

Jesus Performs Signs

Keep these ideas in mind as you study **Unit 3, Session 12**.

At the wedding feast at Cana, Jesus rewarded Mary's trust and faith and performed his first miracle by changing water to wine. The wedding feast at Cana highlights Mary's significant role in Jesus' ministry. **PAGE 89**

The first 12 chapters of the Gospel of John are called the Book of Signs. Jesus' signs reveal God's glory. They reveal not only who Jesus is but also who the Father is. Jesus' signs, or miracles, show us God's abundant love for us. **PAGE 90**

In another miracle of abundance, Jesus multiplied five barley loaves and two fish so that about 5,000 people could be fed. God's promises are fulfilled with abundance. **PAGE 90**

Jesus' first miracle reminds us that opportunities to do something good may come when we least expect them. Through Jesus' words, guidance, and the abiding Spirit of God within us, we can make a difference. **PAGE 90**

We encounter Jesus at key times during our faith journey, such as when we receive the sacraments. A sacrament is a sacred rite, a ceremonial religious act that is a sign of God's love and presence in our lives. The sacraments are Christ's actions in our lives. **PAGE 91**

The sacraments were instituted by Christ, including the Sacrament of Baptism. Jesus gave his Great Commission to his disciples: "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the holy Spirit, . . ." **PAGE 91**

The seven sacraments are Baptism, Confirmation, the Eucharist, Penance and Reconciliation, Anointing of the Sick, Matrimony, and Holy Orders. **PAGES 91 AND 92**

The Sacraments of Initiation are Baptism, Confirmation, and the Eucharist. The Sacraments of Healing are Penance and Reconciliation and Anointing of the Sick. The Sacraments at the Service of Communion are Matrimony and Holy Orders. **PAGES 91 AND 92**

Repentance is our turning away from sin with a desire to change our lives and live more closely to the way God wants us to live. In the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation, we confess our sins to a priest, perform a penance, show repentance, and hear words of absolution. **PAGE 92**

The sacraments are sacred rites that are signs of God's love and presence in our lives. God gave us signs of his love by becoming one of us and giving us the Church as our home. **PAGE 92**

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