



Giving Thanks to God

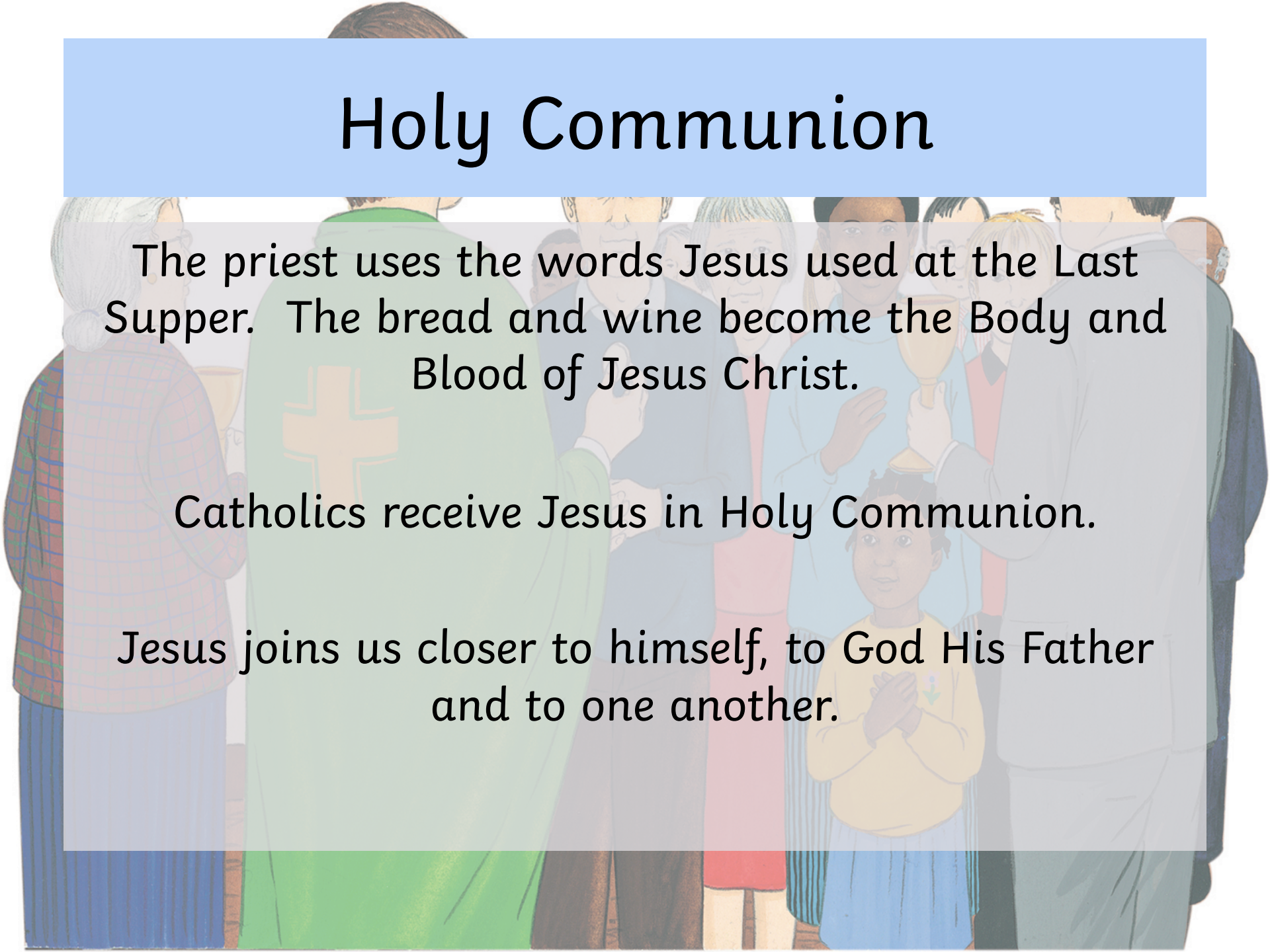
We give thanks to God for giving
us Jesus in Holy Communion.

