

# WALKING by FAITH

## Grade 6 / Home Lesson

### CHAPTER 28 OUR STORY OF SALVATION

#### Objectives

- Explore the importance of Scripture stories.
- Discover stories told at the Easter Vigil.
- Affirm belief and joy in the resurrection.

#### Step 1: *We Are Invited* (Life Experience), page 212

Have your child share a story of something good that happened to him or her. Explain that storytelling is an important part of salvation history. Then pray together the opening **Prayer** on page 212.

Read the chapter title (**Our Story of Salvation**) and the text on page 212. Ask: Why do people tell stories? (to share experiences, pass on history, teach lessons, entertain, use imagination) How are stories about God special? (They reflect something of God's nature; they communicate what we have experienced and learned about God.)

Draw your child's attention to the photograph of the lector proclaiming Scripture at the Easter Vigil. Read the caption, and discuss your experience of the Easter Vigil. (If your family has not participated in the Easter Vigil, discuss your experience of Sunday liturgy, especially the proclamation of Scripture.)

#### Step 2: *We Explore* (Doctrine), page 213

Remind your child that our personal stories are all part of salvation history. Just as God acted with love in the past, so God is acting in our lives now. Read **The Great Story Is Our Story** on page 213. Ask: What are some special ways we express our joy at the Easter Vigil? (We share stories, sing psalms, light small candles, and so on.) Why do we tell stories at the Easter Vigil? (to show how Jesus' resurrection fulfills God's promises throughout history)

Remind your child that the resurrection fulfills the promises found in the Old Testament about the Messiah who would come to save God's people. That is why it is important for us to appreciate our rich heritage from our Jewish brothers and sisters.

Notice the two pictures on this page. The top is of Jesus' resurrection—bringing new life to all who believe. Ask: Why do you think Jesus is surrounded by flames? (Possible answers: Jesus is the Light of the World, he is surrounded by the power of the Holy Spirit.) The bottom is of the Israelites in the wilderness after their escape from Egypt—receiving the new life of freedom from God through Moses.

### **Step 3: We Reflect** (Integration of Faith into Everyday Life), page 214

Review the material taught in this lesson by completing the sections: **Recall, Think and Share**, and **Continue the Journey**.

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

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

Complete pages 55–56 in your **Faith Journal**.

### **Step 4: We Celebrate** (Prayer and Conclusion), page 215

Direct your child's attention to the photograph on page 215. Ask: What is symbolized by having the Easter candle lit at the Vigil? (It is a sign of belief in the resurrection. We have a responsibility to share our faith and to bring Christ's light to others.)

Read **Rejoice This Night**. Ask: Why is the Easter Vigil a time for rejoicing? (We celebrate the resurrection of Jesus and the fulfillment of God's promises throughout history.)

Close the lesson with **Prayer**. Take turns with your child praying the stanzas from the Exsultet.