

Discover Gospel and Doctrine

- Sunday Gospel • Jesus Brings Us Peace** Ask: How did Cooper feel when Grandpa was away? How did he feel when Grandpa came home? Invite your child to think about how Jesus' friends feel in the Gospel:

After Jesus had died, his friends were afraid they might be killed like Jesus. They locked themselves in a room and closed the shutters on the windows. Then two of Jesus' friends came and told how they had met Jesus on the road. They didn't know the man they met was Jesus until he broke the bread like he did at the Last Supper.

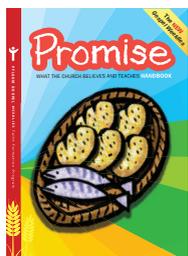
Jesus' friends were talking about this when, suddenly, Jesus was there with them. He said: "Peace be with you. Why

are you so frightened? Why do you doubt? Look at my hands and my feet and see who I am! Touch me and find out for yourselves that it is I." Jesus asked for something to eat. They gave him a piece of baked fish, and he ate it.

Then Jesus told them: "All the people in the world must be told to turn to God to be forgiven. So beginning in Jerusalem, you must tell everything that has happened."

Ask: How did Jesus' friends feel at the beginning of the Gospel? How did they feel when Jesus arrived? How were Jesus' friends like Cooper?

- Word of the Week • Holy Communion (page 4)** Find the term *Holy Communion*. Share this definition: *Holy Communion is the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ.*



- Open** the *What the Church Believes and Teaches* handbook to page 12. Read the page title aloud, then ask: Who are God's people? Jump down to the final sentence under "God made another promise." Read the sentence aloud, then continue with "The People of God Today." Help your child connect the terms *Church* and *God's family* to the People of God. Explain that God works through the Church to help us learn to follow Jesus. *Once you have completed this section of the lesson, close the handbook and return to Promise, page 3.*

Live the Gospel

- Activity • Who can bring peace? (page 3)** If needed, help your child cut the strip with people (priest, woman, girl, man, and Jesus) on page 3. After your child places each person by the pictures, point out that each of us can help bring peace too. Now go back to page 1. Read the second part of the directions and give your child time to find the hidden message. **Answer:** *Jesus brings us the peace of God. We can bring peace to one another!*
- Activity • My Peace Banner (page 2)** Invite your child to color the hidden message. Then cut out the banner, punch a hole at the top, pull some yarn through, and tie a knot leaving a long loop. Hang the banner on a straw or stick and secure with tape if needed.
- Closing Prayer • Jesus calls us to make peace. (page 4)** Invite your child to wave the peace banner as you read the prayer on page 4 together.



Parent Resources

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Visit www.usccb.org/bible/readings to read this Sunday's Scripture