

## SESSION THREE

# Celebrating the Liturgy of the Word

## Believe

In the first part of the session, your child will learn how, at Mass, God speaks to us in the readings we hear proclaimed from Scripture.

- Turn to page 36. Provide assistance as your child completes the activity on listening. Describe how much you appreciate it when your child listens to you and other members of the family.
- Read page 37 together. Talk about ways to listen better to the readings from Scripture that we hear proclaimed at Mass.
- Turn to page 38 and read together the Parable of the Sower. Reflect together on what words or phrases touched your heart in this reading. Together look at the Scripture art on pages 38 and 39 as you read the Scripture story again. What do you see?

## Celebrate

In the next part of the session, your child will learn about what takes place during the Liturgy of the Word at Mass.

- Read pages 40 and 41 together. Point out the photos and read the captions together.
- Read pages 42 and 43 together. With your child identify and say the responses we pray after hearing the Scripture readings at Mass.
- Review with your child any highlighted words, and help your child understand what each one means. You can also look up the definitions in the glossary on page 95.



## Live

The last part of the session invites your child to learn ways to listen and respond to God's Word at Mass.

- Provide assistance as your child writes responses to the statements on page 44. Talk about ways your family can prepare to listen to the Word of God at Mass. You might do this by sharing the readings together in the car on the way to church.
- Read the story about the saint on page 45. Guide your child in responding to the activity.
- Bring the session to a close with a hug and a sharing of what each of you enjoyed during your time together.

## Spiritual Practices for the Home

Storytelling is one of the most important ways families share faith. Stories impart lessons, emphasize values, and remind us of our connection with one another. When sharing

family stories, pay attention to the ways in which God's love and mercy are embodied in your home. Then explore ways your family story connects with the larger story of our Catholic faith.