

Chapter 23

Serve Others!

Anyone who wishes to be first shall be the last of all and the servant of all.

Mark 9:35

To the Parent:

In chapter 23 your child learned to:

- Name some ministers who serve the Church
- Tell how Saint Paul served the Church
- Recognize how he or she are being called to serve

We are used to hearing that we should be serving other people. For most of us, this call to service is in direct opposition to messages we receive from the society in which we live. In today's world, there is a strong sense of "me first." Books, videos, and magazines all tell us that we should consider our own needs, wants, and desires first. We are immersed in a culture in which thinking of others is not a priority. Discovering how to give of oneself is life's greatest adventure. This adventure entails uncovering the gifts that God has given us. You can help your child discover that service is not meant to be a burden, but rather something we do to bring us happiness.

With Your Child:

1. Look at all the possibilities for serving Jesus through your parish. Check your parish bulletin or think of an idea of your own. Choose an activity that your family could do together. Your activity could be a onetime event or a longer commitment. The idea is to get involved!
2. Read about Saint Mary Magdalene on the Review and Explore page.