

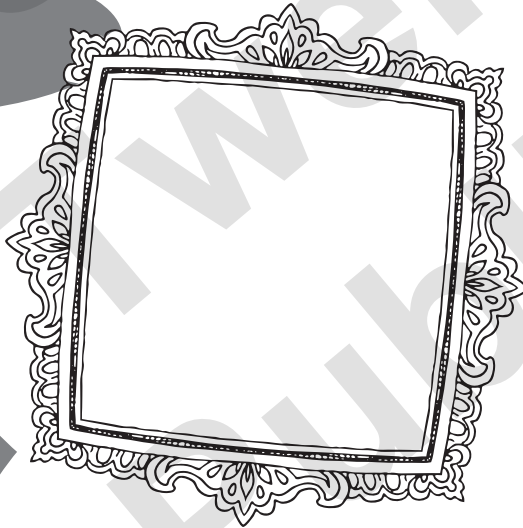
# I love my family



## MEET CHARLIE.

Charlie goes to Mass with his family every Sunday. His mom, dad, and older sister receive Holy Communion. Charlie goes to the altar with them and gets a blessing. Charlie can't wait to receive Jesus, just like everyone else.

How about you?  
What do you like to do with your family?  
Draw a picture of your family doing something you enjoy together.



**"For you are our glory and joy."** 1 THESSALONIANS 2:20

Maybe your family is a little like Charlie's. Or maybe your family is different from his. But did you know that you're both part of the same family?

When you were baptized, you became a child of God. So you belong to God's great, big family. That's the Church. Kids and grownups all over the world belong to this big, loving family.

**Can you find the country where you live? Draw a heart there. Then color in the map and Jesus' words all below it.**



**"Go...and make disciples of all nations,**

**BAPTIZING THEM IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER AND OF THE SON AND OF THE HOLY SPIRIT."** MATTHEW 28:19

# I am part of God's family



When Charlie goes to Mass, he sees his buddy Pete. Charlie and Pete go to the same school. They play on the same baseball team. They even look alike! Sometimes people think Charlie and Pete are brothers.

Even though Pete and Charlie come from different families, they are part of God's family. So they are brothers, in a very special way. We are all brothers and sisters in God's family.

God's family is the Church. It has a special name. You might say it's our family name.

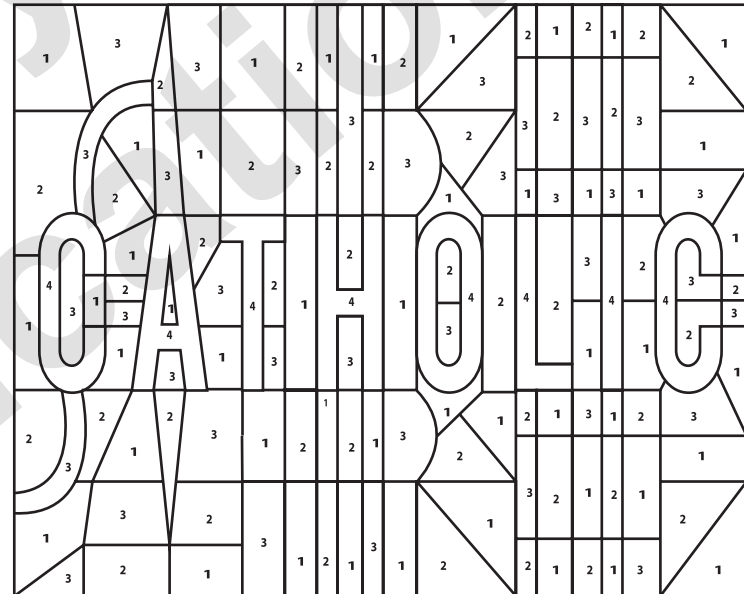
## SOMETHING TO DO TODAY!

How many words can you find in **Catholic Church**?

**Hint:** Mix up the letters and you can find at least 20, like "cat" and "rail."

Color all the spaces in the picture to see what our Church family name is:

1 = RED ■ 2 = BLUE  
3 = GREEN ■ 4 = YELLOW



CATHOLIC MEANS "FOR EVERYONE."

# I am a Child of God



Charlie's favorite day is his birthday. There's cake, a party, and, of course, presents! His mom says another day is special, too. It's the day Charlie was baptized.

Your baptism is a special sign of God's love for you. Baptism is a **sacrament**. Sacraments are signs of our family life with God. **Signs** are important. They show us that something big is happening.

**Here's what the priest says when you are baptized:**

**"The Christian community welcomes you with great joy. I claim you for Christ our Savior by the sign of his cross."**



Can you match the sign with the sacrament?  
Draw a line from the road sign to the sacrament.



# I follow Jesus



Charlie and his sister Mary do chores around the house. A family job chart shows them what to do.

Everyone in Christ's family has jobs too. When we are baptized, our godparents promise to help us with these jobs. They are baptismal promises. Our jobs are to love and serve Jesus. So we love others and stay away from sinful things. Pretty simple, huh?



Jesus shows us the best way to do our jobs. He tells us,  
**“Love your neighbor as yourself.”**

MATTHEW 22:39

Here's a special job chart for God's family.  
Fill it in so you know what to do.

## I love Jesus. Here's how I will work with him:

AT HOME	
_____	
_____	
_____	
AT CHURCH	AT SCHOOL
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
IN MY NEIGHBORHOOD	
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