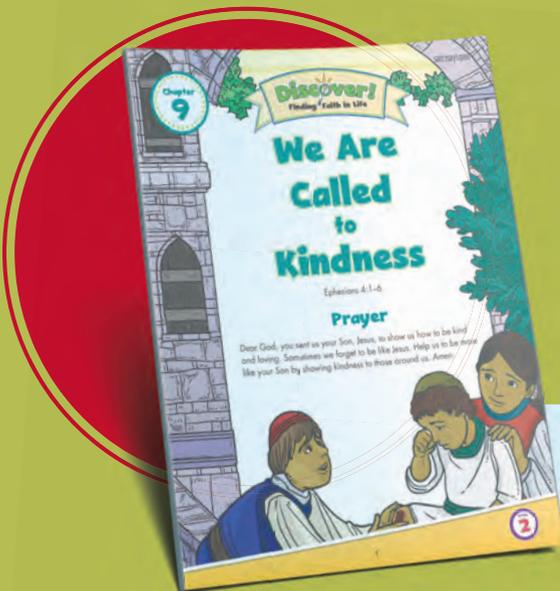


# TRY THIS!



This activity is taken from chapter 9 of the Grade 2 Activity Booklet in the *Discover! Finding Faith in Life* program.

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Answer to puzzle (in order): *body, Spirit, hope, Lord, faith, Baptism, God*

# Unity Unscramble

Unscramble the following words to reveal the different things that are named as one in the Featured Story on page 1846 in *The Catholic Children's Bible* (Ephesians 4:1–6).

**(ydbo)** \_\_\_\_\_

**(iiSrpt)** \_\_\_\_\_

**(hpeo)** \_\_\_\_\_

**(odrL)** \_\_\_\_\_

**(ahffi)** \_\_\_\_\_

**(aBtipms)** \_\_\_\_\_

**(dGo)** \_\_\_\_\_

### Paul's Work for the Gentiles

**3** <sup>1</sup> For this reason I, Paul, the prisoner of Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles, pray to God. <sup>2</sup> Surely you have heard that God in his grace has given me this work to do for your good. <sup>3</sup> God revealed his secret plan and made it known to me. (I have written briefly about this, <sup>4</sup> and if you will read what I have written, you can learn about my understanding of the secret of Christ.) <sup>5</sup> In past times human beings were not told this secret, but God has revealed it now by the Spirit to his holy apostles and prophets. <sup>6</sup> The secret is that by means of the gospel the Gentiles have a part with the Jews in God's blessings; they are members of the same body and share in the promise that God made through Christ Jesus.

<sup>7</sup> I was made a servant of the gospel by God's special gift, which he gave me through the working of his power. <sup>8</sup> I am less than the least of all God's people; yet God gave me this privilege of taking to the Gentiles the Good News about the infinite riches of Christ, <sup>9</sup> and of making all people see how God's secret plan is to be put into effect. God, who is the Creator of all things, kept his secret hidden through all the past ages, <sup>10</sup> in order that at the present time, by means of the church, the angelic rulers and powers in the heavenly world might learn of his wisdom in all its different forms. <sup>11</sup> God did this according to his eternal purpose, which he achieved through Christ Jesus our Lord. <sup>12</sup> In union with Christ and through our faith in him we have the boldness to go into God's presence with all confidence. <sup>13</sup> I beg you, then, not to be discouraged because I

am suffering for you; it is all for your benefit.

### The Love of Christ

<sup>14</sup> For this reason I fall on my knees before the Father, <sup>15</sup> from whom every family in heaven and on earth receives its true name. <sup>16</sup> I ask God from the wealth of his glory to give you power through his Spirit to be strong in your inner selves, <sup>17</sup> and I pray that Christ will make his home in your hearts through faith. I pray that you may have your roots and foundation in love, <sup>18</sup> so that you, together with all God's people, may have the power to understand how broad and long, how high and deep, is Christ's love. <sup>19</sup> Yes, may you come to know his love—although it can never be fully known—and so be completely filled with the very nature of God.

<sup>20</sup> To him who by means of his power working in us is able to do so much more than we can ever ask for, or even think of: <sup>21</sup> to God be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus for all time, forever and ever! Amen.

### The Unity of the Body

**4** <sup>1</sup> I urge you, then—I who am a prisoner because I serve the Lord: live a life that measures up to the standard God set when he called you. <sup>2</sup> Be always humble, gentle, and patient. Show your love by being tolerant with one another. <sup>3</sup> Do your best to preserve the unity which the Spirit gives by means of the peace that binds you together. <sup>4</sup> There is one body and one Spirit, just as there is one hope to which God has called you. <sup>5</sup> There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism; <sup>6</sup> there is one God and Father of all

people, who is Lord of all, works through all, and is in all.

