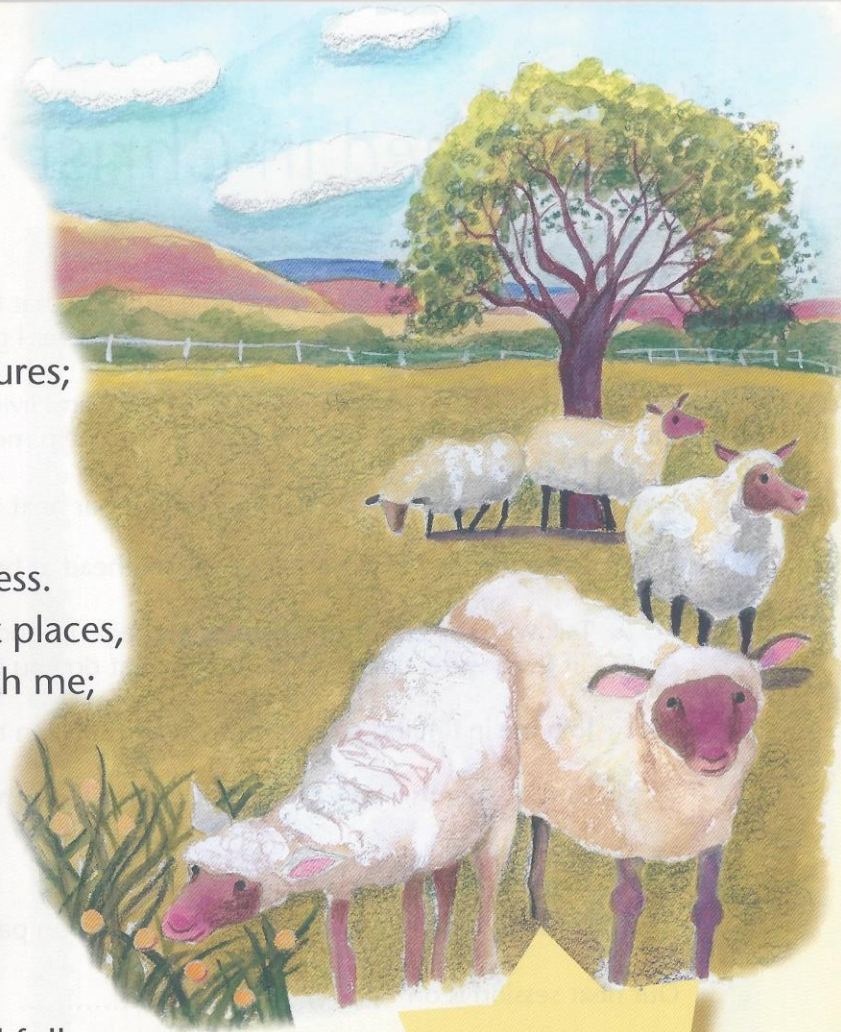


Psalm 23

(adapted)

Lord, you are my shepherd;
I'll always have everything I need.
You bring me to lie down in green pastures;
you lead me beside calm waters,
and you make me new again.
Lord, you show me the safe path
so that everyone will know your goodness.
Even though I walk through the darkest places,
I don't need to be afraid for you are with me;
your shepherd's staff
makes me feel safe and cared for.
You set a banquet table for me
in the most dangerous times;
you anoint my head with oil;
my cup is full and overflowing.
I'm sure your goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,
and I shall live in your house my whole life long.

Amen.



Let's say this
prayer together.

End of Session 2 - Anointed with Oil

3: Clothed in Christ



Dear family,

Did you know that Christ is my invisible clothing that I never take off? I can't wear my baptismal garment forever, but I can take Christ and his cross wherever I go, so his cross is very special for me.

I learned that Jesus' cross was difficult for him, and living as a confirmed Christian can be difficult for me. I also learned that the Holy Spirit gives gifts to help me.

Here are some ways you can help me before our next session.

