

YOUR CHILD LEARNED >>>

This chapter explores how the seasons of the Church year celebrate the life, Death, Resurrection, and Ascension of Jesus.

God's Word



Read **Luke 2:41–42** to see how people listened to what Jesus said.

Catholics Believe

- The Church year celebrates the life, Death, Resurrection, and Ascension of Jesus.
- The Resurrection is the mystery of Jesus being raised from the dead.

To learn more, go to the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* #1188–1195 at usccb.org.

People of Faith

This week, your child met Saint Victor. An early Pope, Victor determined that Easter must always be celebrated on a Sunday.

CHILDREN AT THIS AGE >>>

How They Understand the Church Year Children at this age have grown in their awareness of special seasons and times of year. They understand at what time of year they will have a birthday or celebrate Christmas or Easter. They might have missed some of the more subtle indicators of changes in the Church year, like changes in color of vestments and church decor, but can begin to identify them with some help. Point out to your child the times when something has changed in the church to mark a change in the Church year. See if your child can tell you what is different.



CONSIDER THIS >>>

Do you have family traditions in your home that celebrate the Church seasons?

All traditions give children and adults alike a deep sense of continuity and rootedness. Traditions that communicate God's presence in our lives draw us ever closer to God and our Church. "In the Liturgical Year, the Church celebrates the whole mystery of Christ from the Incarnation until the day of Pentecost and the expectation of Christ's second coming... The presence of the Risen Lord and his saving work permeates the entire Liturgical Year: Advent, the Christmas season, Lent, the Easter season, and Ordinary Time" (*USCCA p. 173*).

LET'S TALK >>>

- Ask your child to name one Church season and what we celebrate during that time.
- Share a special childhood memory about a season or feast day, and discuss some ways your family can celebrate the current season.

LET'S PRAY >>>



Saint Victor, help us to always remember the importance of Easter. Amen.



For a multimedia glossary of Catholic Faith Words, Sunday readings, seasonal and Saint resources, and chapter activities go to aliveinchrist.osv.com.