

# EUCHARIST INSTRUCTION CURRICULUM

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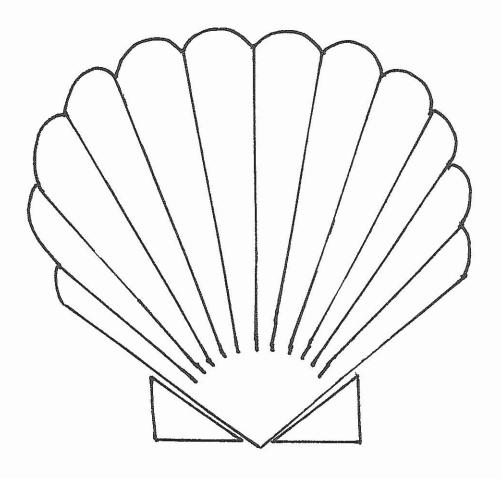
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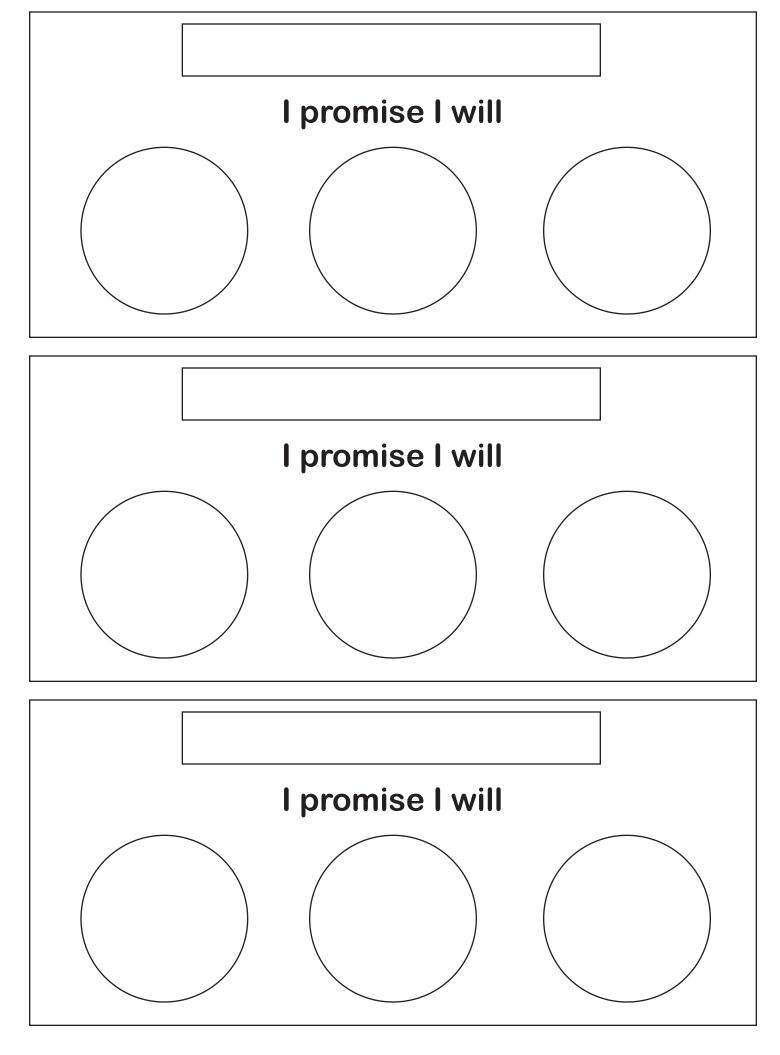


Communion brings God's family together.