- ☉ Trace the sign of the cross on my forehead at bedtime.
- ☉ Talk with me about my pictures on page 17 and tell me your answer to this question:
"If Jesus were a piece of clothing, what do you think he would be?"
- ☉ Join me in finding crosses in my world so I can tell about them on page 18.
- ☉ Find my baptismal garment and photos from the day of my baptism and tell me about the photos.
- ☉ Talk with me about page 19.
- ☉ Let's say together the Prayer of St. Francis on page 20.

Our next session is on at
(date) (time)

Please help me find my baptismal candle so I can bring it to the next session.

Love,

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(My name)

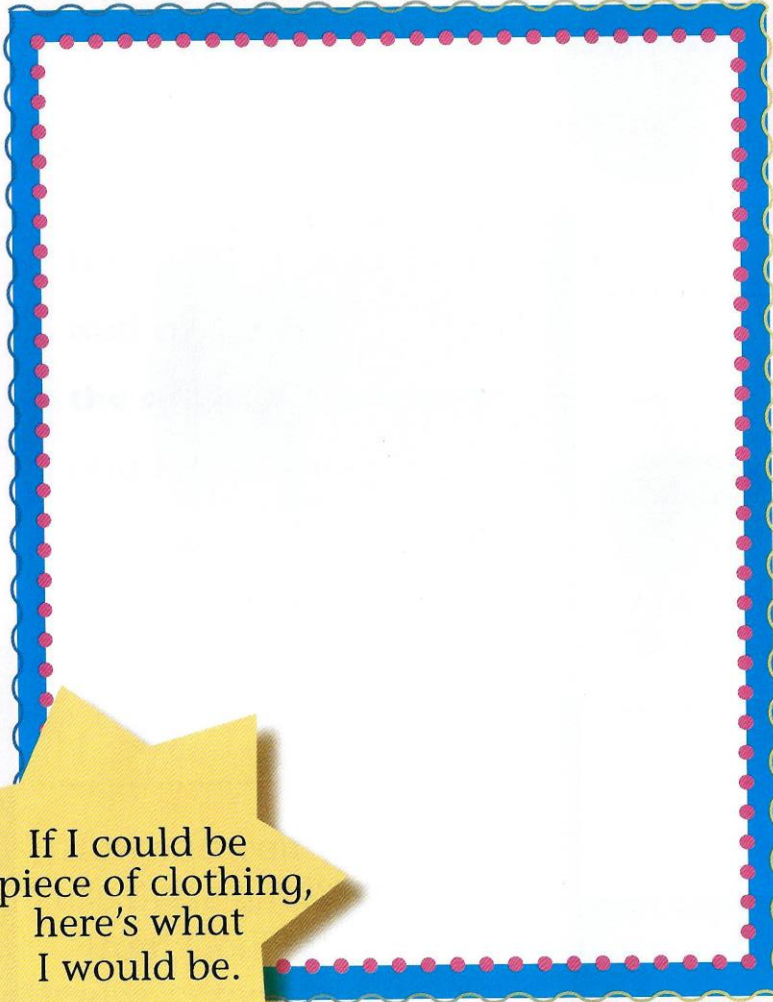
.....
(Your name)

