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Catechist Tips: Diversity of Experience

When discussing the Sacraments, keep in mind that the children's experiences of Sacraments may vary. Some children may not have been baptized. Some may have been confirmed as infants at the time of Baptism. The children's parents may not have celebrated the Sacrament of Matrimony. Keep discussions general to avoid making children uncomfortable about differences.

Catechist Tips: Catholic Charities

One way the Church carries on Jesus' work is through Catholic Charities, the network of organizations that help people in need.

• Check with your parish social justice ministers to find examples of how the Church is caring for people in your area.

Catechist Tips: Reaching All Learners - Speakers of Other Languages

The Chapter Story, "My Abuela and I," helps children see that every language and culture has its own names for family members.

- List the common English names for family members on the board or on chart paper.
- Ask the children whose primary language is not English to teach the group the words for these family members in their primary languages.

Catechist Tips: RCIA

The second Vatican Council restored the catechumenate for adults, a process made up of several distinct steps in the faith journey. The rites for these stages can be found in the *Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)*.

Glossary Activity: Seven Sacraments

Have children work in groups to design their own visual symbols for the Seven Sacraments.

- Divide the class into seven small groups or pairs, assigning a Sacrament to each.
- Invite children to display their art work and explain their choice of symbols.

Additional Activity: Draw Signs of Love

Invite children to think about the signs of love that they share when they spend time with family members.

- Have children draw pictures of themselves sharing signs of love with family members.
- Ask volunteers to share their drawings with the class.

Additional Activity: Sacraments Research

Help children do research into the ways that the Sacraments of Baptism and Matrimony are celebrated in various cultures.

• Have children use reference books to find out how Catholics celebrate the Sacraments around the world.

Parish Video Connection: Your Grace Is Enough

Before beginning the Catechist Edition instruction on page 158, play this video for the children.

Ask: What Sacraments did you see in this video? (Eucharist and Baptism)

Then find out what they already know about grace. Tell them that they will learn more as they work through the chapter.

YouTube Link: https://youtu.be/g774rvQl7IM