



FAITH IN THE HOME

May 2022

FAMILY FAITH FORMATION
OUR LADY OF THE LAKE CATHOLIC CHURCH



May 1, 2022 - Third Sunday of Easter

Jesus Helps the Disciples to Catch Many Fish

PRAY



Dear Jesus, thank you for helping Peter and his friends catch the fish they needed. Thank you for giving us too what we need. Amen.

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Read Bible: John 21:1-14

Catholic Children's Bible, pages 1704-1705

21 After this, Jesus appeared once more to his disciples at Lake Tiberias. This is how it happened. 2 Simon Peter, Thomas (called the Twin), Nathanael (the one from Cana in Galilee), the sons of Zebedee, and two other disciples of Jesus were all together.

3 Simon Peter said to the others, "I am going fishing."

"We will come with you," they told him. So they went out in a boat, but all that night they did not catch a thing. 4 As the sun was rising, Jesus stood at the water's edge, but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. 5 Then he asked them, "Young men, haven't you caught anything?"

"Not a thing," they answered.

6 He said to them, "Throw your net out on the right side of the boat, and you will catch some." So they threw the net out and could not pull it back in, because they had caught so many fish.

7 The disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Peter heard that it was the Lord, he wrapped his outer garment around him (for he had taken his clothes off) and jumped into the water. 8 The other disciples came to shore in the boat, pulling the net full of fish. They were not very far from land, about a hundred yards away. 9 When they stepped ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there with fish on it and some bread. 10 Then Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish you have just caught."

11 Simon Peter went aboard and dragged the net ashore full of big fish, a hundred and fifty-three in all; even though there were so many, still the net did not tear. 12 Jesus said to them, "Come and eat." None of the disciples dared ask him, "Who are you?" because they knew it was the Lord. 13 So Jesus went over, took the bread, and gave it to them; he did the same with the fish. 14 This, then, was the third time Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from death.



Did You Know?



In Jesus' time, people would fish at night and sell their fish in the market the next morning. However, in the Bible story, Peter and Jesus' friends (disciples) had fished all night without catching even one fish.

DISCUSS & DO



Explain that Jesus helped his friends catch many fish. He also gives us things we need every day, like sleep, food, a nice home, and people who love and support us. Talk about one thing that Jesus has given you that you really need. Each day, thank Jesus for giving you something you needed that day.

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May 8, 2022 - Fourth Sunday of Easter

Jesus Cares for Us Like a Good Shepherd

PRAY



Dear Jesus, thank you for being the Good Shepherd. Thank you for protecting us and taking good care of us. Amen.

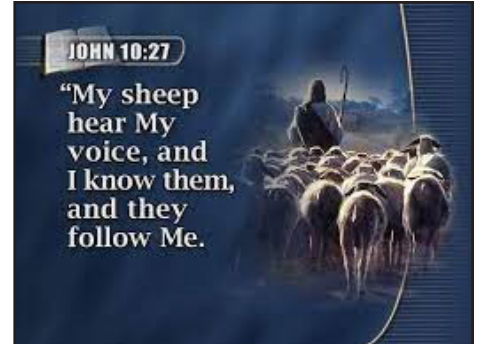
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Read Bible: John 10:27-30

Catholic Children's Bible, page 1678

27 My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. 28 I give them eternal life, and they shall never die. No one can snatch them away from me. 29 What my Father has given me is greater[a] than everything, and no one can snatch them away from the Father's care. 30 The Father and I are one."



Did You Know?

Jesus was a wonderful storyteller. He told this story about a shepherd, who protects sheep from harm and takes care of them. In this story, the sheep are like people, the shepherd is like Jesus, and the Father is God. Jesus is saying that God will take care of us forever. He does not want us to get hurt or lost. He will watch over us all the time like a shepherd.

DISCUSS & DO

Talk to your child about the responsibility of owning a pet. Say: we have to feed and water a pet, keep it clean, and take it to the vet. We have to keep our pet safe and, if it gets lost, we go find it and bring it home. We give our pet lots of love. This is like the story of Jesus being a Good Shepherd. Sheep cannot take care of themselves, so a shepherd cares for them and protects them from harm. When Jesus said he knows his sheep and his sheep know him, he was talking about us. We are his sheep. He cares for us and makes sure we have what we need. Jesus loves us so much!

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May 15, 2022 - Fifth Sunday of Easter
The New Commandment: Love One Another

PRAY



Dear Jesus, thank you for teaching us to love one another. Each day, help me to love you, my family, my friends, and all people. Amen.

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Read Bible: John 13:31-35

Catholic Children's Bible, page 1688

31 After Judas had left, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man's glory is revealed; now God's glory is revealed through him. 32 And if God's glory is revealed through him, then God will reveal the glory of the Son of Man in himself, and he will do so at once. 33 My children, I shall not be with you very much longer. You will look for me; but I tell you now what I told the Jewish authorities, 'You cannot go where I am going.'

34 And now I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. 35 If you have love for one another, then everyone will know that you are my disciples."



Did You Know?