☉ Come, Spirit of God



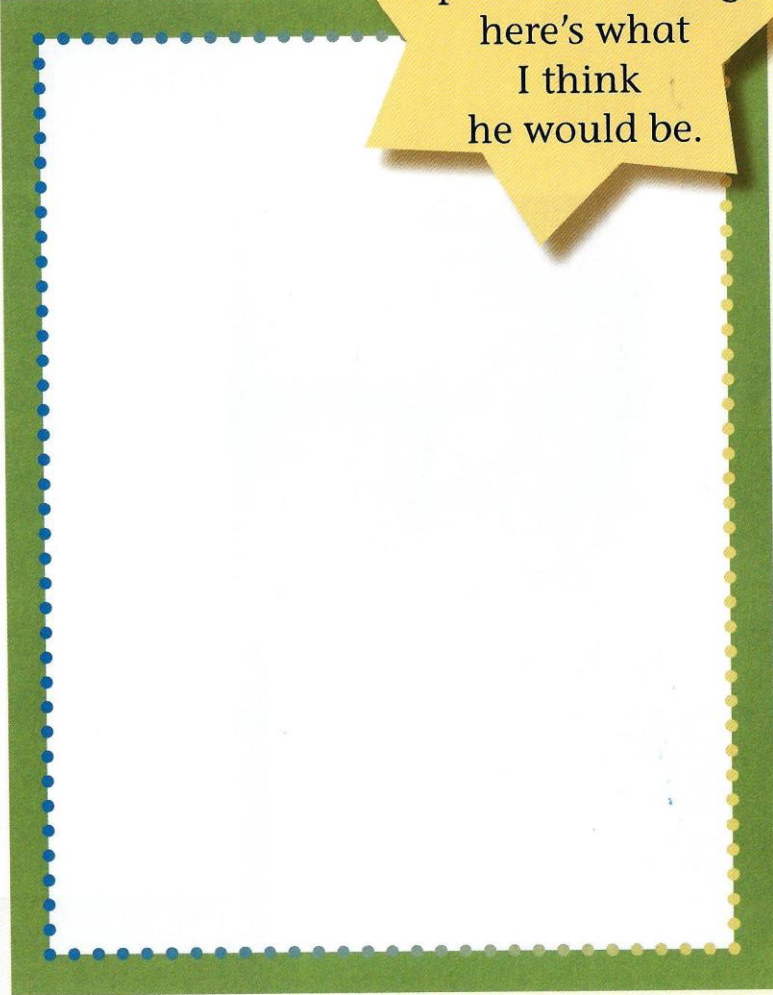
Clothed in Christ

YOUNG Y.M. PRAISE



If I could be
a piece of clothing,
here's what
I would be.

If Jesus were
a piece of clothing,
here's what
I think
he would be.



The Cross in My World

Where do you see the cross?

