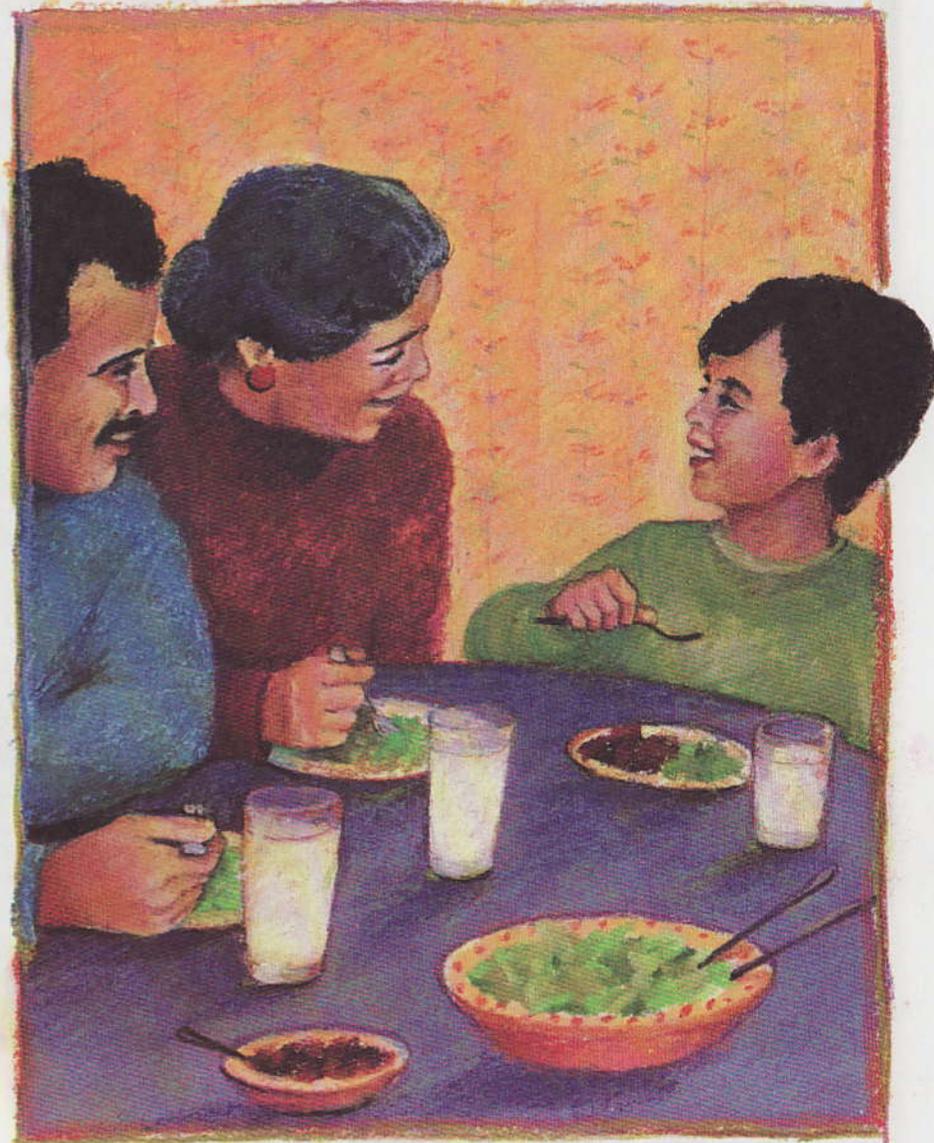


Louis liked to listen
to big words.
He liked to say big words, too.



The family was surprised about
such words coming from
a little boy.

