

## YOUR CHILD LEARNED >>>

This chapter identifies and explains the Marks of the Church and reflects on passages from the Epistles about the early Christian community.

### Scripture



Read **Acts of the Apostles 2:42–44** to find out about the early Church community.

### Catholics Believe

- The Church is one, holy, catholic, and apostolic.
- The Church is a community of people, united in faith, working together to share the Gospel and become closer to God.

To learn more, go to the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* #811–813, 830–831 at [usccb.org](http://usccb.org).

### People of Faith

This week, your child learned about Saint Jude, who was both Jesus' follower and one of his cousins.

## CHILDREN AT THIS AGE >>>

**How They Understand the Church Community** At this age, your child is more able to participate in the larger parish community. He or she can assist in the liturgy (as a choir member, altar server, greeter, etc.) or help with a service project. Still, children this age are most likely to associate the community with their group of peers. Therefore, it is important that your child foster friendships in the parish through middle school activities or, in smaller parishes with no middle school youth group, through arranged activities between families.



## CONSIDER THIS >>>

Whom do you rely on to support and encourage you in challenging times?

When we find ourselves struggling we often long for someone to give us an answer, someone who can tell us what is right or what we need to survive. As Catholics, we look to the Church to teach us what God intends. "The Church is built upon the foundation of the Apostles, who were chosen by Christ himself, and at whose head he placed Peter. The entire community of Christians received the Apostles' proclamation of the Gospel, and so the Church in her entirety is called 'apostolic'" (*USCCA, p. 132*).

## LET'S TALK >>>

- Ask your child to tell you two things about the New Testament letters.
- Discuss what advice your family can benefit from most right now.

## LET'S PRAY >>>



Dear God, give us your grace so that we can serve you faithfully like Saint Jude. Amen.



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