At Church

At Home

Other Places



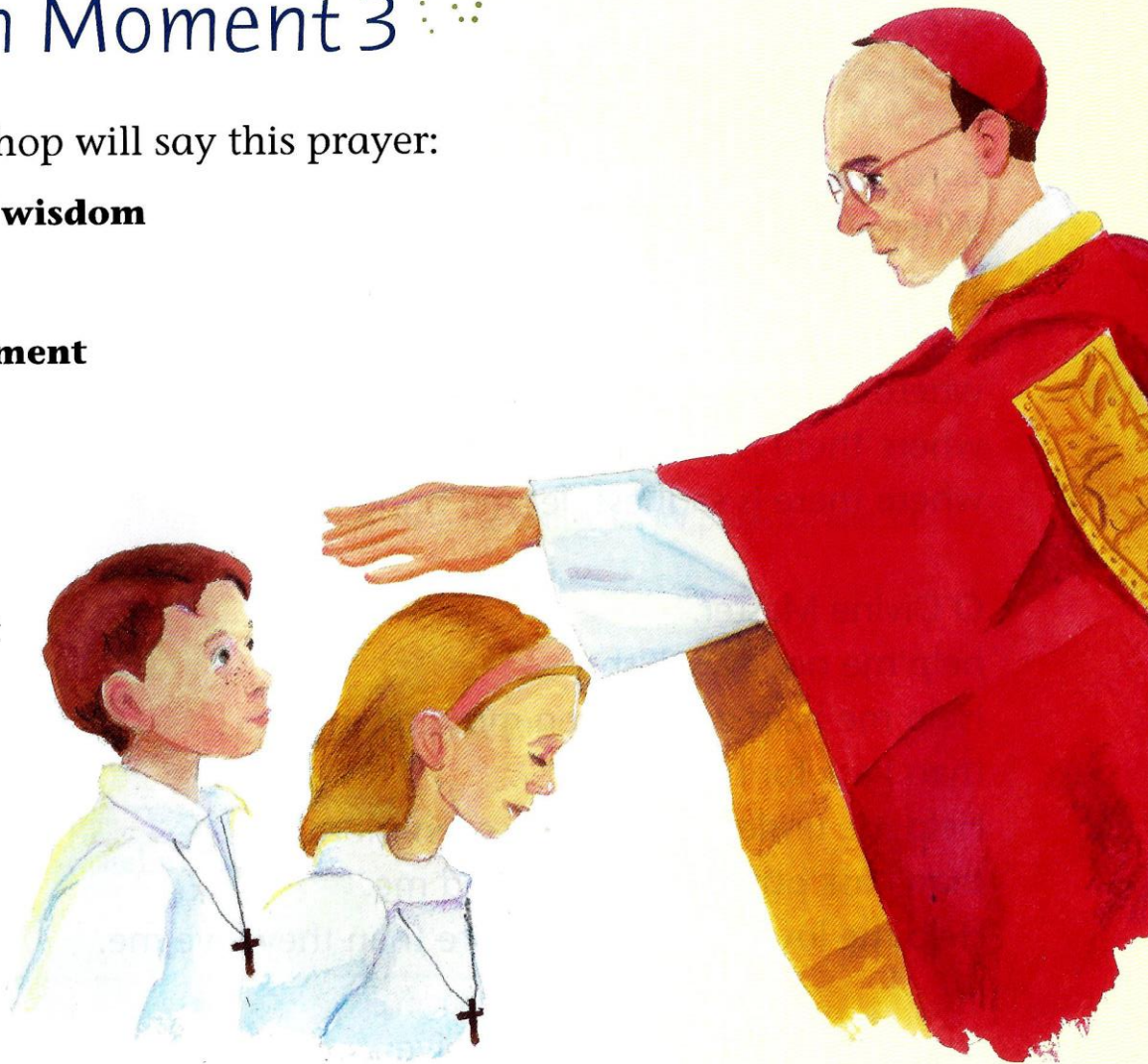
Confirmation Moment 3

At confirmation, the bishop will say this prayer:

**“Give them the spirit of wisdom
and understanding,
the spirit of right judgement
and courage,
the spirit of knowledge
and reverence.**

**Fill them with the spirit
of wonder and awe
in your presence.”**

How will you
use these gifts
from God?





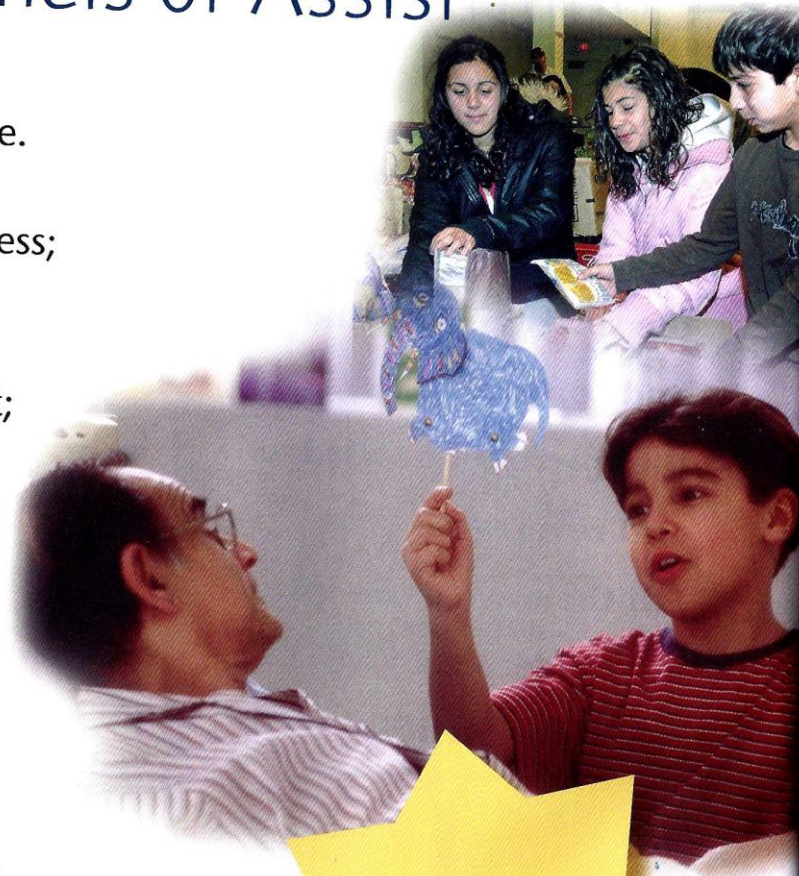
The Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi

(adapted)

Lord, make me a messenger of your peace.
Where there is hatred, let me bring love;
where there is hurt, let me bring forgiveness;
where there is fear, let me bring faith;
where there is worry, let me bring hope;
where there is darkness, let me bring light;
where there is sadness, let me bring joy.