**7** Each one of us has received a special gift in proportion to what Christ has given. **8** As the scripture says,

“When he went up to the very heights,  
he took many captives with him;  
he gave gifts to people.”

**9** Now, what does “he went up” mean? It means that first he came down to the lowest depths of the earth. **10** So the one who came down is the same one who went up, above and beyond the heavens, to fill the whole universe with his presence. **11** It was he who “gave gifts to people”; he appointed some to be apostles, others to be prophets, others to be evangelists, others to be pastors and teachers. **12** He did this to prepare all God’s people for the work of Christian service, in order to build up the body of Christ. **13** And so we shall all come together to that oneness in our faith and in our knowledge of the Son of God; we shall become mature people, reaching to the very height of Christ’s full stature. **14** Then we shall no longer be children, carried by the waves and blown about by every shifting wind of the teaching of deceitful people, who lead others into error by the tricks they invent. **15** Instead, by speaking the truth in a spirit of love, we must grow up in every way to Christ, who is the head. **16** Under his control all the different parts of the body fit together, and the whole body is held together by every joint with which it is provided. So when each separate part works as it should, the whole body grows and builds itself up through love.

### The New Life in Christ

**17** In the Lord’s name, then, I warn you: do not continue to live like the heathen, whose thoughts are worthless **18** and whose minds are in the dark. They have no part in the life that God gives, for they are completely ignorant and stubborn. **19** They have lost all feeling of shame; they give themselves over to vice and do all sorts of indecent things without restraint.

**20** That was not what you learned about Christ! **21** You certainly heard about him, and as his followers you were taught the truth that is in Jesus. **22** So get rid of your old self, which made you live as you used to—the old self that was being destroyed by its deceitful desires. **23** Your hearts and minds must be made completely new, **24** and you must put on the new self, which is created in God’s likeness and reveals itself in the true life that is upright and holy.

**25** No more lying, then! Each of you must tell the truth to the other believer, because we are all members together in the body of Christ. **26** If you become angry, do not let your anger lead you into sin, and do not stay angry all day. **27** Don’t give the Devil a chance. **28** If you used to rob, you must stop robbing and start working, in order to earn an honest living for yourself and to be able to help the poor. **29** Do not use harmful words, but only helpful words, the kind that build up and provide what is needed, so that what you say will do good to those who hear you. **30** And do not make God’s Holy Spirit sad; for the Spirit is God’s mark of ownership on you, a guarantee that the Day will come when God will set you free. **31** Get rid of all bitterness, passion, and anger. No more shouting

## Treat Other People with Kindness



Ephesians 4:1–6

**1** I urge you then . . . live a life that measures up to the standard God set when he called you. **2** Be always **humble**, gentle, and patient. Show your love by being **tolerant** with one another. **3** Do your best to **preserve** the **unity** which the Spirit gives by means of the peace that binds you together. **4** There is one body and one Spirit, just as there is one hope to which God has called you. **5** There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism; **6** there is one God and Father of all people, who is Lord of all, works through all, and is in all.

**humble** not proud, modest

**tolerant** willing to respect the opinions, customs, and beliefs of others

**preserve** protect or keep from harm or change

**unity** put together in order to make whole



## Understand it!

How do you feel when someone you know is mean to you? How do you feel about that person? You and the person certainly are no longer one. Maybe you don't want to speak to him or her. You might not even want to be with that person anymore. You are not at peace. But neither is the other person!

This Bible passage teaches us that peace is kept when people are kind and gentle. Sometimes it's hard to be kind. We might be sad or angry. We might not feel good. We might not like certain people, or maybe we're bothered by what they do. If we do hurt someone and destroy the peace, we can still repair it. We can be humble and apologize. We can be extra kind to the one we hurt. The Holy Spirit will help us.

## Live It!

Here is a prayer asking for Jesus' help in being kind:

Dear Jesus,  
I want to follow your example  
and be kind to everyone I know.  
Help me to love my family.  
Help me to be patient with my friends.  
I pray that your love will shine through me  
so everyone I meet will know your love. Amen.

## Following Jesus

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Reading Plan

## Tell it!



1



2



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Using the pictures above, retell this reading in your own words.



**STORY**  
Ephesians 4