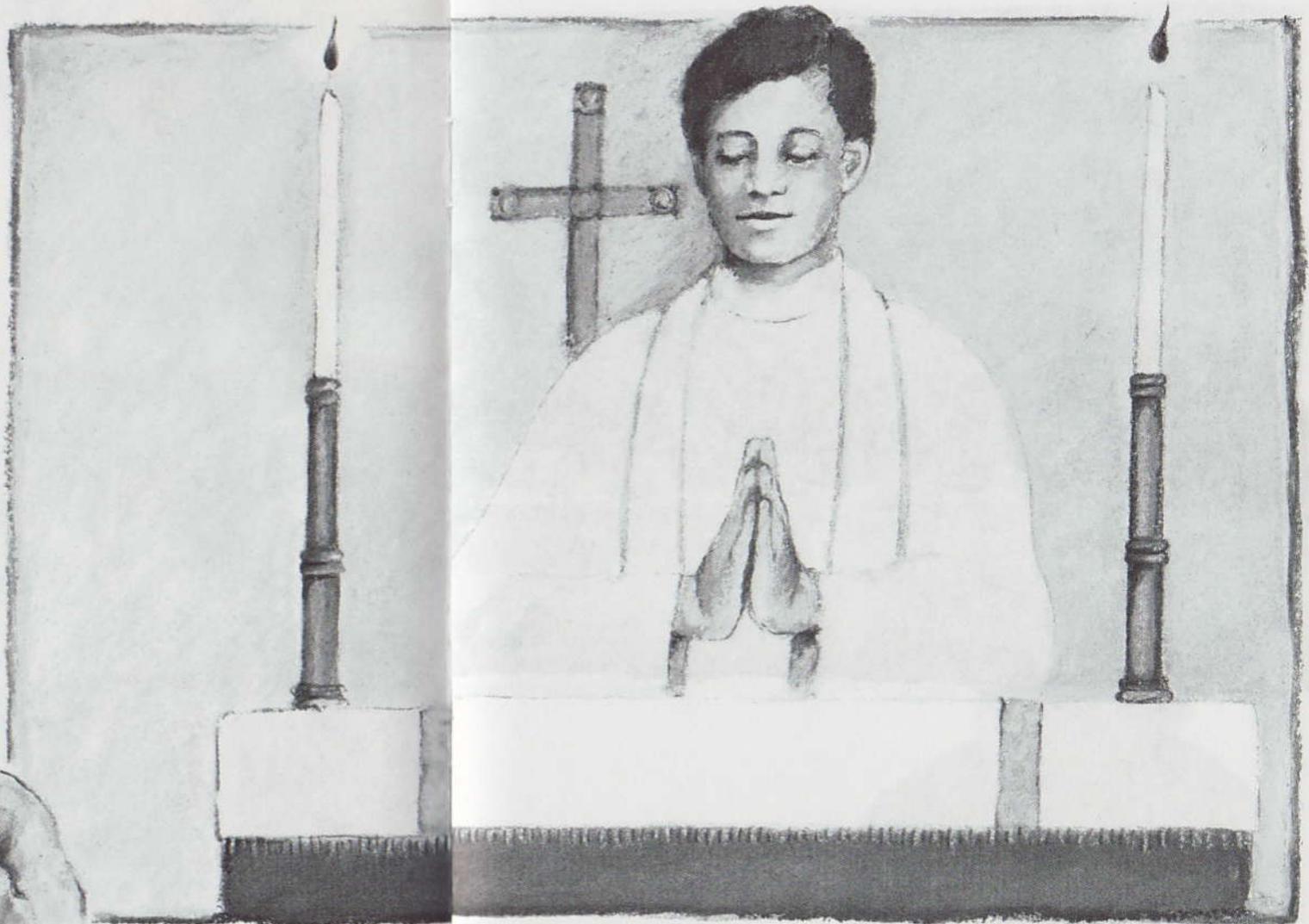


One of Louis' favorite words
was Eucharist.
He liked the way it sounded—
so important, so special.

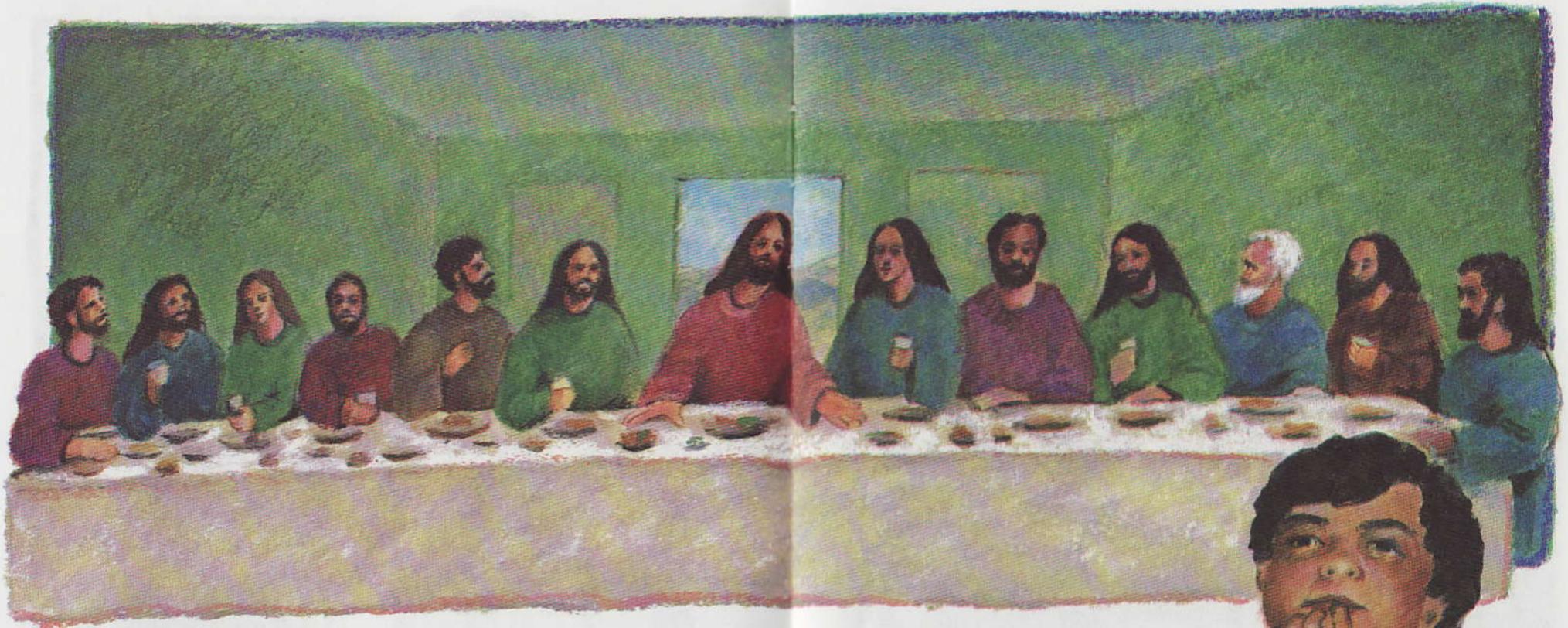
Other people used different words.
His grandmother would say
Holy Communion and
Aunt Jean said the Lord's Supper.
Louis liked all those words,
but Eucharist was still his favorite.



