

We Go to Mass

Activity: The child uses cards to help him or her learn the Order of Mass.

Concept

When we attend Mass, we receive Jesus in the Eucharist.

What You Need

- ▶ several images, including two depicting celebrations
- ▶ **Learning Tool: The Order of Mass Floor Puzzle** (completed)
- ▶ photocopy of Side B of this Lesson Card
- ▶ 25 note cards
- ▶ art supplies
- ▶ hole punch
- ▶ binder ring

At Home

Invite the parents to use the Order of Mass cards during Mass so the child can anticipate what is next and when Mass will conclude.

Lesson Steps

1 Opening Prayer

Pray the Sign of the Cross with the child, followed by: *Dear God, please help us experience the joy of Mass.* Pray the Sign of the Cross.

2 Begin with Life Experience

Show the child several images, including two that depict celebrations. Ask: *Which of these show celebrations?* Name things we do at celebrations, such as honor someone, sing, and share a meal. Say: *Mass is a celebration. When we attend Mass, we are celebrating God in our life.*

3 Connect

Ahead of time, color and cut out the numbered boxes from the photocopy of Side B of this card. Glue each to the middle of a different note card. Punch a hole in the top left corner of each card. Copy the text from each puzzle piece onto the card with the corresponding image. Explore a completed *The Order of Mass Floor Puzzle* with the child. Place the first five cards in front of the child. Ask him or her to hand you the card that corresponds to each puzzle piece. Describe what is taking place on each piece of the puzzle. Help the child thread the cards onto the binder ring. If feasible, use photos of the child's priests and ministers instead of the photocopies.

4 Closing Prayer

Pray the Sign of the Cross with the child, followed by: *Thank you, God, for teaching us about Mass.* Conclude by praying the Sign of the Cross.