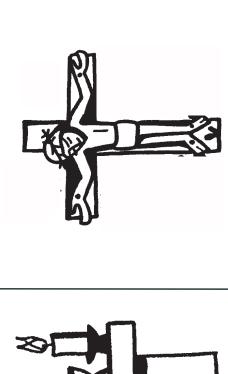




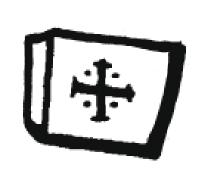


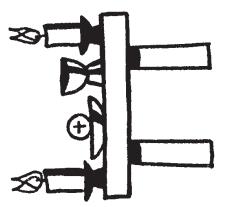


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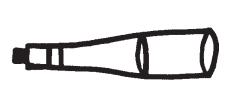


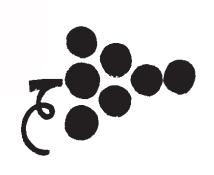


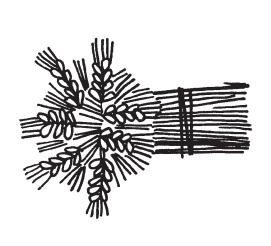


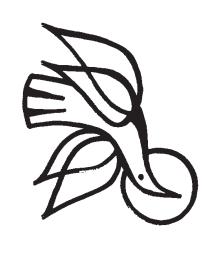


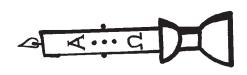












## **Prayers**

Creator and creating God, we thank you for our church and our family. On this day of Sabbath, we rest our bodies and we rest in your promises.

In the name of Jesus, Amen. (from *Peanut Butter and Jelly Prayers*, Julie B. Sevig.)

God be with you as you go.
God be with you through this day.
God be with you as you work
and think and hear and speak and play.
Amen.

(from The Anglican Family Prayer Book, Anne E. Kitch.)

Let all your works praise you, Lord. Let all your people bless you. We give you thanks for all your gifts, almighty God,

living and reigning now and forever. Amen. (from *Blessings and Prayers*, Gabe Huck.)

The Lord bless us and keep us. Amen The Lord make his face to shine upon us and be gracious to us. Amen. The Lord lift up his countenance upon us and give us peace. Amen.

We thank you, Lord, for stories and for the people who tell those stories to us. We thank you for the stories in the Bible. Help us remember that these are our stories too and help us as we find ourselves in those stories. Amen.

Watch over your child(ren) N. O Lord, as her (our) days increase; bless and guide her (us) wherever she (we) may be. Strengthen her (us) when she(we) stand(s); comfort her (us) when discouraged or sorrowful; raise her (us) up if she (we) fall(s), and in her(our) heart(s) may your peace which passes all understanding abide all the days of her(our) life(lives); through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
(Book of Common Prayer, p. 830)

### The Children's Creed

We believe in God above.

We believe in Jesus' love. We believe in the Spirit, too. Who comes to tell us what to do.

# The Prayers of the People

The Universal church, its members and its mission

The Nation and all in authority
The welfare of the world
The concerns of the local community
Those who suffer and those in any trouble
The departed (with commemoration of a saint when appropriate)

You may use one of the Prayers in the Book of Common Prayer or write your own using the above "outline".

*Materials needed:* White cloth, 1 pillar candle, small taper candles for each child.

# The Story of the Light

There was once someone so amazing and who did such wonderful things. People asked "Who are you?"

He said, "I am the Light."

Many years ago, there was a prophet named Isaiah. Listen to what Isaiah said, "The people who have walked in darkness have seen a new light."

That light came to earth on Christmas Day in Bethlehem when Jesus was born.

Light the Paschal Candle

He grew up to be a man and came to his cousin John the Baptist at the Jordan River and Jesus asked John to baptize him.

Jesus then began his ministry here on earth. He taught, he performed miracles, healed the sick and told wonderful stories about the kingdom of heaven. But his words scared some people in authority and they decided they had to kill him. And so the light went out. For a moment darkness overcame the light and Jesus died.

Extinguish the Paschal Candle.

But three days later, some women went to the tomb where Jesus' body had been put and found instead an angel and the stone door rolled away. The angel asked who they were looking for and they said, "Jesus." The angel said, "He is not here. He is risen." And then they saw Jesus in the garden. The Light had come back.

Relight the Paschal candle.

Jesus had a new life that would never die. A light that would never go out.

At your baptism you receive the Light of Christ. We are to tell others of Jesus and God's love for us. I invite you to come forward to receive a candle that will remind you that you are the Light of the world.

As each person comes forward say, "N. receive the light of Christ".

Now let us enjoy the light.

I wonder what Jesus meant when he said, "I am the light."

We began with just one light. Look how it has grown. What if we saw all the lights of those who have been baptized in this church?

In this city?

In this country?

In the whole world?

How bright would they be!