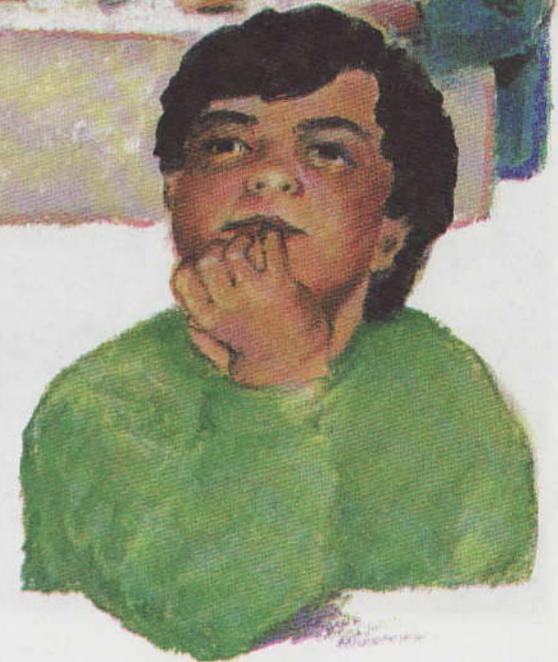
When he heard
the word Eucharist,
or said it to himself,



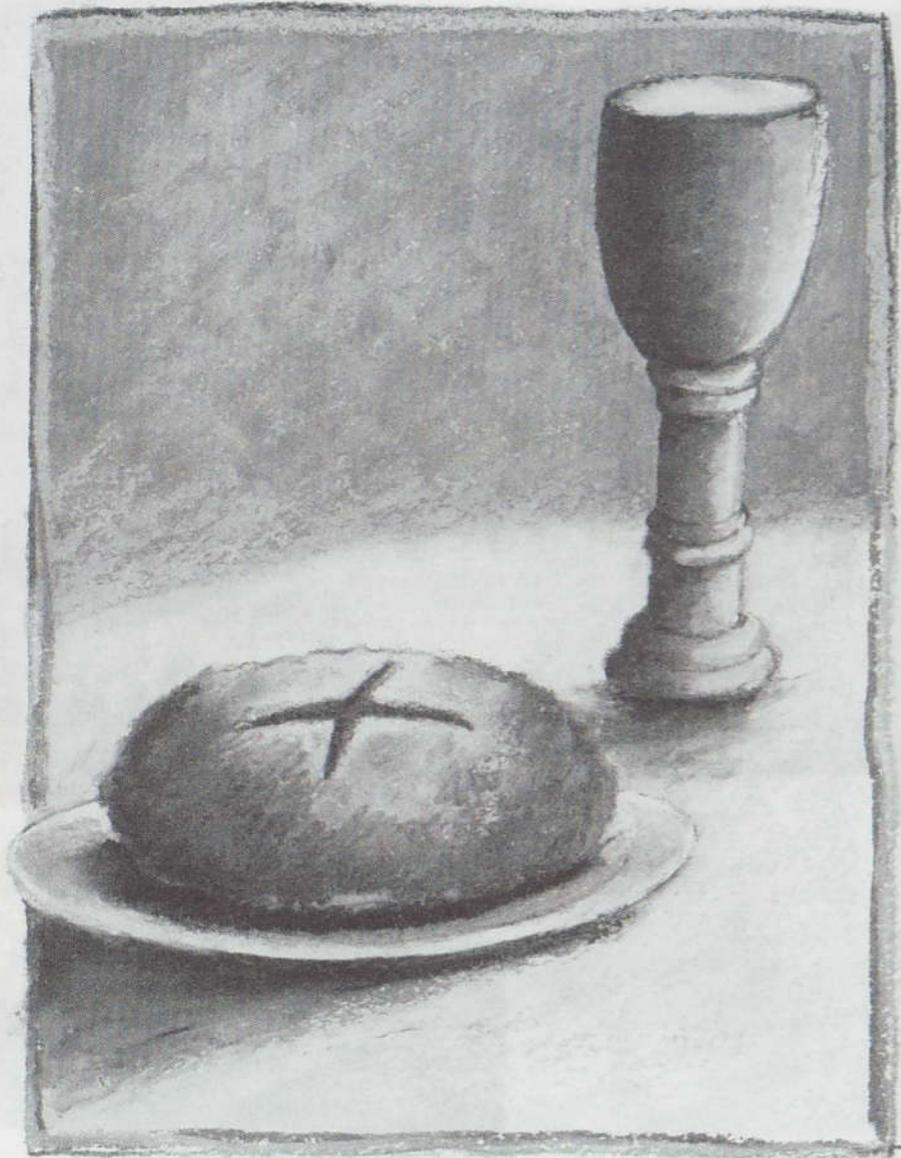
Louis thought of church
and the altar,
and his friend the priest.