Before Jesus left the earth, he told his friends about a new commandment ... to love one another. A commandment is a law that God made for people to obey. The commandment was for us to obey too.

DISCUSS & DO



Talk with your child about the need to show love when it is hard. Say: Jesus wants us to love one another, but sometimes you might not want to show love ... like when you are angry, sad, bothered, or tired. Can you think of a person or time when it was hard for you to show love to them? Let's talk about it. What can you do next time when this happens to show more love?

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May 22, 2022 - Sixth Sunday of Easter

Jesus Gives Us His Peace

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Dear Jesus, even though we cannot see you, thank you for always being with us. Help us to remember you are with us especially when we are worried or afraid. Give us your peace. Amen.

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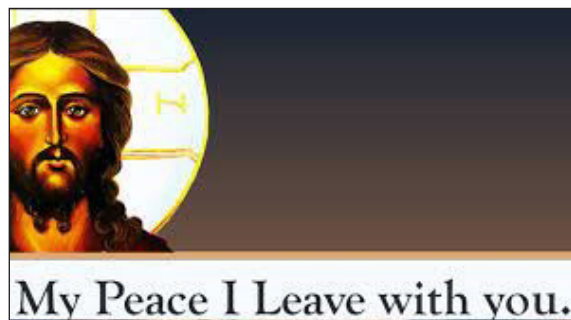
Read Bible: John 14:23-29

Catholic Children's Bible, page 1689

23 Jesus answered him, "Those who love me will obey my teaching. My Father will love them, and my Father and I will come to them and live with them. 24 Those who do not love me do not obey my teaching. And the teaching you have heard is not mine, but comes from the Father, who sent me.

25 "I have told you this while I am still with you. 26 The Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and make you remember all that I have told you.

27 "Peace is what I leave with you; it is my own peace that I give you. I do not give it as the world does. Do not be worried and upset; do not be afraid. 28 You heard me say to you, 'I am leaving, but I will come back to you.' If you loved me, you would be glad that I am going to the Father; for he is greater than I. 29 I have told you this now before it all happens, so that when it does happen, you will believe.



Did You Know?

"Peace" means when things are calm and happy and people get along with one another. Jesus is the one who can give us true peace that will last forever. God sends the Holy Spirit to help and guide us in our lives.

DISCUSS & DO

Talk with your child about a time when they were worried or afraid. Then, tell them about a time when you were worried and how your faith helped you receive God's peace. Encourage them to pray and ask Jesus to give them peace during a tough time.

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May 29, 2022 - The Ascension of the Lord

Jesus Is Taken Up to Heaven

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Dear God, thank you for sending you son, Jesus, to us. We know that he has gone back to heaven. Every day, help us to live as he did. Bless us and our families as we praise him with great joy! Amen.

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Read Bible: Luke 24:46-53

Catholic Children's Bible, pages 1646-1647

46 and said to them, "This is what is written: the Messiah must suffer and must rise from death three days later, 47 and in his name the message about repentance and the forgiveness of sins must be preached to all nations, beginning in Jerusalem. 48 You are witnesses of these things. 49 And I myself will send upon you what my Father has promised. But you must wait in the city until the power from above comes down upon you."

50 Then he led them out of the city as far as Bethany, where he raised his hands and blessed them. 51 As he was blessing them, he departed from them and was taken up into heaven.[a] 52 They worshiped him and went back into Jerusalem, filled with great joy, 53 and spent all their time in the Temple giving thanks to God.

Did You Know?

"Ascension" means "going up". This story talks about the Ascension, when Jesus rose from the earth and went up to heaven. Before Jesus left, he knew what God's plans were and was preparing his friends.

DISCUSS & DO

Talk to your child about some things that are here even if we though cannot see them (germs, wi-fi, food inside our bodies). Tell them how Jesus is here with us and does amazing things in our lives. Even though we cannot see Jesus, he is very much with us wherever we go.

If you like crafts, here is an easy one about Jesus ascending in the clouds:

<http://tenkidsandadog.blogspot.com/2010/05/ascension-thursday-for-our-youngest.html>

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FEAST DAYS IN MAY



MAY 6 – SAINT DOMINIC SAVIO

Dominic lived in Italy during the mid-1800s. He worked hard to be a good student, taught other boys about Jesus, and was a peacemaker in his school. Dominic prayed often even on the playground. Because he was in poor health, he died when he was 14 years old. “Saint Dominic Savio, pray for us.”



MAY 10 – SAINT DAMIEN

In the mid-1800s, Damien was a priest who cared for people who had the disease of leprosy in Hawaii. For 16 years, he treated the sick with respect when no one else wanted to take care of them. Unfortunately, Father Damien got leprosy too and died before growing old. “Saint Damien, pray for us.”



MAY 30 – SAINT JOAN OF ARC

Joan was a young girl in France in the 1400s. She heard voices from other saints asking her to drive the English out of France. Joan met with the soon-to-be king and as a soldier carried a banner into battle with the names of Jesus and Mary. After France won the war, Joan became a national hero. “Saint Joan of Arc, pray for us.”