

Good News for children

We Share Good News

What Good News Do You Share?

What is the good news about your favorite person?

I like _____
because _____

What is the good news about you?

I am _____

_____.

What is the good news you can tell about your family?

Draw or write some good news about your family.



What is the Good News you can tell about Jesus?

Jesus is _____

_____.
Jesus teaches _____

_____.
Jesus always _____

_____.

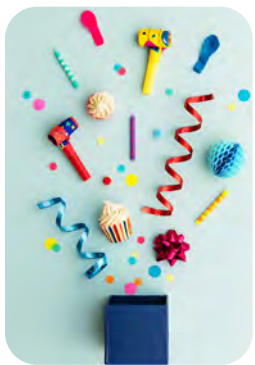
Pack Up a Birthday Party



Mrs. Miller's third-grade class was learning about families. They found out that some families have enough money to pay the rent and buy groceries but not enough money to celebrate birthdays. They found out that some families go to food banks where they can get free food to help them feed their families. That is when Mrs. Miller's class got the birthday box idea. They decided that every kid needs a birthday party.

Once a month, the children gather in the school gym. They work in small groups. Each group gets an unfolded, white cake box. The children use crayons and markers to make the box as colorful and fun as they can. Then they fold the box and fill it with the all the ingredients for a child's birthday party.

Everyone in their school brings birthday party supplies. The birthday closet has boxes of cake mix, tubs of frosting, small gifts, birthday candles, and cards the children have made. Each small group fills its box with one of each



thing in the closet. Then the children fold the box closed and put a color code on the outside. The color code tells what age child will like the toy inside the box.

When all the boxes are ready, the children pray together. They ask God to bless the boxes and the children who will receive them. They ask God to help the families of these children too.

Parents help the children take their boxes to a food bank at a local church. When people come to the food bank, the workers ask if any children in their family are having a birthday. If they say yes, the workers help them pick out a birthday box to take home.



KNOW

- 1 Why do the children pack birthday boxes?
- 2 How do children who receive a birthday box feel?

Family Corner

Scan here for  parent resources or go to [gospelweeklies.com/family](https://www.gospelweeklies.com/family)



Question of the Week

Sometimes the priest uses incense during Mass. How does it help you think about Heaven?

Family Prayer

Lord, turn our minds and hearts toward Heaven. Give us a desire to live there someday with you. Amen.



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I Share
the Good News

Jesus' light shines through you.



GOSPEL READING

The Ascension of the Lord

Luke 24:46-53

Jesus Ascends to Heaven

The following combines what Luke wrote about the Ascension in his Gospel and the Acts of the Apostles. Acts 1:1-11 is the First Reading for this solemnity.



Storyteller 1: After his Resurrection on Easter Sunday, Jesus appeared to his Apostles over a period of forty days. At the end of this time, Jesus then said to them:

Jesus 1: It is written in the Bible that the Messiah would suffer and rise from the dead. You are witnesses that I was crucified and am risen from the dead.

Jesus 2: It is also written that repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all nations beginning with Jerusalem. You are witnesses of this too.

Jesus 1: John baptized with water, but in a few days, you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit. Stay in Jerusalem until the Holy Spirit comes to you.

Storyteller 2: Jesus led the Apostles out to Bethany. He told them:

Jesus 2: You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes to you. You will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and to the whole world.

Storyteller 1: Jesus raised his hands and blessed them. As he blessed them, he rose into Heaven and was hidden by the clouds.

Storyteller 2: The Apostles looked up at where Jesus was disappearing into the sky. Two men in white clothes were suddenly standing with them. They said to the Apostles:

Angels: Men of Galilee, why are you standing there looking at the sky? Jesus has been taken into

Heaven. He will return in the same way as you have seen him go to Heaven.

Storyteller 1: The men in white clothes were angels. They were telling the Apostles about how Jesus would return at his Second Coming at the end of time.

Storyteller 2: The Apostles praised Jesus. Then they returned to Jerusalem with great joy. They were always in the Temple praising God.



KNOW

- 1 What does it mean to be a witness?
- 2 How did the Apostles feel when Jesus ascended to Heaven?
- 3 What did Jesus promise to send the Apostles?



Catholic Faith Word

Ascension The Ascension is Jesus' return to Heaven. Forty days after his Resurrection, Jesus took his place at his Father's right hand.



The Eucharist is the Sacrament of Love; It signifies Love, it produces Love.

—Saint Thomas Aquinas



We Are Witnesses



Forty days after Easter, Jesus ascended into Heaven. We call this the **Ascension**. Jesus promised his Apostles that he would send the Holy Spirit to be their helper and guide. He also told them to be his witnesses by sharing the Good News in Jerusalem and through the whole world. He wants us to share his Good News too.

Go to pages 11 and 19 of your Catechism handbook to learn more about the Ascension and the Easter season.

Activity

My Actions Tell the Good News

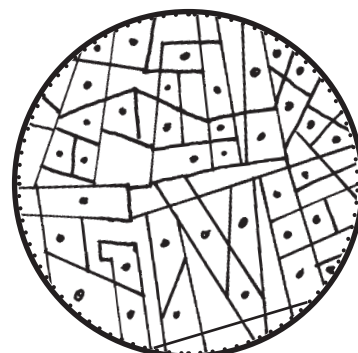
Jesus wants each of us to tell the Good News of God's love. People know we are Jesus' messengers by seeing our actions. Earn Jesus' Follower Badges by writing ways you show Jesus' Good News to your family, friends, neighborhood, and to our world.

I show love to my family, friends, or neighbors when I



I care for our world by

I join the followers of Jesus at Sunday Mass by



I try to forgive things that make me mad, especially

I praise God for each new day. I say



I pray for people who are sad or sick, especially

