

## CALLED TO HIS SUPPER ANSWER GUIDE (REVISED)

General: the book can be colored or not; that's up to the child and whether or not he/she likes to color. In some places, they are asked to draw a picture; if they don't like doing that, they can find a picture in a magazine that is representative of what they are supposed to draw. On each page, discuss what you have read; discuss the questions and the answers they want to give.

Pp.1-3: picture on page 2; on page 3, God's love pours over you like water and you're filled with a new kind of life in Jesus. At the bottom they need you to talk to them about their Baptism to get the info they need!

Pp. 4-6: connect the dots on p.4 and discuss what the lines have created; on p.5, they fill the jars with water; "I am like Jesus when I \_\_\_\_\_" is pretty much up to you; Baptism begins our lives as Catholic Christians; and at the bottom, color in the boxes with an x to get the message. Page 6 just read and discuss what it means to be a family! Help them to understand the difference between the Church that is the family of Jesus and the church building where we gather.

Pp. 7-9: Write or draw what you saw at Mass last time in the big bubble; what do you like best? On p. 8 just read, on p.9 the Sign of the Cross is in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. When we ask for forgiveness, we ask for mercy each time.

Pp.10-13: Picture to draw on 10; on 11, he taught them to love God; at Mass the readings are from the Bible; and Jesus teaches us how to love God and others. On p. 12 we listen to the homily, and the readings tell us how much God loves us, help us know what to do, and comfort us when we are scared. On p.13 list those for whom you want to pray. Talk about how Jesus used parables to teach – how they are stories with hidden meanings.

Pp. 14 – 17: p.14 match the lists at the top; either find or draw a picture in the box; say what the person needs, and who could help. P.16 just read, p.17 count the baskets!

Pp.18-20: P.18 what would you say, p.19 find the words on top, then they see and hear Jesus, Jesus loved the people, he fed them, and gave them what they needed. On p.20 the first part teaches us, the second part feeds us, and at the bottom cross out every third letter for the message which you write on the lines next to the scroll.

Pp.21-23: Draw a picture of a family meal at the top; at the bottom circle what you do, and say why you like to eat together. Try to say a blessing before the family meal together; some samples are listed here:

*Bless us O Lord, and these thy gifts, which we are about to receive through Christ our Lord, Amen. (Traditional Catholic)*

*Blessed are you, O Lord, our God, who brings forth food from the earth. (traditional Jewish)*

*Bless, O Lord, this food to our use and us in thy service, for Christ's sake, Amen. (traditional Episcopal)*

*For health, for strength, for daily bread, we give Thee thanks O Lord, Amen. (traditional Protestant)*

*God is great, God is good, and we thank Him for our food, by His hand, we are fed, thank You Lord for our daily bread. Amen.*

On.p.22 eating together shows that you care and say who you like to eat with!  
On p.23 say why you thought Jesus ate with others (to show he loved everyone, even those who were sinners) and if you've eaten with someone who was all alone. Read the scrambled words!

Pp.24-26: P.24 connect the dots; p.25 the altar is like a table, the chalice a cup, the paten a plate, purificator a napkin, people at Mass a family, and the priest is the one who prepares the meal. On p.26 the bread reminds us of things that are growing (like the wheat) and wine of special times. Color p.27

Pp.28 – 31: On Thanksgiving we celebrate the all of the good gifts God gives us, our blessings; on birthdays we celebrate the gift of ourselves; at Christmas the gift of Jesus! When we celebrate we remember. Color **and read** 29-31.

Pp.32-34: P.32-33 connect the dots; p.33 also the Eucharist and the cross tell us how Jesus loves us. Be sure your child understands the meaning of a sacrifice; that it means giving something up for something more important. P.34 he said this at the Last Supper, where they took bread and wine and later felt his love and knew he was with them.

Pp.35 – 37: P. 35 this is my body and this is my blood; connect the dots at the bottom. Remind your child to listen for this on Sunday, as when the priest repeats these actions the bread and wine are transformed. Remind them that they still taste like bread and wine, but have truly become Christ. P.36 connect the dots again, then the quote is "I am the living bread that came down from heaven." P.37 color the spaces that have dots in them at the bottom to get the message.

Pp.38-40: P.38 connect the dots at the top, "Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again." P.39 we offer Jesus' Body and Blood. On p.40 the quote is that "I am the vine, you are the branches, joined to me you will do much good." Remind them that a union means being connected – so we are connected with Jesus in the Eucharist. The leaves depend on the vine for life.

Pp.41-43: The Eucharist is our best way of remembering Jesus, being with Jesus, and praising and thanking God. On p.42 the words to the Our Father are in the crosstic at the top. On p. 43 any answer that shows that we see the others as God's and so our family, that we know the Our Father calls us to forgive them the way God forgives us, and we should all be at peace as we go to communion; the priest breaks the bread and prepares the meal and we say "take away the sins" and have mercy on us. We prepare for this by not eating or drinking an hour before receiving Communion, so we can think about how much we need the food that is Jesus.

Pp.44-46: On p.44 he says the Body of Christ and we respond Amen. We receive correctly (practice!) and walk back to our pew thinking about the gift we have received, then kneel and say a prayer of thanksgiving. P.45 connect the dots; p.46 write a prayer you could say when you get back to the kneeler after receiving communion. It should both thank God for something and ask him to help with something.

Pp.47-49: At the end the priest says to go in peace to love and serve and we answer thanks be to God. On p.48 draw a picture of how you could share love (helping someone, giving to the poor) and at the bottom he gives his love to one and all to let them know he loves them too. On p.49 the Mass is our family celebration, when Jesus is with us, and speaks to us through the readings and the homily. He does what was done at the Last Supper and the bread and wine become the body and blood, which we offer to God. We receive Communion and share Eucharist. Jesus wants us to take his love with us as we go out into the world. The word **Mass** comes from the Latin word *missa* which means sent; we are sent into the world to be Jesus for others.

Pp.50-52: Read the story, on p.51 it's as important as bread, and the Eucharist helps us grow in our love and leads us to everlasting life. At the bottom color the letters with dots to read the message. On p.52 list the date, time and our parish.

Pp.53-55: God is your best friend, who will always listen to you and give you what you need. Connect the dots at the bottom. On p.54 it's hurray for your name because the Eucharist is food for your life. He will help the love in you grow more and more like his.

At the end of the book, there are prayers that are regularly used in Mass. Be sure your child is familiar with them!

## **Evening Prayer for Families**

**Dear Jesus,  
we renew our pledge of love and loyalty to You.  
Keep us always close to your loving heart  
and to the most pure heart of your Mother.**

**May we love one another more and more each day,  
forgiving each other's faults as You forgive us our sins.  
Teach us to see you in the members of our family  
and those we meet outside our home,  
and to love them as You love them,  
that we may be instrumental  
in bringing about justice and peace.**

**Please help us each day  
to bear our burdens patiently out of love for You,  
And to strengthen this love  
by going to Mass and Communion.**

**Thank you, dear Jesus, King and Friend of our family,  
for all the blessings of this day.  
Protect us and all families during this night.  
Help us to live in a way that shows our love for You.**

**Let our prayers rise to you,  
and bless us and all families  
with health, peace and prosperity  
as we live out Your mission here on earth  
to bring about the Kingdom.  
We pray this as we pray all things, in Jesus' name,  
Amen.**