

YOUR CHILD LEARNED >>>

This chapter teaches that we are all called as disciples to share the Good News of Jesus and that priests, deacons, and religious sisters and brothers serve the Church in many ways.

God's Word



Read **Mark 16:15–16** to find out who is saved through Jesus Christ.

Catholics Believe

- Jesus' disciples share in his life and in his work.
- The Holy Spirit helps us proclaim the Gospel in our words and actions.

To learn more, go to the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* #746–747, 900, 904, 905 at usccb.org.

People of Faith

This week, your child met Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta. Her work with others in need reminds us that there are many ways to serve God.

CHILDREN AT THIS AGE >>>

How They Understand Sharing the Good News Children at this age may think of sharing the Good News of Jesus only as talking about God. While telling others about our faith is an important part of sharing the Gospel, the witness of our lives is the most powerful testimony we can give to our belief in Christ. Children can begin to understand this through the guidance of parents and other teachers as they point out the many choices we make each day, often witnessed by other people. Even when we cannot preach with our words, our actions can say a lot about who we are and what we believe.

CONSIDER THIS >>>

Do you believe that your actions speak louder than your words?

Research tells us that people trust body language more than verbal language. Jesus offered us the perfect image of God, as his words and actions never contradict each other. "We are called in imitation of the Lord Jesus, to be people who offer ourselves willingly in service to others. Actions of such service can point to Christ's Kingdom of love, justice, mercy, and salvation to all persons, cultures, governments, and other structures of society. We are also called to a life of service to the Church herself" (*USCCA, p. 118*).

LET'S TALK >>>

- Talk about the talents of each member of your family and how they can be used to serve God and share his love with others.
- Name some people in your parish who spread Jesus' message to others.

LET'S PRAY >>>



Dear Jesus, help us use our gifts to do something beautiful for God, as Blessed Mother Teresa did. Amen.



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