

Chapter 23 **You in Action**

Come, you who are blessed by my Father. Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. *Matthew 25:34*

To the Parents:

In chapter 23, your child learned the following:

- God wants people to use their gifts to help and to serve others.
- Every person becomes a sign of the kingdom by his or her good words and deeds.
- Doing God's will requires a conscious choice.

All who follow Jesus become “a light to the nations” (*Isaiah 49:6*), shining forth their faith and love. Christians know that they cannot keep their light from shining. They proclaim justice, peace, and loving service by their words and actions. They light the way for others to follow.

God's will, as personified in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus, is that all believers participate in the coming of God's reign. Today—here and now—followers of Jesus prepare the way for the kingdom of justice, peace, and love that is promised to those who believe. They hand on their faith, generation by generation, in word, prayer, and action.

With Your Child:

1. Read Jesus' words to his disciples (*Matthew 5:14–16*) and talk about the passage.
2. Ask your child what subjects in school they enjoy and the talents they possess. Then make a list of ways that they can use their interests and skills to do God's will.
3. Read about Saint Marguerite D'Youville on the Review and Explore page.