

WALKING by FAITH

Grade 3 / Home Lesson

CHAPTER 9 JESUS BRINGS GOOD NEWS

Objectives

- Explain that good news is to be shared with others.
- Affirm that God sent his Son to bring good news to all people.
- Describe the good news that Jesus shared.
- Recognize the responsibility to share the good news.

Step 1: *We Are Invited* (Life Experience), pages 54–55

With your child pray the opening **Prayer** on page 54.

Invite your child to reflect on a time when he or she had good news to share. Ask: Why do people share good news with each other? (Our happiness is greater when we share it with others; our good news makes other people happy, too.)

Read together the chapter title (**Jesus Brings Good News**) and the text on this page. Then take time to have your child complete the **Activity**.

Draw attention to the illustration on page 55. Help your child recognize that the person holding the scroll is Jesus.

Read together the **Scripture Story: Jesus' Good News**. Ask: What good news did Jesus bring? (Jesus said that a time of God's blessings had arrived.) Why were people surprised by Jesus' words? (They had not recognized Jesus as the one the prophet Isaiah had spoken about.)

Explain to your child that the word *messiah* comes from a Hebrew word meaning "the Anointed One." Everyone waited for the messiah to come, but not everyone agreed about the kind of person he would be. Some believed that he would be a mighty warrior; others, a mighty king. Still others thought he would be something else. Jesus did not fit most of the expected images of a messiah.

Draw attention again to the illustration. Explain to your child that Jesus is shown reading from a scroll on which are written the teachings of the prophet Isaiah.

Read aloud **Scripture Signpost**. Invite your child to respond to the question. (by sharing our talents with others, by being good friends to others, by helping our family members, by celebrating our faith with others, and so on)

Step 2: We Explore (Doctrine), pages 56–57

Read together the text on page 56: **Sharing Good News**. Use the **Language of Faith** at the back of the textbook to explore the highlighted terms.

Explain that the kingdom of God has two dimensions: the beginning of the kingdom, brought to the world by Jesus and experienced now, and the fulfillment of the kingdom, which God will bring about at the end of time. Ask: How did Jesus share the good news of God’s kingdom? (by his words and actions) What does Jesus expect us baptized members of the Church to do? (to bring the good news to others through our words and actions)

Read aloud the picture caption, and invite your child to respond. (The man is sharing the good news of God’s kingdom by reading the Scriptures at Mass; the children are singing to cheer up the people; the sister is helping mothers take good care of their babies)

Read together **Catholics Believe**. Help your child understand that announcing the good news of God’s kingdom was the reason why Jesus came among us.

Explain that parables are stories that teach a lesson. Jesus used parables to explain the kingdom of God.

Read aloud **Stepping Stones: Hearing Good News** on page 57. Use the **Language of Faith** at the back of the textbook to explore the word *gospel*. Make it a point to discuss the gospel reading and homily as a family when you return from Sunday Mass.

Step 3: We Reflect (Integration of Faith into Everyday Life), page 58

Review the material taught in this lesson by working through **Recall** and **Think and Share** on page 58. Help your child complete activity for **Continue the Journey**.

Read aloud and discuss **We Live Our Faith: At Home and In the Parish**. Try to follow through on the suggestions found there.

Refer to the **Language of Faith** section in the back of the textbook for clarification and review of all highlighted words.

Complete the **Faith Journal**, pages 17–18.

Step 4: Celebrate (Prayer and Conclusion), page 59

Read **Praying for the Kingdom** on page 59. Tell your child that Jesus himself gave us the prayer we call the Lord’s Prayer, or Our Father. In this prayer, we pray for the coming of God’s kingdom.

Share feelings that the photos evoke. Then pray together the **Prayer**.