

WALKING by FAITH

Grade K / Home Lesson

CHAPTER 28 HAPPY EASTER

Objectives

- Celebrate Jesus' new life at Easter.
- Identify Easter as the day we celebrate Jesus' new life.
- Affirm that Jesus rose from the dead.

Step 1: We Are Invited (Life Experience), page 131

Have your child pray the opening **Prayer** on page 131 by repeating it after you. Read the chapter title: **Happy Easter**.

Talk with your child about how your family celebrates Easter with family and friends. You might mention coloring and then hiding Easter eggs, giving out Easter baskets, and attending Easter Mass.

Step 2: We Explore (Doctrine), page 131

Tell your child that going to Mass on Easter is a wonderful way to celebrate Easter. Ask your child to describe the picture on page 131, which shows people leaving a church following Easter Sunday Mass.

Explain that on Easter Sunday we celebrate that Jesus Christ rose from the dead and went to heaven. Because of Jesus, we know that someday we can go to heaven, too. Now is a good time to read the Scripture Story booklet *Easter*, pages 133–136.

Read aloud **Catholics Believe** on the bottom of page 131. Point out that Catholics celebrate Easter because Christ has risen.

Step 3: We Reflect (Integration of Faith into Everyday Life), page 132

Talk about Easter Sunday. Ask: On what day do we celebrate that Jesus rose from the dead? (Easter Sunday)

Remind your child that Jesus is also called *Christ*, especially when we talk about Jesus rising from the dead. Explain that because we know that Christ has risen, we celebrate Easter Sunday.

Point out that the Easter poster on page 132 is decorated with signs of Easter. Have your child tell what they are. (Easter lily, eggs, and lamb) Read the title on the page (**A New Life**) and the Easter poster. Have your child repeat the words on the poster. Then have your child trace the word *Christ*.

Read the **Scripture** verse aloud. Remind your child that after Jesus was raised from the dead, he had a new life with God in heaven.

Step 4: We Celebrate (Prayer and Conclusion), page 132

Close the lesson with a prayer. Use the closing **Prayer** on this page. Pray it aloud, and invite your child to repeat it after you. End with the Sign of the Cross.

For additional activities contact your director of religious education or teacher regarding *Reproducible Activities*, pages 84–86.