O Divine Master,
help me not be selfish.
Help me help others even more often
than I ask for help.
Help me understand others even more
than I ask others to understand me.
Help me love others even more than they love me.

For whenever we give, we receive;
and whenever we forgive, we are forgiven;
and when we die, we are born to eternal life with you.



Let's say
this prayer
together.



4: Enlightened by Christ



Dear family,

Confirmation time is getting close! I am learning how to live in the Christian community and in the world.

I learned I was given a candle at baptism because I have been enlightened by Christ. That means I have the light of Christ in me and the light of Christ can shine from me. The Holy Spirit brings gifts that work with that light. Christ's light and the Holy Spirit's gifts help me know God. These gifts help my faith grow.

Here are some ways you can help me before our next session.

- ☉ Let's talk together about being light for one another. Help me with ideas for pages 22 and 23.
- ☉ Help me learn my part on page 24.
- ☉ Let's say together the prayer on page 25.
- ☉ At Sunday Mass, let's go on a candle hunt and find all the candles.

Our next session is on at
(date) (time)

Love,

.....
(My name)

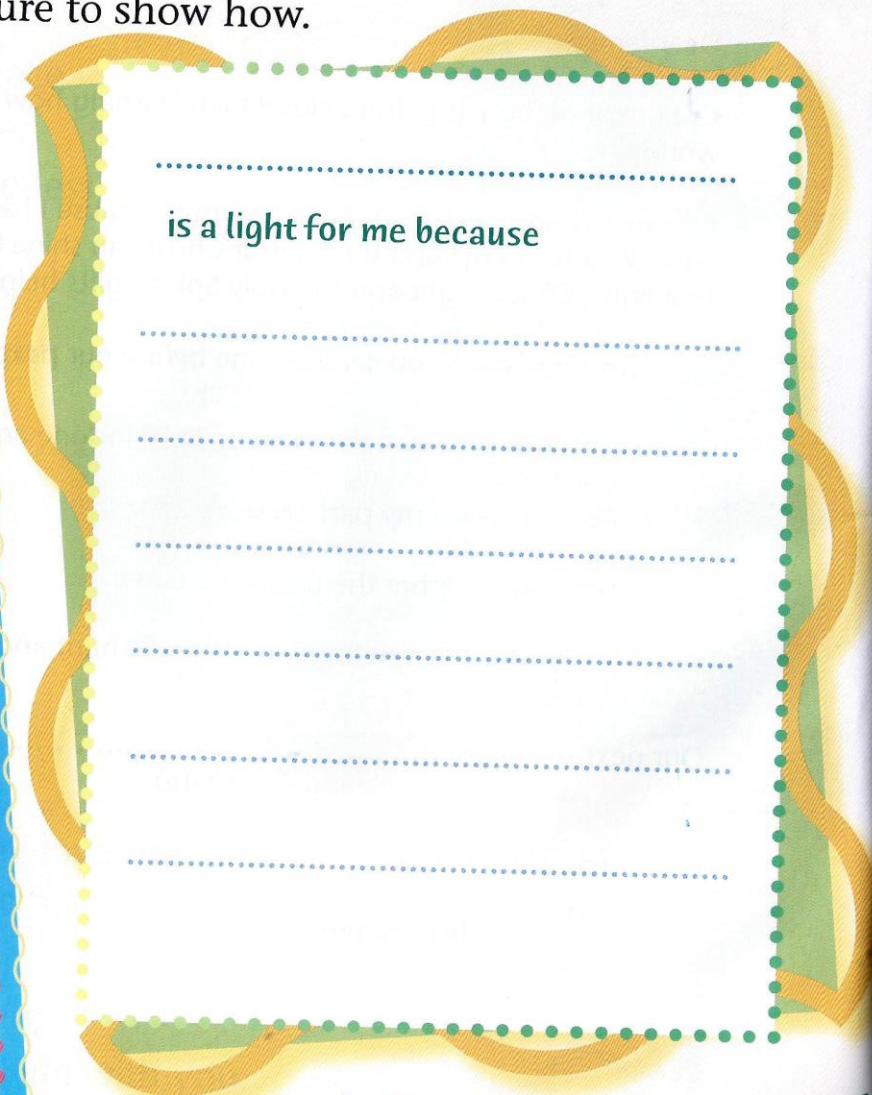
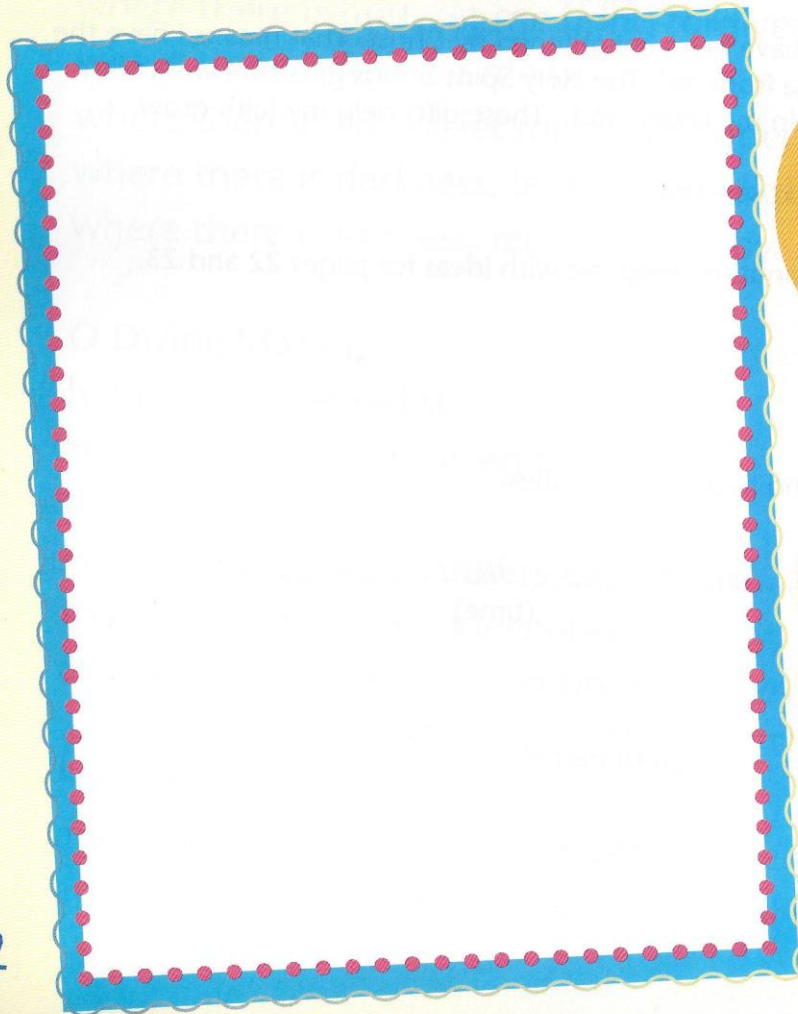
.....
(Your name)



Who Is Light for Me?

Who is a light for you? Draw a picture to show how.

Write the person's name on the line
and fill in the rest of the box.



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is a light for me because

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I Am Light, Too

Draw candles
on the cake
to show how long
you have been
baptized.

On each candle,
write the name
of someone
for whom you
can be light.



Gifts of the Holy Spirit

Wisdom

Understanding

Right Judgement

Courage

Knowledge

Reverence

Wonder and Awe in God's Presence



Confirmation Moment 4

At confirmation we say again our baptism promises.

**"Do you reject Satan, and all his works,
and all his empty promises?"**

"I do!"

**"Do you believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth?"**

"I do!"