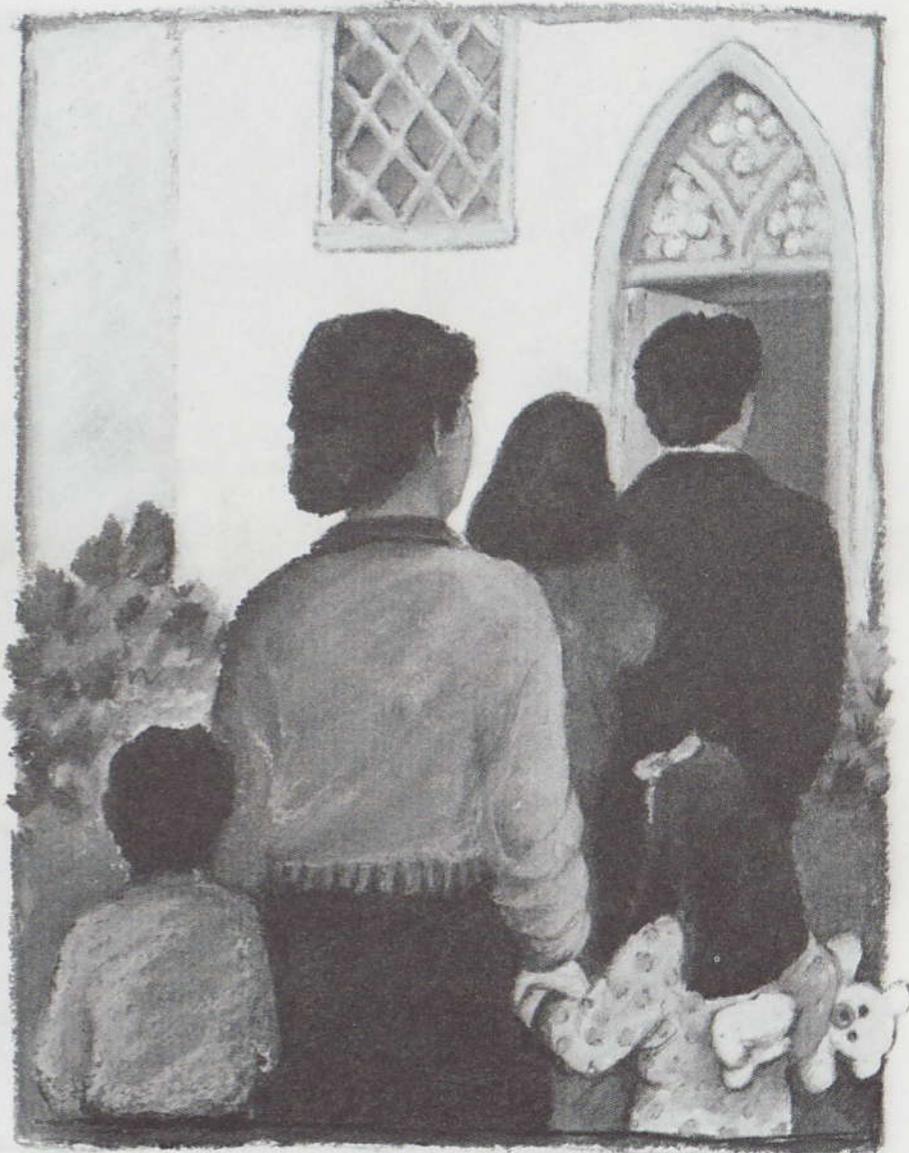
He also thought of Jesus.



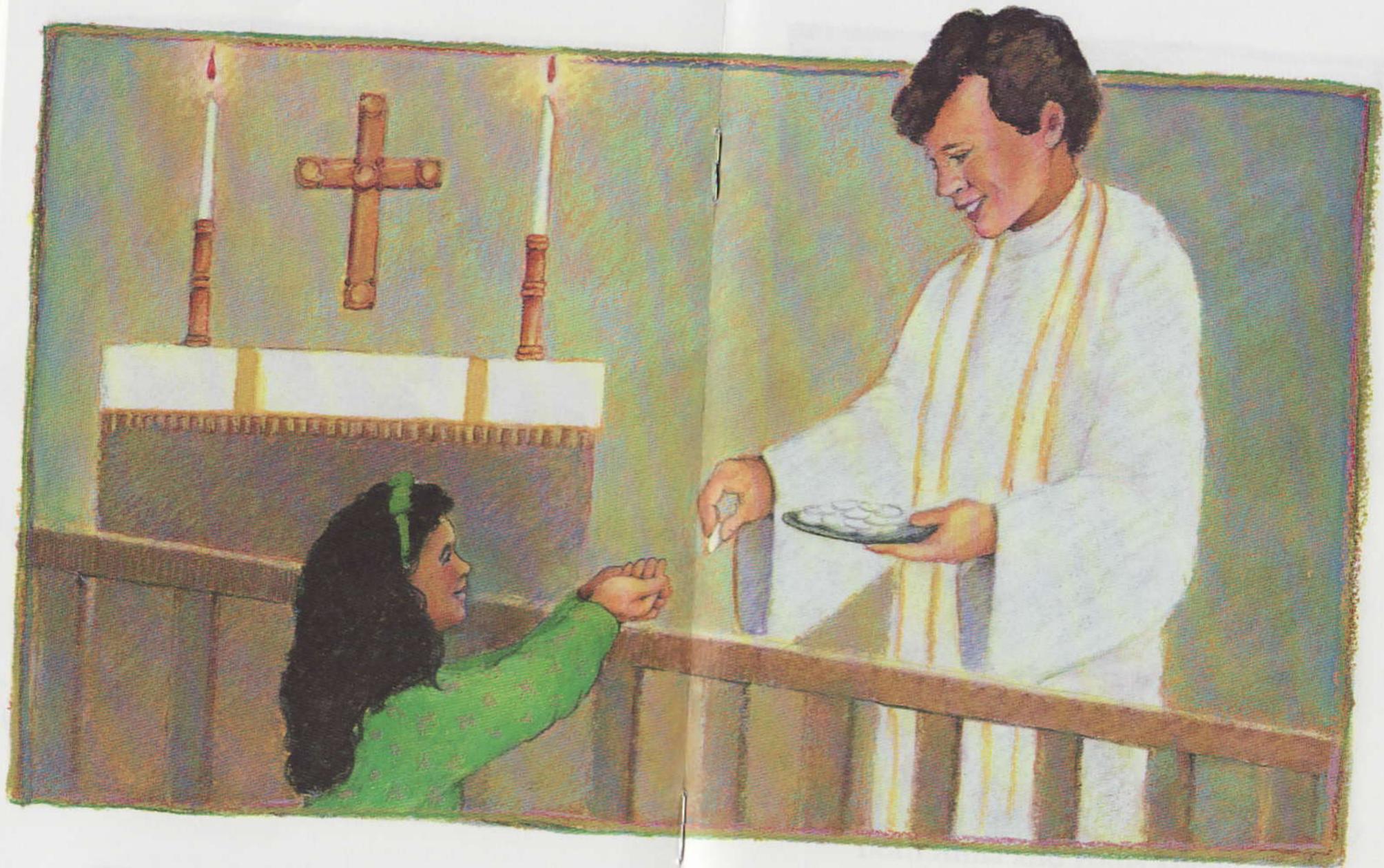
Jesus is what Eucharist
is all about.



