

Go Forth!

Preparation for the Session

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In this chapter you will cover the following objectives:

- Understand that in the Concluding Rites of the Mass, we are blessed and sent out to proclaim the Good News and give honor to God by the way we live
- Examine the Apostles' call to share the Good News
- Identify the Church's mission as sharing Jesus' message of love and the Kingdom
- Recognize that all members of the Church share in her mission and some serve as missionaries who travel far away to spread the Good News

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Read the **Consider This** feature. What thoughts or reactions do you have to the opening question?

Parents, Consider This: *Our actions really do speak louder than our words. At the conclusion of Mass, we are told to "Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life." These are not just words; they are a call for us to act in the way God wants us to. We are sent to share the love we have received in the Eucharist with all the world, but we must begin by sharing this love in our own families*

Read these other sections on the Family + Faith Page.

- *Your Child Learned.* This highlights some of the content of Sacred Scripture and Tradition in the chapter.
- *Children At This Age.* This will help you to understand how your child processes and learns at this developmental level.



Let's Sing: These songs connect the session topics and can be downloaded from aliveinchrist.osv.com.

- Share the Light
- Take the Word of God with You

INVITE: Encountering God in His Word

After gathering the supplies that you will need, find a quiet place to be with your child. This is a sacred time—a time when you will be present to each other and to the Lord. You may want to light a candle as you begin.



Let Us Pray Invite your child to make the Sign of the Cross. Read aloud the Psalm verse from the book. Help your child to respond.

Explain that we are each called to share God's Word and life with others.

Say: Let's listen to hear how Saint Paul taught about Jesus.



Guide your child through the Preparing for God’s Word Ritual you learned in the Introduction Session or play Track 1 of the *Songs of Scripture* CD.

- Proclaim God’s Word in the Parchment Paper box on the page.
- Maintain several moments of silence.
- Ask: What did you hear God say to you today?

Invite your child to respond and also share what you heard.

Now, look at the *What Do You Wonder?* box.

Say: Just as Saint Paul told everyone about Jesus Christ, we are called to do the same.

Invite your child to respond to the questions. Ask what else they might wonder about the mission of Jesus.

DISCOVER: Learning God’s Truth

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Ask your child to silently read the two paragraphs.



Proclaim the Scripture story (continued on page 269).

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Continue proclaiming the Scripture story.

Look at the picture and read the caption. Ask your child to tell you what they think would be challenging about being a missionary in a foreign country.

Ask your child to read aloud the two paragraphs. Stop at the highlighted words, **mission** and **missionaries**, and read their definitions in the Catholic Faith Words box. Give your child two index cards and have them write the words on one side and their definitions on the other. Collect the cards so they can be redistributed as flash cards at the end of the chapter and unit.

Activity

Have your child complete the Share Your Faith activity.

Parents, Consider This: *Listening to stories is one of the favorite pastimes of children. Whether they are found in books or made up on the spot, stories capture the imagination of our children. Sharing stories of the women and men who have been models for us of a holy life can help your child imagine what it is like to live a virtuous life. Many adults remember being moved by a story of a Saint or missionary as a young child. Read your children the stories of the lives of the Saints and help them to understand God's call to live a life of service and mission.*

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Read the story of Saint Frances Cabrini together with your child (continued on page 271).

Ask: Why did Frances Cabrini start her own community of sisters?

Discuss the things Frances Cabrini did to help those who were poor. Remind your child that Frances Cabrini carried out the Church's mission by working to build orphanages, schools, convents, and hospitals to help people.



Complete the gold-star activity.

Activity

Have your child complete the Connect Your Faith activity. Allow your child to look at a map or globe so they can decide where they might like to go to spread the Good News.

LIVE: Living Our Faith

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Our Catholic Life
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Read aloud the first paragraph. Tell your child that these are the people who will help them grow in faith.

Activity

Fold a sheet of paper "accordion style." Then draw a basic silhouette of a person with their arms extended (you are creating a paper doll chain). Allow your child to cut out the silhouette and open the paper to reveal the paper doll chain. Have your child write the titles of each person on the front of the chain and have them describe what each person does on the back of the chain. You can use index cards as an alternative way to reinforce this information.



Complete the gold-star activity.

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Read the paragraph about Saint Anthony Claret.

- Share your reactions to the information.
- How can your family help others learn about Jesus?

Activity

Have your child complete the Live Your Faith activity.

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conclude with the Let's Pray
prayer on this page.
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Parents, Consider This: *It's important to form our children in the common language of prayer. We encourage you to pray the Morning Prayer (see Page 324), during your morning prayer this week.*



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