

## BACKGROUND

The Mass is full of words from the bible. Some of these words come from Jesus himself such as the words he spoke to his disciples at the Last Supper.

This activity provides children and families an opportunity to reflect on the words Jesus said at the last supper and the words the priest says in the Eucharistic prayer at Mass. This time includes writing or drawing or both to deepen our understanding of Christ Jesus being truly and fully present to us in the Eucharist. In the Catholic tradition, we call this the 'real presence' of Jesus in the Eucharist.

## YOU WILL NEED:

- a printed template for each child (on card)
- scissors
- pens and pencils
- split pins
- print outs of the Scriptures and prayers from the mass pages for families to refer to
- Bibles



## INSTRUCTIONS

### PART 1

Source a bible to each child and their parent and hand them out (use the print out of **Scripture and prayers from the mass** pages if you don't have bibles).

Wait for everyone to find the passages and take turns reading them aloud: Ask questions about what Jesus means when he says these things.

**Words of the scripture** - Matthew 26:26-28, John 6:35.

**Words from Eucharistic Prayer I** - "Take this all of you and eat of it for this is my Body which will be given up for you"

**The Doxology of the Eucharist Prayer** - "Through him and with him and in him, O God, almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honour is yours, for ever and ever. Amen"

### PART 2

- Have the children cut out the templates.
- Invite the children to write or draw something on the circle as they reflect on the Eucharist - this could be the words Jesus spoke from the Last Supper, the words the priest says in the Eucharist prayer, a picture even a prayer (**note:** the dot on the circle goes to the bottom of the finished craft).
- Stack the pieces of the template so that the dots align. Ensure that the circle with the drawing of Jesus is placed on the bottom of the stack.
- Insert the split pin through the templates as indicated by the dots.



**Matthew 26:26-28**

“As they were eating, Jesus took some bread and blessed it. Then he broke it in pieces and gave it to the disciples, saying, 'Take this and eat it, for this is my body”

**John 6:35**

“Jesus said to them, ‘I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst.’

**Eucharistic Prayer**

“Through him and with him and in him, O God, almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honour is yours, for ever and ever.

Amen

**The Doxology of the Eucharist Prayer**

“Take this all of you and eat of it for this is my Body which will be given up for you” in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honour is yours, for ever and ever.

Amen