Holy Communion

The priest uses the words Jesus used at the Last Supper. The bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ.

Catholics receive Jesus in Holy Communion.

Jesus joins us closer to himself, to God His Father and to one another.



Holy Communion

When Catholics go forward in church to receive Jesus in Holy Communion it is a very special time of thanks and praise. The priest holds up the host and says, "The Body of Christ." The people respond "Amen!" The Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion holds up the Chalice and says, "The Blood of Christ." and the people respond "Amen!"

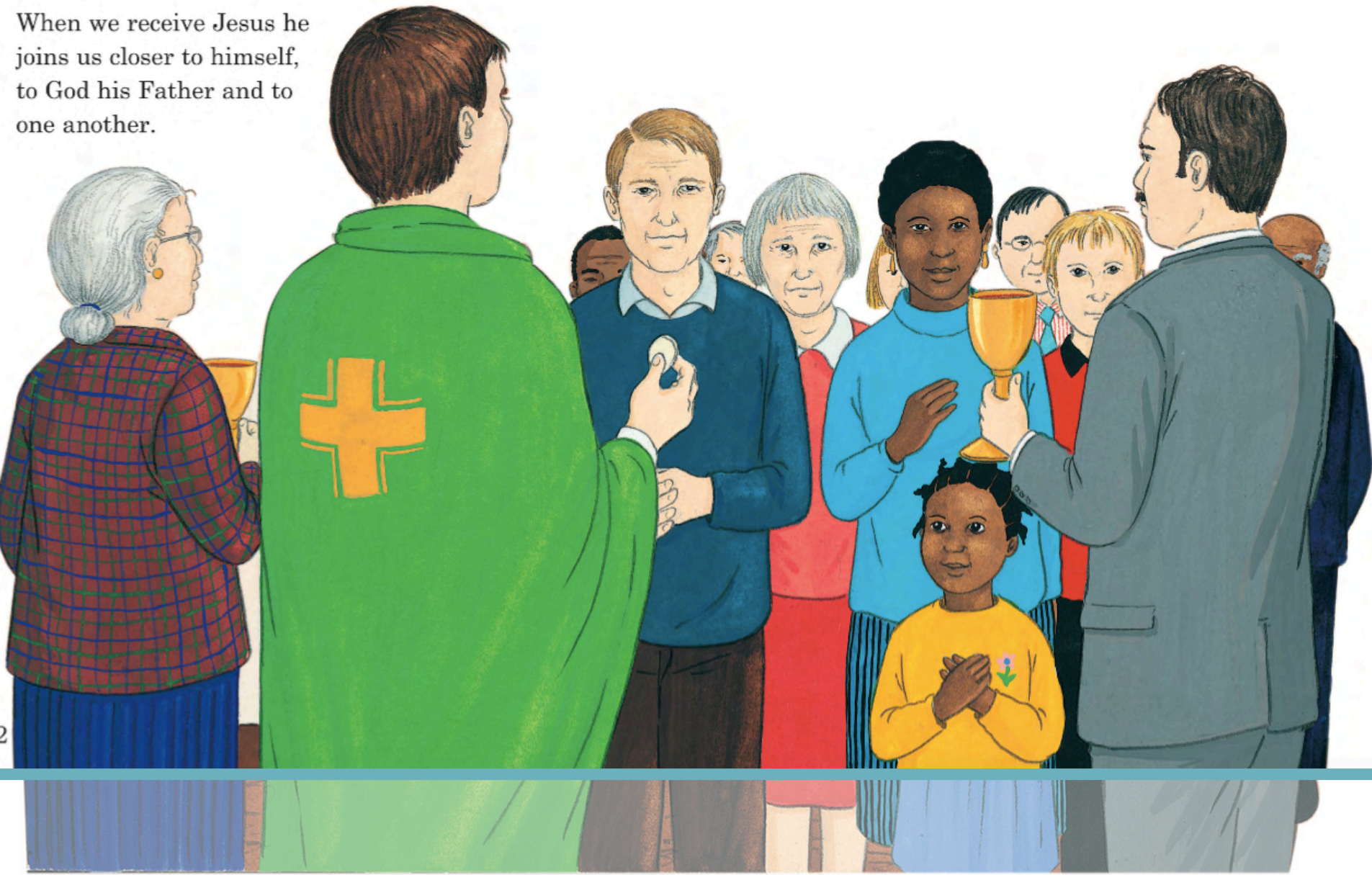
In the Eucharistic Prayer the priest
does what Jesus did at the Last Supper.

