



## Going to Church

1. Before you go to church, talk with the children about what type of behavior is appropriate in the church. Explain that they will be sitting in the sanctuary of the church and they must show reverence.
2. As you enter the church, invite the children to sit on the floor in the sanctuary. Ask them to sit facing the pews. Encourage them to silently look out at the empty pews.
3. Then encourage them to imagine what the priest sees when he looks out at all the people at mass. Explain to the children that the church is all of the people that gather for mass. Not only do we belong to our church, but also we are the church. In fact, our church building belongs to all of us, not our priest.

If time permits, you might like to give the children the opportunity to draw what they imagine the priest sees when he looks out at all the people at mass. Hang the pictures together under a banner that says, "We are the Church!"