

Chapter 21

Christ Is Risen

This is the day the Lord was made. Let us rejoice in it and be glad.

Psalm 118:24

For the Parents:

In chapter 21 your child learned to:

- Describe how their belief in the resurrection influenced the evangelists' messages
- Imaginatively reconstruct the actions and feelings of the first disciples in response to the resurrection
- Choose ways they can witness to Jesus' resurrection

The Good News of the resurrection of Jesus Christ is the central message of the New Testament. This message conveys the truth that Jesus of Nazareth is the Son of God, living now and forever, and that he is continually present to the Church through his Spirit. This truth is also the basis of our Christian hope in the resurrection of the dead. As Saint Paul wrote in the first letter to the Corinthians: "If Christ has not been raised, then empty is our preaching; empty, too your faith" (*1 Corinthians 15:14*). As the Gospel accounts of the resurrection show, the presence of the risen Lord brings peace, reconciliation, and hope to all who believe.

With Your Child:

1. Keep some holy water at home where family members can bless themselves every day. When you make the Sign of the Cross with holy water, you are renewing the promises you made at Baptism to be a child of God.
2. Together learn about the saints and other heroes and heroines of our faith. You can find out about them on the Internet, or look in the library. Make the Saints your family models in the faith.
3. Read about Pope John XXIII on the Review and Explore page.