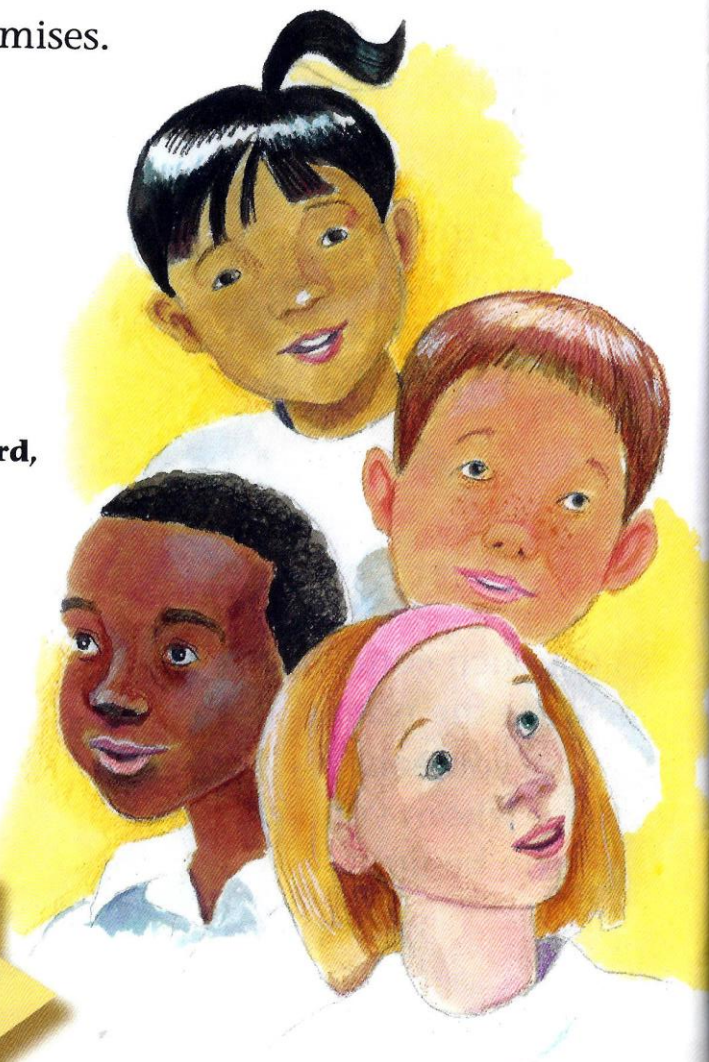
**"Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was born of the Virgin Mary,
was crucified, died, and was buried,
rose from the dead,
and is now seated at the right hand of the Father?"**

"I do!"

**"Do you believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting?"**

"I do!"

Help me learn
when to say
"I do!"





Glory to God

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father.
We worship you.
We give you thanks.
We praise you for your glory.

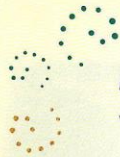
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father.
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us.
You are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One.
You alone are the Lord.
You alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.

Amen.



Let's say
this prayer
together.



5: Awakened to Grace



Dear family,

I learned that at my baptism my ears and mouth were touched, and the family of God prayed that I would be opened to receive God's word and proclaim God's praise. We talked about getting messages from God and about God's dream that we would be a message from God to the world, and a prayer from the world back to God.

Thank you for bringing me to Mass on Sundays. At the Sunday eucharist I use my ears to hear God's word. I use my mouth to say thank you and sing God's praise. I also pray for everyone who needs God's help.

Here are some ways you can help me during the last days of preparation.

☉ Help me complete page 27.

☉ Help me learn my part from page 28.

My confirmation will be celebrated on at

Our last session is on at

Please remind me to bring my book with me.

Love,

.....
(My name)

.....
(Your name)

I Can Do It!

Jesus has touched my ears
to receive his word,
and my mouth
to tell it to the world.

Print something you would like to say
to the world about God.

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Print a message you have received
about God.