When Louis had bread and wine
at the altar, he felt closer
to Jesus than at any other time.



It was really special to be there
with his loving family.



12 Louis remembered the time his little sister, Anna, first put out her hands to receive the bread.

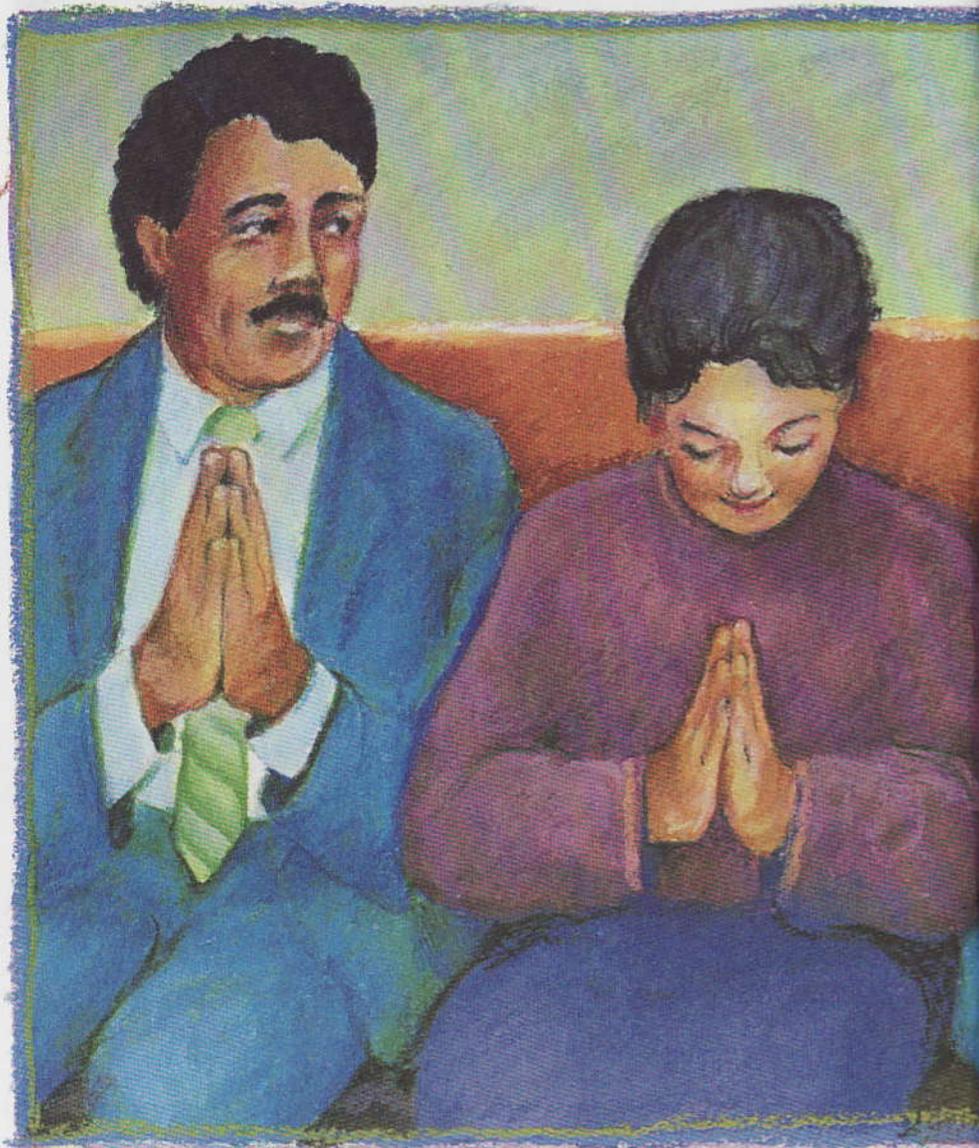
that church was the place. She was so little, but the smile on her face was big. So was the smile on the priest's face.



