



Living the Good News
5th Sunday of Easter – A

Glue this paper to a sheet of construction paper.
Cut out the house below.

You can hang this house on
the door knob of your room.
You can read Jesus' promise
each morning.



Your House

You can make your own house to play in...

...under a stair.



...or outside.

...or between two chairs.



"There are many rooms in my Father's house."
(John 14:2, Good News Bible)

Today your child heard Jesus' promise that he would prepare a place for each of his followers in God's house (John 14:1-14).

Does your child enjoy "playing house?" Look at all the learning that takes place as your child plays this imaginative game:

- *verbal skills:* Children create and recreate dialogues, practicing the rhythm of listen-and-respond with their play partners.
- *math skills:* Children experiment with number, measurement and shape as they set tables, fold cloths or count out a fair share of play food for each child.
- *social skills:* Children learn to take the roles of others, take turns with a favorite toy or practice the art of compromise as they negotiate rules with their friends.
- *problem-solving skills:* When children wrap a pine cone in a handkerchief to make a "baby," they are also learning to create strategies, test solutions and transform their world through imagination.