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Confirmation Moment 5

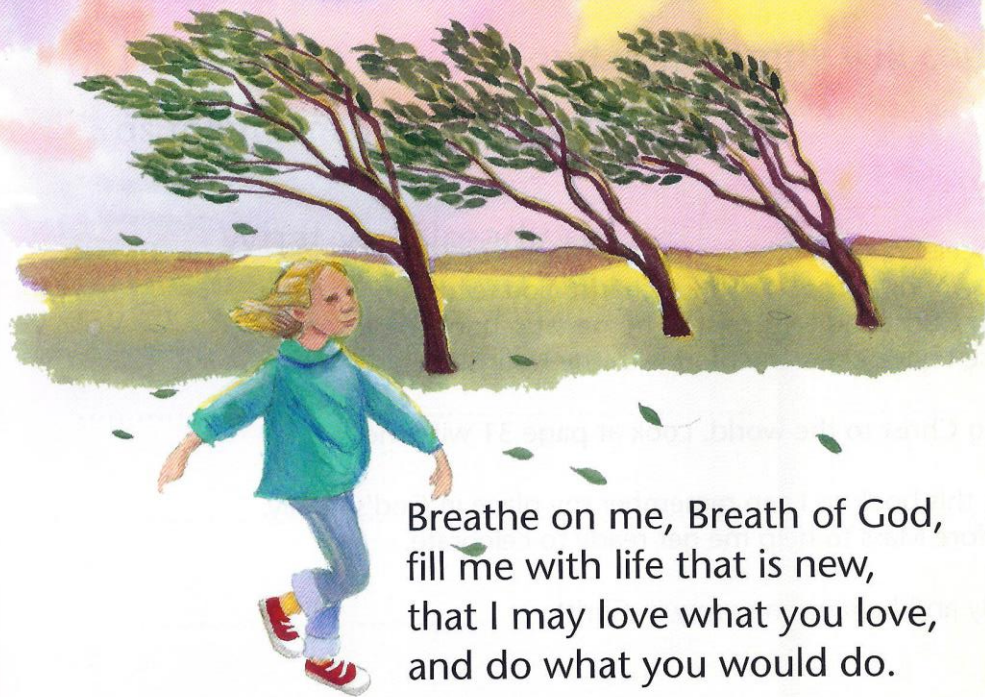
After I am anointed
with oil,
the bishop says,
"Peace be with you."
I answer,
"And also with you."

Help me
learn when to say,
"And also with you."



Breathe on Me, Breath of God

(adapted from a hymn by Edwin Hatch)



Breathe on me, Breath of God,
fill me with life that is new,
that I may love what you love,
and do what you would do.

Breathe on me, Breath of God,
until my heart is strong,
until I want whatever you want
to do my whole life long.

Breathe on me, Breath of God,
live within my mind,
until every part of me
is wise and brave and kind.

Breathe on me, Breath of God,
and I will live forever with you;
safe within your loving arms,
knowing happiness that's true.



6: Confirmed for Life



Dear family,

In our final gathering, we remembered our celebration of the sacraments and learned that God called us to them so we can live fully in the world. At the Sunday eucharist God feeds me with the body and blood of Christ so I can work with Christ and for Christ at home, at school, in our parish, and in our community. I can do this because I have been anointed with the Holy Spirit.

I have thought about what I can do to bring Christ to the world. Look at page 31 with me.

In the coming weeks, remind me to look at this book so I can remember my place in God's family. I can even bring it to church and read it before Mass to help me get ready to celebrate.

Thank you for bringing me into God's family and helping me grow in Christ.

Love,

.....
(My name)



Bringing Christ to the World



Now is a good time to make some plans for your life as a confirmed Christian. Think about how you and your family will continue to live and grow as members of God's family.

What we already do

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What we will try to do
in the future

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A Special Letter



Dear wonderful child of God,

Always remember, you are precious in God's sight and God loves you.

Remember also these words:

You were baptized into Christ and have clothed yourselves with Christ.
Let the same mind be in you that was in him.

You are part of a royal priesthood, a holy nation, my own people,
so that you may proclaim God's mighty acts.

Jesus is the light of the world. Whoever follows him
will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life.

You are the light of the world. Let your light shine for others, so that
they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

Do not worry about what you are to say. The Holy Spirit will guide you
and remind you of all that I have told you.

Peace be with you.