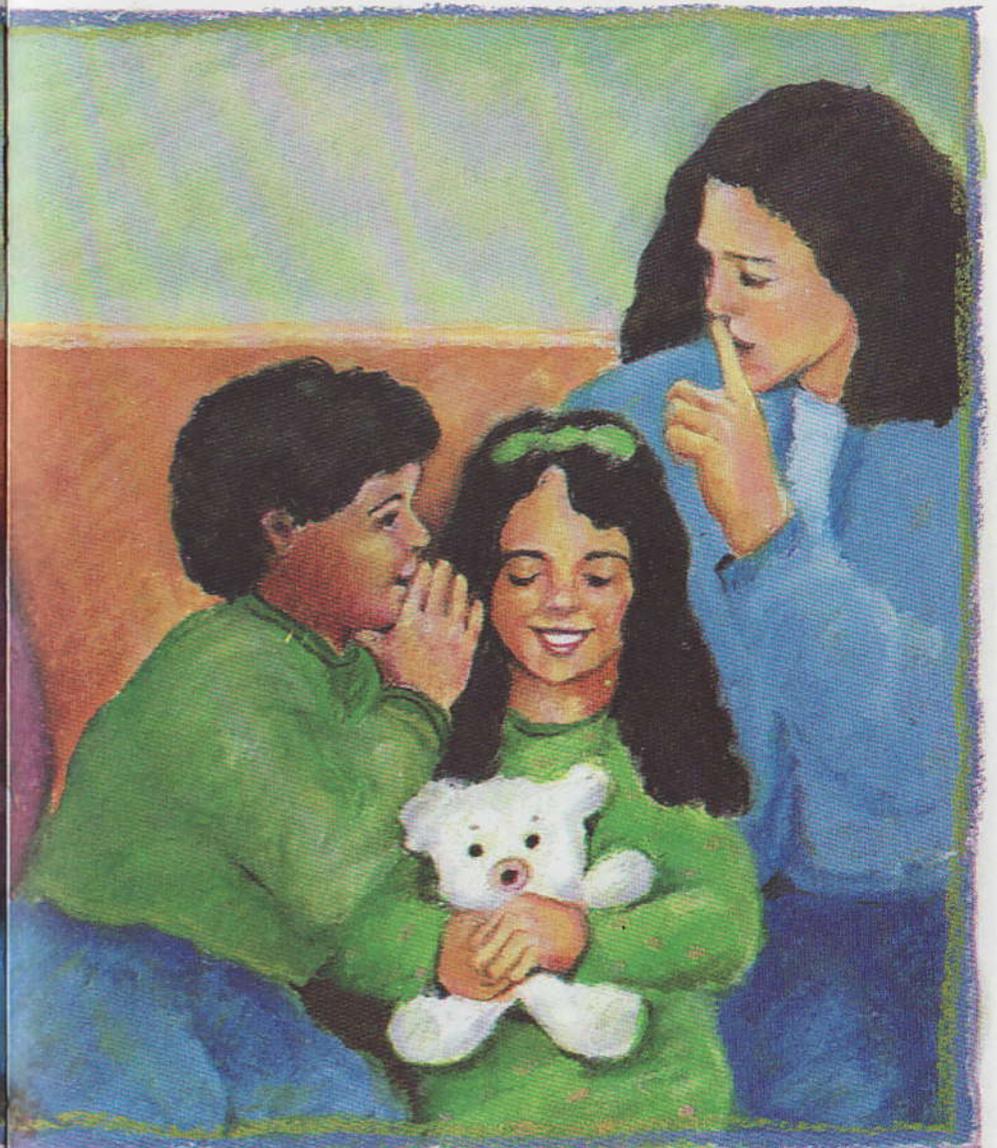
Their mother talked to Anna about it after church. Anna said she felt close to Jesus, too.



