

## Children and Communion - booklist

<b>Bread and Wine People</b>	Susan Sayers	Kevin Mayhew	This is an on-going training programme, based on the lectionary. For four weeks in each year, the lectionary readings are used to provide the basis for children's groups and adults to explore an aspect of the Eucharist. Ideas for shared meals are also included. It looks complex, but it's worth persevering with.
<b>Bread for all God's Family</b>	Leslie J. Francis	Gracewing	Thirty-one sessions, each of which looks at a different part of the Communion service. Not a preparation course, more an all-age exploration of the Eucharist.
<b>Celebrating Together</b>		NCEC	Four weeks of material, three of which are age-specific. The fourth is an all-age communion service. It provides good teaching for 3s – adults on the meaning of communion, and could form the basis of a preparation course, or 'refresher'.
<b>Children and Communion</b>	Peter Reiss	Grove Books £2.25	A good introduction to the theological and practical issues surrounding the admittance of children to communion.
<b>Children and Holy Communion</b>	Steve Pearce and Diana Murrie	NS/CHP £5.99	Very good background to the whole debate. The six-week preparation course is more suitable for younger children.
<b>Come and Join the Celebration</b>	John Muir & Betty Pedley	NS/CHP £12.95	The first half of this book provides a good overview of the Eucharistic liturgy, with ways of helping children engage with it. The second half has worksheets and suggestions for preparation courses. It also provides an outline for a communion service with commentary, to help the whole congregation understand more.

<b>Enjoying Mass</b>	Joan Brown	Kevin Mayhew	Not really a preparation course, but some excellent sessions for explaining different parts of the Liturgy. Written for Roman Catholics, but could easily be adapted .
<b>Journey Together towards First Holy Communion</b>	Paddy Rylands	Kevin Mayhew £10.99	Roman Catholic resource, offering five preparation sessions. Good emphasis on involving the family in the preparation.
<b>My Communion Book</b>	Diana Murrie	NS/CHP £4.50 (or £22.50 for 6)	A colourful guide to Holy Communion, designed to be used alongside whichever version of the Common Worship service you are using! There are useful hints for parents at the beginning and end to help them encourage their children to join in the service.
<b>One foot in the water</b>	Geoff Treasure	CPAS	This is a straightforward, easy to use six-week preparation course that helps children look back to baptism and forward to Holy Communion. Down to earth and well suited for 6 – 10 year olds.
<b>SHARE!</b>	Nick Harding	Kevin Mayhew	Five preparation sessions, including a couple for parents. Lots of activities for 7-11s.
<b>Welcome to the Lord's Table</b>	Margaret Withers	BRF £12.99	This is a very thorough course – which could be used to prepare children for baptism or confirmation, as well as communion. The first five chapters cover the background and how to use the sessions. The 10 units (each of which has enough material for 2 sessions) include ideas for activities, prayer and music, as well as biblical material.
<b>Welcome to the Lord's Table – activity book</b>	Margaret Withers	BRF £2.99	This accompanies and reinforces the material in Welcome to the Lord's Table.