

Chapter 11

Unity

You have been called together in one body and one Spirit, one hope, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and father of all.

Ephesians 4:4—6

For the Parents:

In chapter 11 your child learned to:

- Define *diversity* and *unity*
- Understand the need for Christian unity
- Take steps toward unity in relationships with others
- Work together to identify and meet a need of children in their community

Painful memories have poisoned relations between East and West for nearly 1000 years. In 1054 Christianity split into Roman Catholic and Orthodox branches over the subject of papal authority. To make matters worse, Crusaders from Europe demolished Constantinople, the center of the Orthodox world, in 1204. Mass killings ensued. Then the victorious nobles carried the city's treasures back to Rome.

On May 5, 2001, Pope John Paul II publicly apologized for times past and present when sons and daughters of the Catholic Church sinned by action or omission against their Orthodox brothers and sisters. He asked God's forgiveness for the Church.

With Your Child:

1. Your family has its own signs of unity. Check the things that your family does to bring family members together. This week, try a new activity. Listen to everyone's ideas. Then work together to make it happen.
2. Read about Pope John XXIII on the Review and Explore page.