

The Gospel at Home

This Sunday's Gospel: Luke 24:35-48

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus appears to the disciples and invites them to touch him to see that he is really alive. He calls the disciples to be his witnesses. They have Good News to tell—that love is stronger than death, victory can come from suffering, and life can come from death.

Exploring the Gospel Message

Seeds (Preschool): Your child learned that after rising from the dead, Jesus came to visit his friends. He gave them a message of love and peace. Ask your child to share with you the booklet he or she made in class. Talk about sad feelings and happy feelings. Remember that even the simplest of these chats helps your child grow in faith.

Promise (Grades K-1): Your child learned that Jesus visited his friends on that first Easter and gave them the gift of his peace. The class also learned about the importance of being peacemakers. Discuss how your family members can be signs of peace to one another and the importance of offering the Sign of Peace to others at Mass. There may be a place to prominently display your child's peace banner made during the lesson.

Good News (Grades 2-3): This Sunday's Gospel tells us that Jesus is alive and is still with us. Your child also learned how stories help us remember those we love even if they have died. Ask your child to tell the story titled, "Remembering Buddy." Share the ways your family shows faith that Jesus lives in you and that you will live forever with him. Talk with your child about what the Real Presence is. The class studied the Real Presence as a Catholic Faith Word this week.

Venture (Grades 4-6): This Sunday's Gospel recounts how two disciples recognized Jesus in the breaking of the bread. Your youngster explored how we celebrate Jesus in the breaking of the bread at Mass. The children also learned how missionaries carried the Good News of the Gospel throughout the world. Discuss how important the celebration of Mass is for your family. Share ways in which your family can spread the message of the Risen Jesus to everyone you meet.

Visions (Grades 7-9): Part of this week's lesson showed how Saint Paul journeyed to spread the Good News from Jerusalem to Rome. The class also learned that during the Eucharistic Prayer at Mass, we remember the events of salvation, we celebrate a sacred meal, we ask for God's help, and we express our hope for the future. Talk together about your family's hopes and dreams for the future. Discuss why being faithful members of the Church should be an important part of that future.

Pray Together

Eastern Christians have a special way of greeting one another during Easter. One person says, "Christ is risen!" and the other answers, "Truly, he is risen!" or "Indeed, he is risen!" Use this greeting with members of the family throughout this week.