'Take this, all of you, and eat of it:
For this is my body.'



'This is the chalice of my blood.'
'Do this in memory of me.'

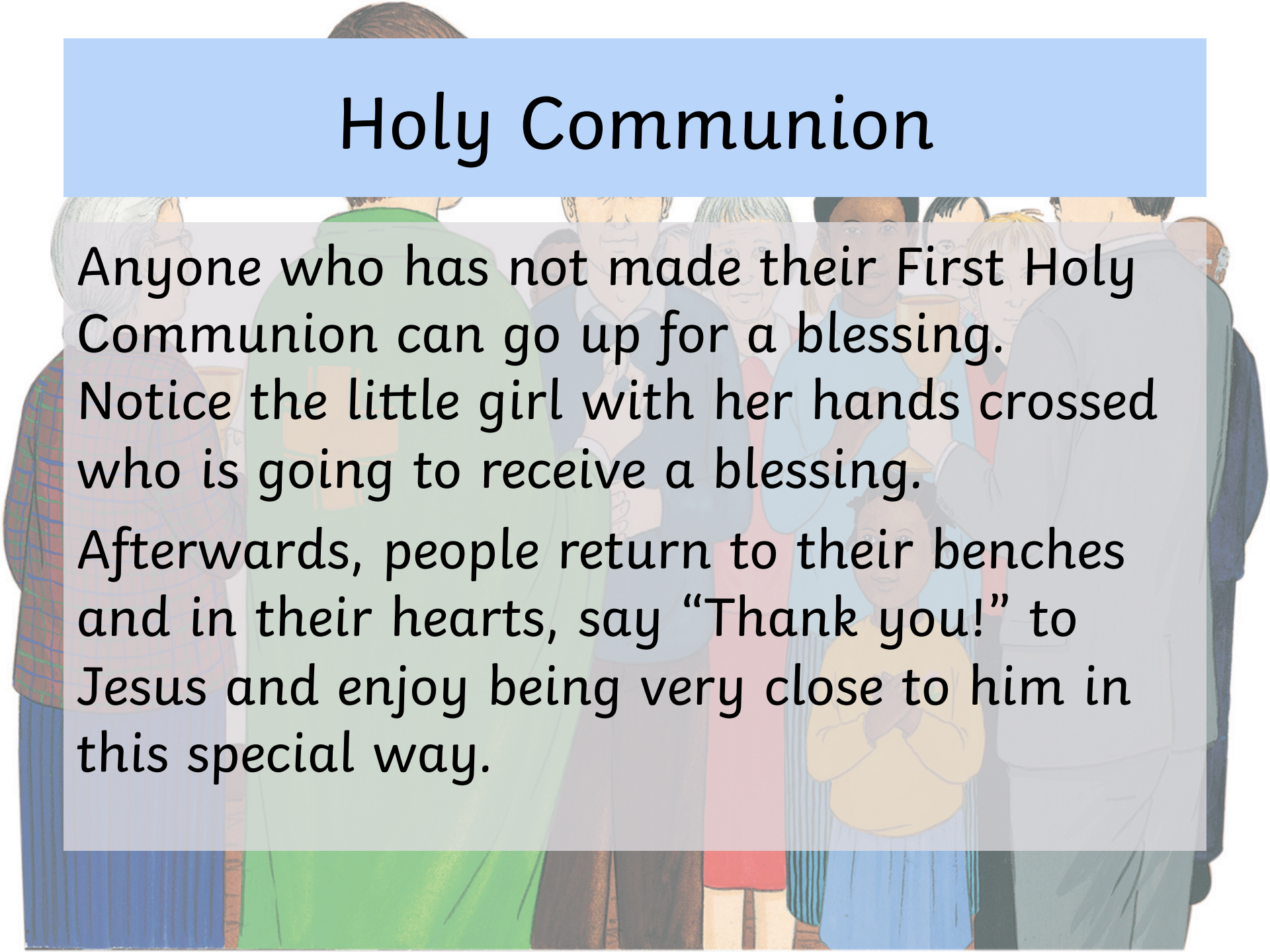
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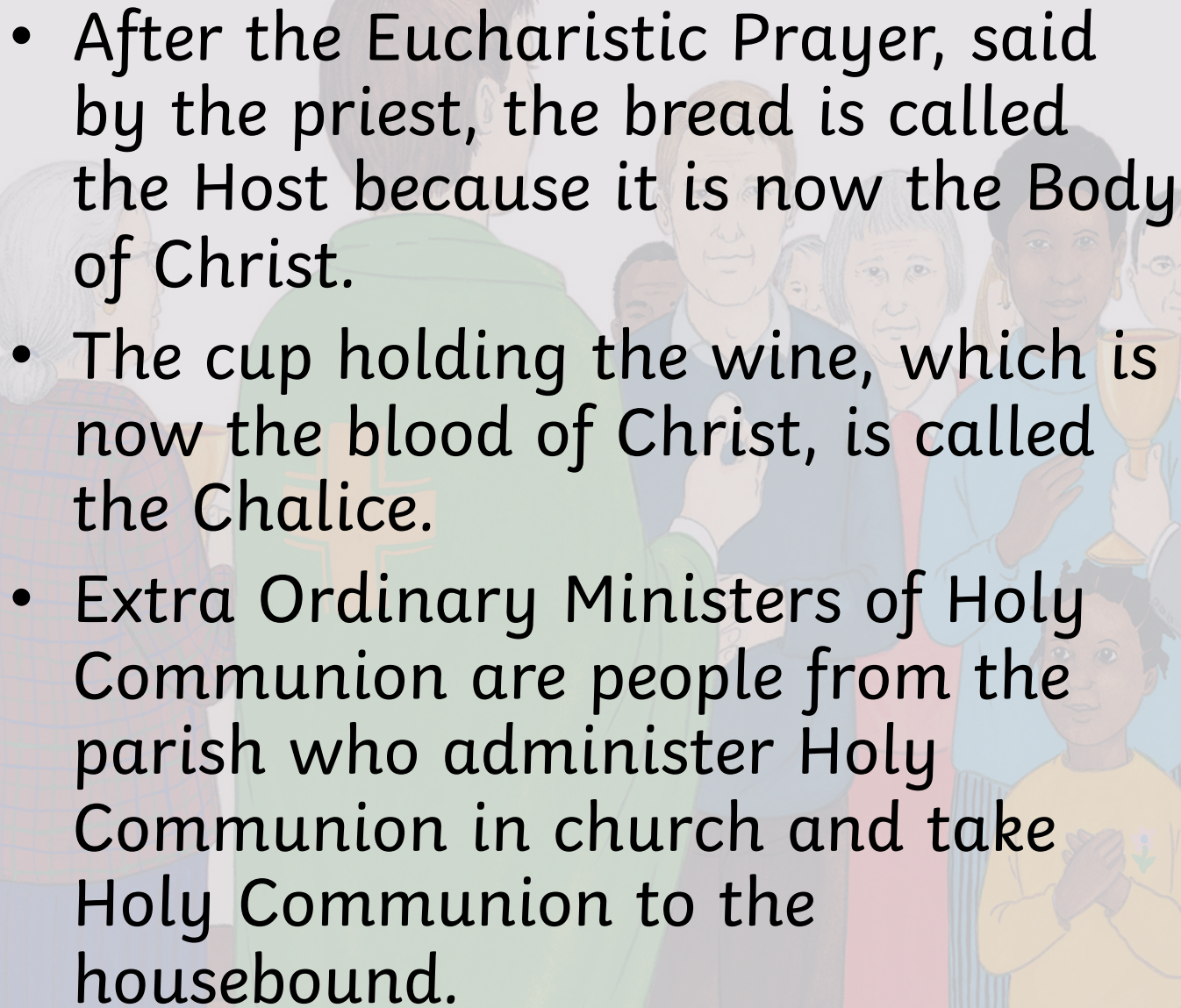


