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# Moments of Celebration

*These 'pre-sacramental' books will help younger students prepare for sacraments in middle and senior grades.*



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An **introduction** to the  
**sacramental** experience for **F to Year 2**

# Moments of Celebration

## Finding God in Everyday Moments

An introduction to the sacramental experience

While we might expect that children are learning about the Catholic faith before they reach school, this is increasingly not the case. Moments of Celebration is a perfect introduction to the sacramental experience and provides a rich basis for discussion and building understanding of the sacraments and life of the Church.



Each book contains convenient teacher's notes that offer a clear overview, learning outcome, and ideas for exploring the book with young readers

### Notes for Teachers

#### Overview

Our belonging to our family of origin and our Parish family are expressions of our belonging to God; our belonging in God.

#### Learning outcomes

1 Name the significant people who are glad that the child is here.

2 Experience the positive feelings that...

#### Children's experience

- Who's glad that you're here - at home?
- Who's glad that you're here - at school?
- Where else are people glad that you're there?
- What sort of things do you do and say to show that you are glad?
- Pray a 'God bless Mum' prayer, naming the people.

# The sacramental experience begins in our lived experience

Each of the sacraments is a ritualised celebration of God's presence and action at significant times in our lives, whether these be single experiences or repeated experiences that occur again and again.

## Sacramental Themes

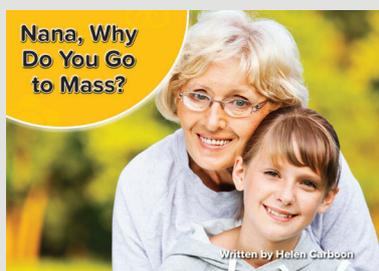
### Baptism and Confirmation



### Reconciliation



### Eucharist



### All Sacraments



An 8-book series for use in the classroom, or with parents or carers at home.



# Guided Reading Literacy

**8 books** for Foundation to Year 2 levels

**Teacher guide** with notes for teachers and parents

**Topics include** meals, family, belonging, work, parents, death, forgiveness, and 'God things' in everyday life.

**Each levelled reader** contains 16 pages – with realistic photos to encourage visual literacy

**Topics levelled appropriately** for lower primary on the theme of living out the sacraments in everyday life.

**Links to** Australian Curriculum and Religious Education Strands

## Reading Levels

**Foundation** *We Are Glad You Are Here*  
*Getting Ready to Eat*

**Year 1** *Our Family Tree*  
*Feelings Come and Go*

**Year 2** *When You Were Little*  
*Nanna, Why Do you Go to Mass?*  
*Angus is Sorry*  
*Celebrations*

## What teachers are saying

“ Concepts explored in the texts fit well with topics covered in these levels. ”

“ Having these as levelled reading material is great! ”

“ The teacher notes are clear and provide great direction - very user friendly. ”

“ Any resources that help make it easier for teachers to link authentically to the new RE Framework are always welcome. ”

“ Everyday life activity is related to the sacraments and make a definite and clear connection to the RE message. ”

“ Accessible connections for young learners. ”