



Introduce the Chapter (page 67)

Light a candle and read the prayer verse on page 67. Explain that people can be signs because they can point the way to God's love.

Look at the photograph of the family on page 67. Discuss ways family members might be signs of God's love for others.

STEP 1

We Gather (pages 68–69)

Talk about the ways our actions can affect the lives of many other people. Read the story and discuss the way two boys' choices affected a whole team.

Help your child write the ending for the story on the lines provided on page 69.

Invite your child to draw pictures and/or write about ways he or she works well together with others in the space provided below the story ending.

We Share God's Word (pages 70–71)

Look at the Scripture illustration on pages 70 and 71. Point out that everyone is listening very carefully to what Jesus is telling them.

Read aloud the story and the paragraph that follows. Stress that when we live as peacemakers, we live as signs of God's love and mercy.

STEP 2

We Believe and Celebrate (pages 72–73)

Explain that at the end of every celebration of the Sacrament of Penance, the priest tells us to go peacefully. Read aloud the text on page 72. Stress that when we do a penance, we show that we are sorry for our sins.

Look at the illustration on page 73. Explain that the picture shows Saint Francis of Assisi helping people make peace with one another. Read *A Loving Peaceful Saint*. Discuss how Saint Francis was a peacemaker. Pray together the words of the saint: "Lord, make me an instrument of your peace."

We Believe and Celebrate (pages 74–75)

Read aloud the first three paragraphs on page 74. Explain: *Jesus knew that it would not be easy for us to forgive and to ask for forgiveness. Jesus asked God the Father to send us a Helper. Our Helper is the Holy Spirit.*

Read the situation on pages 74 and 75. Invite comments and questions about each situation. Then ask your child to share a peaceful choice he or she has made.

Have your child paste a photograph of himself or herself in the marked bead on page 74. If a photograph is not available, have your child draw a self-portrait to place there.

STEP 3

We Respond (pages 76–77)

Help your child identify some people who are peacemakers and ways these people share God's gift of peace with others. Explain that the two sentences on page 76 may be completed by drawing and/or writing.

Discuss ways your family can share God's gift of peace. Explain that the sentence on page 77 may be completed by drawing pictures and/or writing. You may also consider taking a photograph of your family sharing peace and affixing it in the space provided.

We Respond in Prayer (page 78)

Lead the singing of "God Has Made Us a Family," #6 on the *We Believe & Celebrate* CD.

Consider concluding the prayer celebration by joining hands as you pray together the Lord's Prayer.

Complete the *Sharing Faith with My Family* activities for Chapter 6 on pages 91–92 of the child's text.