Holy Communion

Anyone who has not made their First Holy Communion can go up for a blessing. Notice the little girl with her hands crossed who is going to receive a blessing.

Afterwards, people return to their benches and in their hearts, say “Thank you!” to Jesus and enjoy being very close to him in this special way.



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- After the Eucharistic Prayer, said by the priest, the bread is called the Host because it is now the Body of Christ.
 - The cup holding the wine, which is now the blood of Christ, is called the Chalice.
 - Extra Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are people from the parish who administer Holy Communion in church and take Holy Communion to the housebound.

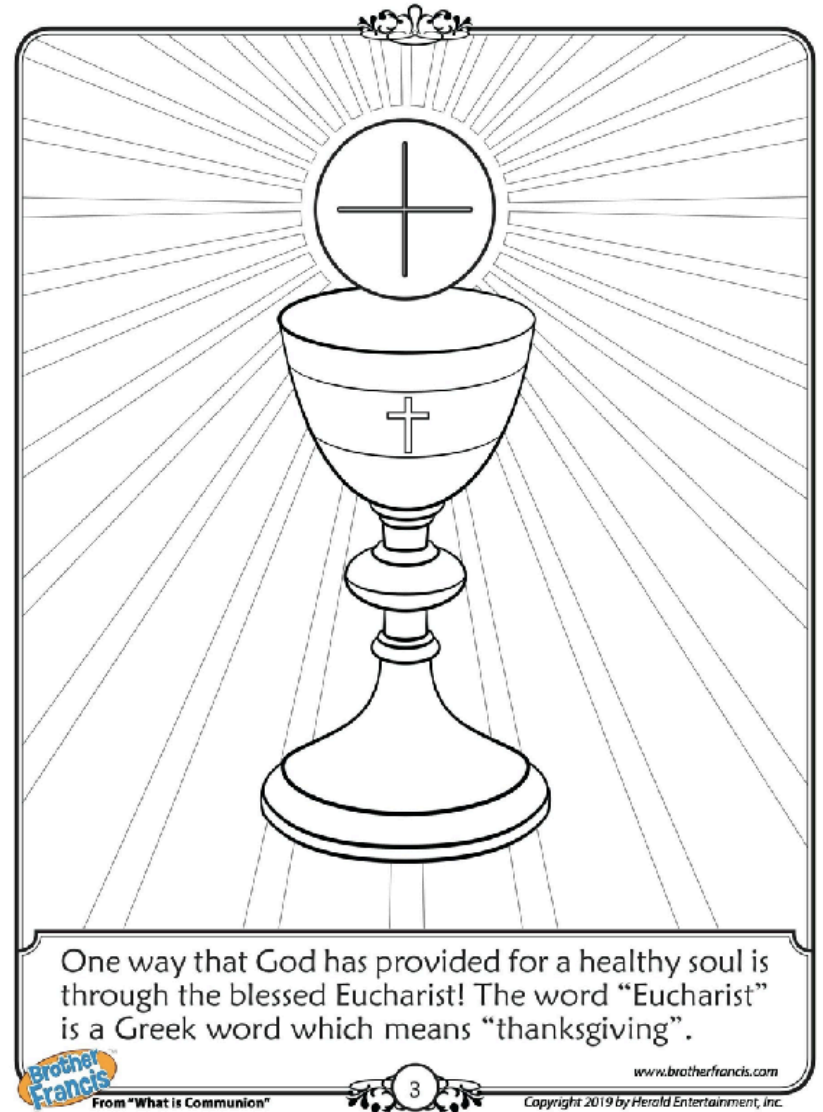
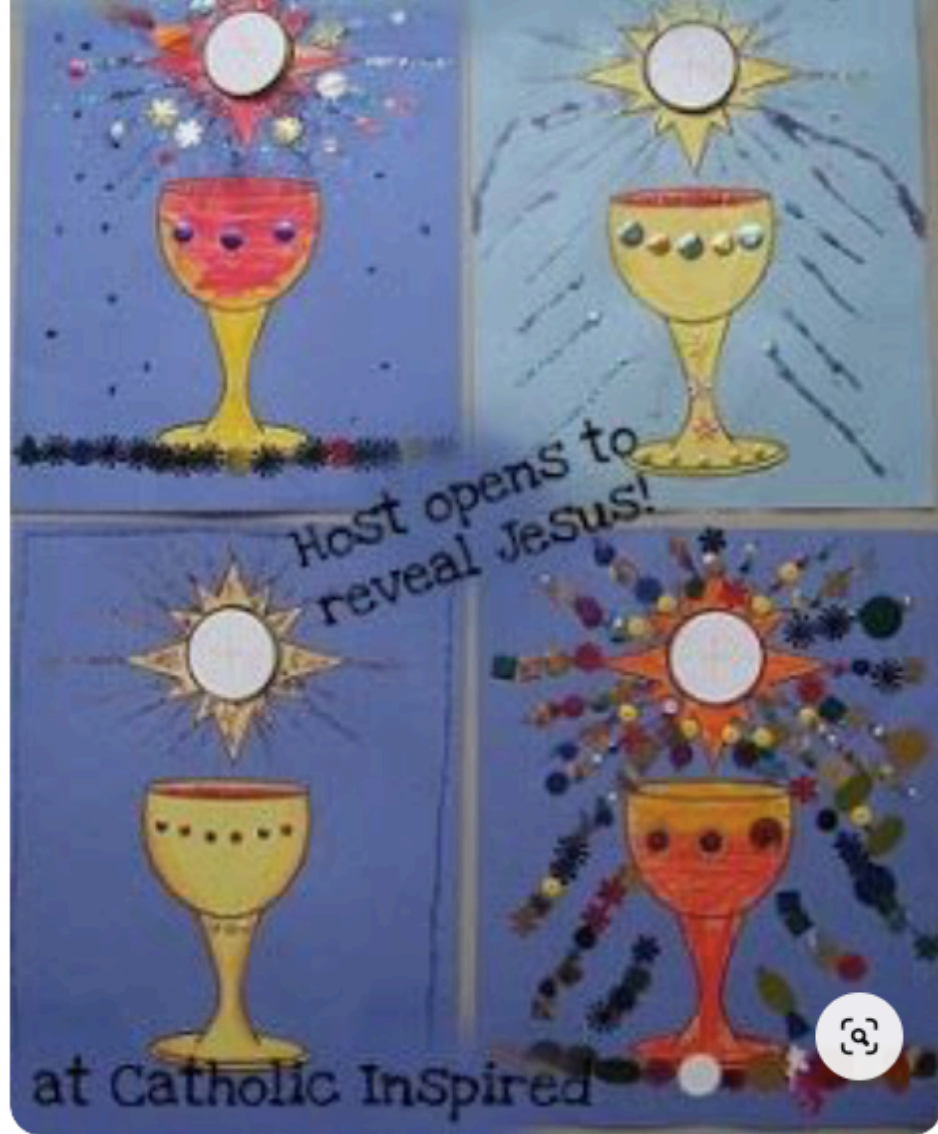
Teaching Points

Today's Task

Create your own piece of Eucharist artwork.



Jesus in the Eucharist Art Project



One way that God has provided for a healthy soul is through the blessed Eucharist! The word "Eucharist" is a Greek word which means "thanksgiving".

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