

Chapter 17

***Gathering***

They devoted themselves to the common life and the breaking of the bread.  
*Acts 2:42*

**To the Parents:**

In chapter 17 your child learned to:

- Explain why God set aside one day for rest
- Tell why Sunday is the Christian holy day
- Describe ways to keep the Lord's Day

If God could be exhausted, we can suppose God would have been pretty tired after six days spent creating the world. Little wonder that on the seventh day, God rested. Whether or not God actually needed the rest is beside the point. The fact is, God knew that we would need to rest at the end or beginning of our busy weeks. What a blessing to have a day to pause, to pray, to celebrate, to hang out, to slow down, to gather with family and friends to not work! Sunday, the day of the Lord, is the day we, as resurrection people, celebrate Jesus' life-giving actions. Sunday is not supposed to be like every other day. On Sunday, we rejoice in all the Lord has given us.

**With Your Child:**

1. Prepare a family dinner together. Cook together. Set the table together. Do the dishes together.
2. Talk about the things that can get in the way of honoring the Lord's Day. How can you work around them?
3. Read about Saint Catherine of Siena on the Review and Explore page.