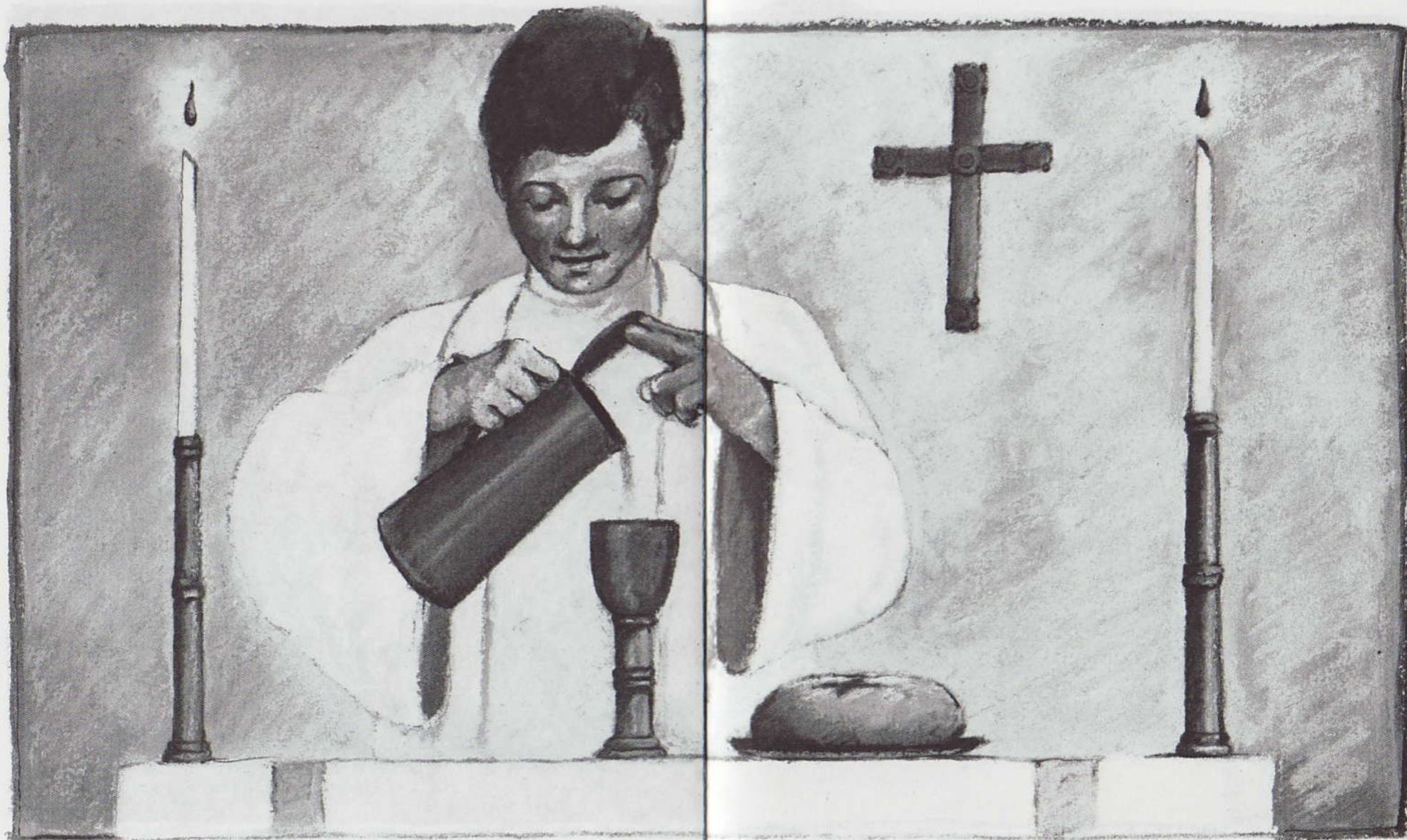
Both Anna and Louis knew that church was the place where people went to pray to God, and to listen to stories about God and Jesus.



They also knew that church was a quiet place, except when there was singing, because lots of people were praying.



They tried very hard to be quiet, even though they had to sit still for a long time on Sundays.



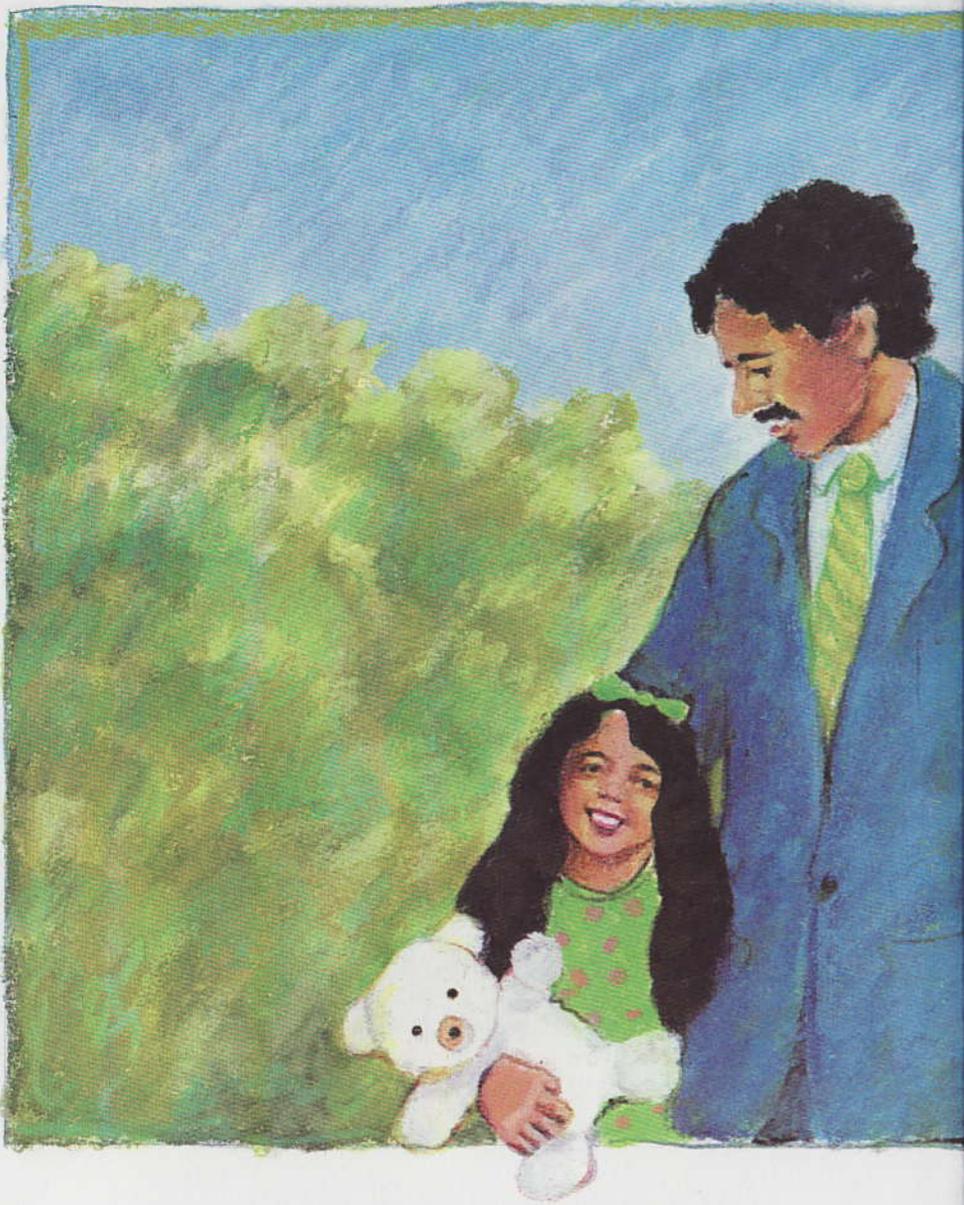
Louis liked to watch
as the altar was prepared
for Eucharist.

