

## Chapter 1 Who Is Jesus?

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, for he has visited and brought redemption to his people. *Luke 1:68*

### To the Parents:

In chapter 1, your child learned the following:

- Jesus is the Son of God.
- Jesus came into this world through the power of the Holy Spirit and his mother, Mary. He suffered, was crucified, died, and was buried. On the third day after his death, Jesus rose again.
- Jesus ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of the Father, and will come again to judge the living and the dead.

A disciple is one who both follows and learns from a master or teacher. In Baptism, Christians are called to discipleship. They are called to follow Jesus' example and continue to learn from Jesus' life. This year you have the opportunity to help your son or daughter learn more about Jesus as a spiritual and political leader, as a teacher and master, as the Son of God, and as their spiritual guide.

Jesus asked the Apostles, "Who do you say that I am?" The young people will be asking themselves, "Who do I say that Jesus is in my life?" To answer that question, they need to know more about Jesus as a person and the Church's teaching of Jesus as the Son of God. This book will help you lead your child to greater awareness of Jesus and to a deeper relationship with him.

### With your Child:

1. Read the story of Peter's response to Jesus in the Bible (*Matthew 16:13-18*) and then talk about the Scripture passage.
2. Talk about ways that family members can be more compassionate within the family and to other people.
3. Talk about the various ways of getting to know Jesus better—prayer, Scripture, religion class, the sacraments, and the Mass.
4. Together read about Hans and Sophie Scholl on the Review and Explore page.