

Your Child's First Communion Banner

Using a cloth material such as felt, make a family Communion banner which will be hung in the Church for your child's First Communion and for the week following.

The banner should measure 12"x 18".

Below are suggestions to give you some ideas. These are merely suggestions; you and your child can be much more creative. The most original are those that are created by the child and reflect their individuality and understanding of the Eucharist. Symbols on the banner can include Eucharist, wheat, grapes, chalice, cross, heart, candle. These all provide good reflection questions to discuss together. Remind your child that he/she is a child of God, and they can include the symbol of a boy or girl on the banner.

For Materials, Michaels sells the dowels (**about 15 inches long**), they have assorted color felt squares and they have lettering (they may not have the 12x18 felt). Jo-Ann's Fabrics sells bolts of different color felt that you can have cut. They also have the smaller different color felt squares to use for the different symbols as well as lettering. Other materials you may want to have on hand... scissors, tacky glue or iron-on adhesive, straight pins, ribbon or yarn for hanging, possibly embroidery threads and needle, craft or fabric paint.

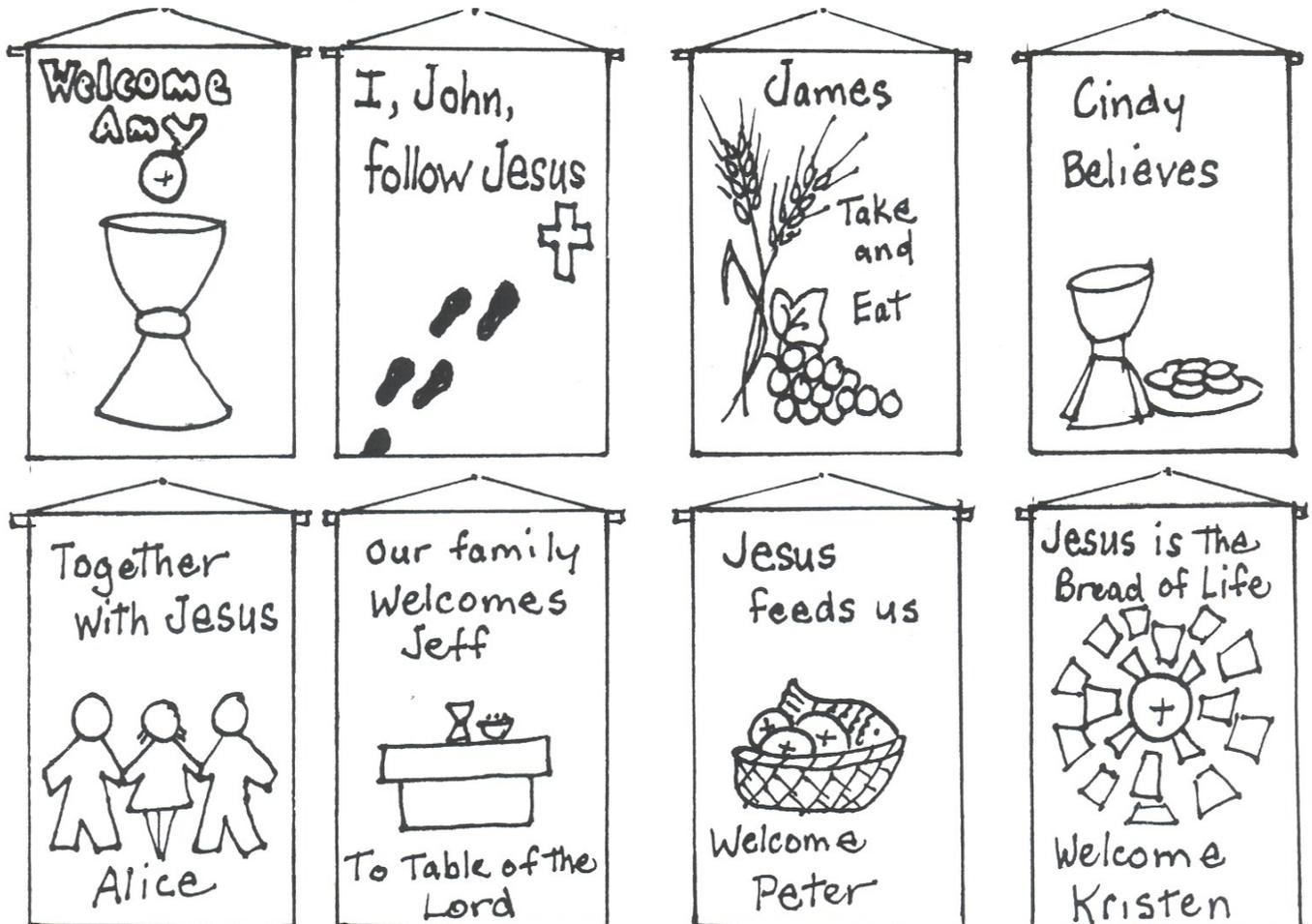
Your child's first name should appear somewhere on the face of the banner.

Please write the family name on the back of the banner so they can be given back without any problem.

It's important that you attach a wooden dowel to the banner and tie yarn, string or ribbon on the ends of the dowel so it can be hung.

Banners are due in the RE Office the day of the First Communion Rehearsal.

You may return them to the RE office or to your child's teacher. They will be displayed in Church during First Communion. Also, so all parishioners can enjoy your banners, they will remain in the church for one full week, and returned to you along with your child's First Communion Certificate.



Reminder...First Name on the front / write child's last name on the back.