

VOCATIONS LESSON

Cut apart the squares with the different people on them

Cut apart the “Can” statements on page 3

Put the people in front of the kids

When you place a “can” statement, one at a time, have them put the people by it that the statement applies to.

The above list applies to everyone!
Here are a few thoughts

- All people can serve at Mass as members of the choir, readers, extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion, greeters, ushers.
- Lots of people work at churches who are not priests
- Although everyone on the list can or is allowed do those things they might not want to. God makes us all unique. As much as you might want to fly you might not be cut out to be a pilot. OR your talent might not be singing.

Page 4 is a list of more difficult items to add for older children

Priest

Deacon

Religious
Sister

Married
Man

Single
Man

Married
Woman

Single
Woman

Bishop

Can visit a sick person

Can give Holy
Communion to
people

Can serve at Mass

Can do what Jesus
wants them to do

Can go to school
Can learn to fly an
airplane

Can drive a car

Can play video games

Can own a pet

Can pray

Can work at a job

Goes to church on
Sunday

Can work at a church

Can get married

Can go out to dinner
with friends

Can sing in a choir

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Can baptize a baby

Can live with priests

Can be an official
witness at a marriage

Can consecrate the
bread and wine to
become the body and
blood of Jesus

Can hear confessions

Can anoint a sick
person

Can anoint a person
in the sacrament of
Confirmation

Can officiate at a
funeral

Can administer the
sacrament of Holy
orders

Can lead prayers for a
group

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A few more notes about this list:

Official witness at a marriage would be the priest and or deacon as well as the maid of honor and best man so there are several answers

Sometimes when priests retire they choose to live with family instead of other priests. They are still priests.

Priests and Deacons are the usual ministers of baptism but in a true emergency anyone can baptize a baby by pouring water over their head with the words “ I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, Amen.”

Only priests can anoint a sick person in the sacrament of the anointing of the sick

Only priests can hear confessions

Deacons as well as priests can celebrate a funeral. If a deacon is the celebrant there can be communion but the hosts will have been consecrated by the priest at an earlier Mass.

Only a priest or bishop can consecrate the hosts and wine allowing the Holy Spirit to transform them into the Body and Blood of Christ.

Only a Bishop can officiate at an ordination of new priests and deacons in Holy Orders

A Bishop is the usual conveyor of Confirmation but at the Easter Vigil priests will give sacrament to the newly baptized.