

## Chapter 22

***Trust in God***

The Lord will proclaim peace to his people, to the faithful, to those who trust in him.

*Psalms 85:9*

**For the Parents:**

In chapter 22 your child learned to:

- Give examples of actions that show trust in God
- Explain how trust in God includes acting responsibly
- Define *hope* as putting their future in God's hands

Are the kids all right? What if we lose our jobs? Are our elderly parents going to make it through this change? Sometimes the list of worries goes on and on. There are many things in life that are out of our control, things that we cannot predict, prevent, or change. God asks us to turn these dilemmas over to him and to trust in him.

Jesus asks us to be single hearted, focusing only on God's love, especially when we are troubled. He wants us to be people of hope. Yet often worry gets in the way of hope. Sometimes when we want things to turn out a certain way, our need to control blocks our trust in the will of God.

The Gospel story of Peter walking on the water (*Matthew 14:22-32*) provides a model for trust. The minute Peter lost sight of Jesus he began to panic. He cried out, "Lord, save me!" and immediately Jesus stretched out his hand and caught Peter. We, too must keep Jesus in focus and not lose sight of God's constant care for us.

**With Your Child:**

1. As a family, choose one way to share what you have with someone in need.
2. Plant a seed together and take care of the plant that sprouts. Keep it as a sign that you are hopeful, trusting and dependable children of God.
3. Read about Saint Ignatius on the Review and Explore page.