He listened carefully to
the prayers so he would be ready
for what would happen next.

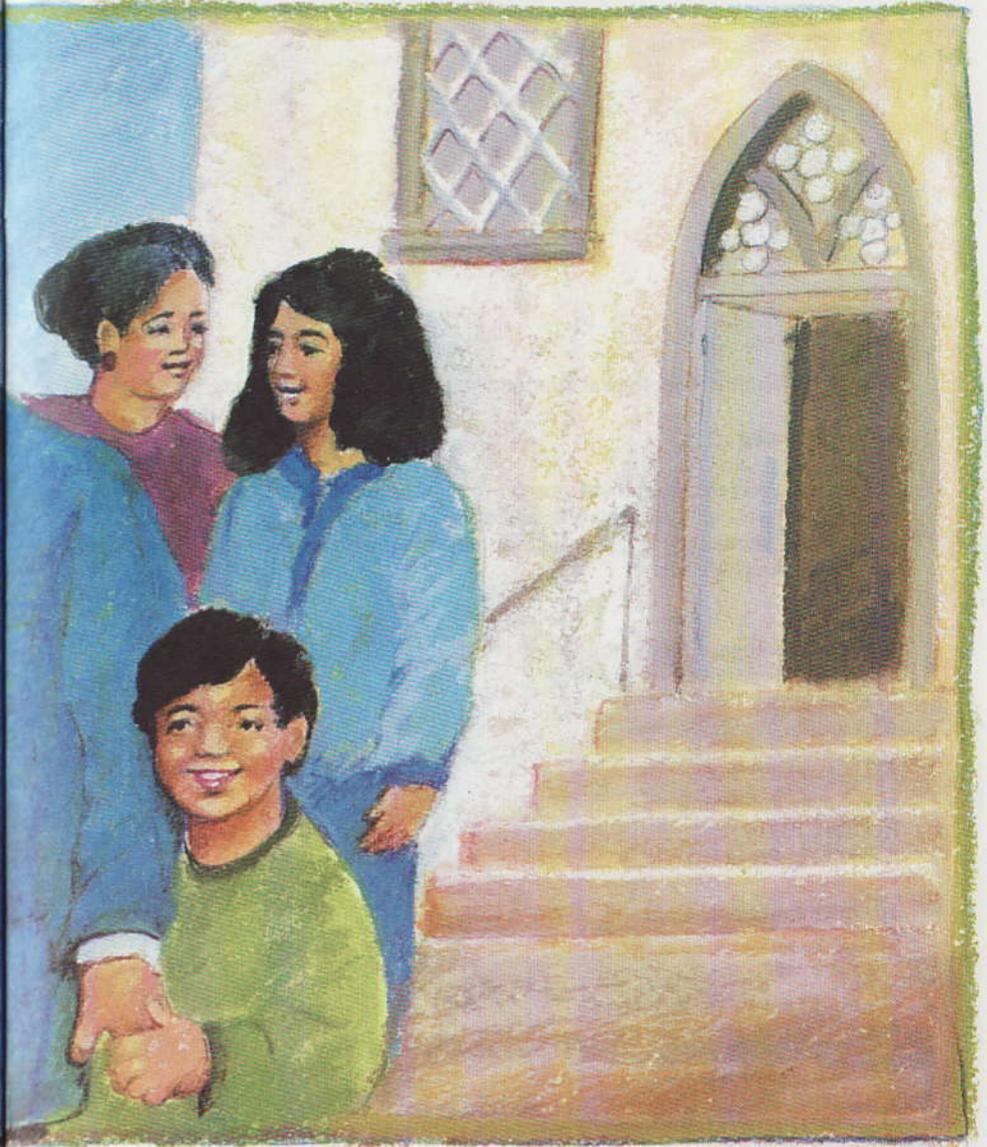


His favorite part was
when the priest held up
the bread and wine

and said, "The Gifts of God,
for the People of God."



Louis and his family
would leave the service



feeling loved by God
and ready to share that love
with others.

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