

Chapter
16

Jesus the Savior



Let Us Pray

Leader: Thank you for saving us, Jesus.

“LORD, I call to you;
come quickly to help me . . .”

Psalm 141:1

All: Thank you for saving us, Jesus. Amen.

Activity

Let's Begin

● The Rescue

“Help, help,” cried Tanya.

The harder she pulled, the more her foot became twisted under the tree trunk. Tanya hoped someone would hear her.

“Help, help,” she cried again.

Finally, Tanya’s father heard her cries. He ran quickly to help her. He had to work hard to get her foot out.

“Thank you, Dad. I was afraid you would never hear me.”

• Who saved Tanya?

Share a Story Think of a story or a movie you know about someone who is saved from danger. Share the story.



The First Humans



Focus

Why did God's people need to be saved?

God created the first people to be like him. He made them happy and gave them a garden to care for. Adam and Eve made a bad choice. They brought sin into the world.

God Loves

Adam and Eve were no longer the kind of people God wanted them to be.

They broke their friendship with God. They suffered, and they missed God.

But God did not stop loving them. He wanted them to love him.

? How do you show love for God?

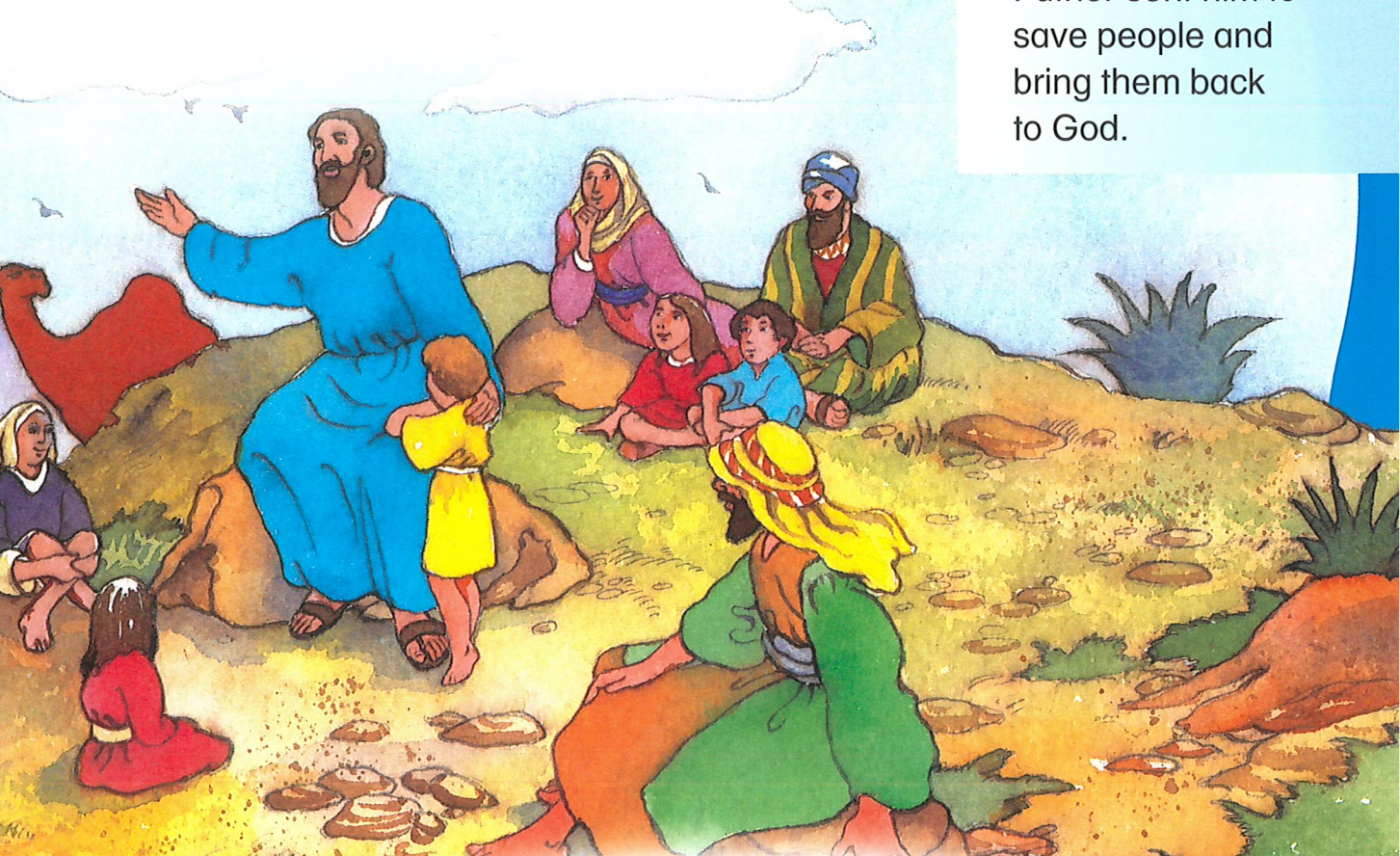
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God's Promise

God said, "I love you always. I will show you how much I love you. I will send a **Savior** to bring you back to me."

Faith Fact

Jesus is the **Savior** because God the Father sent him to save people and bring them back to God.



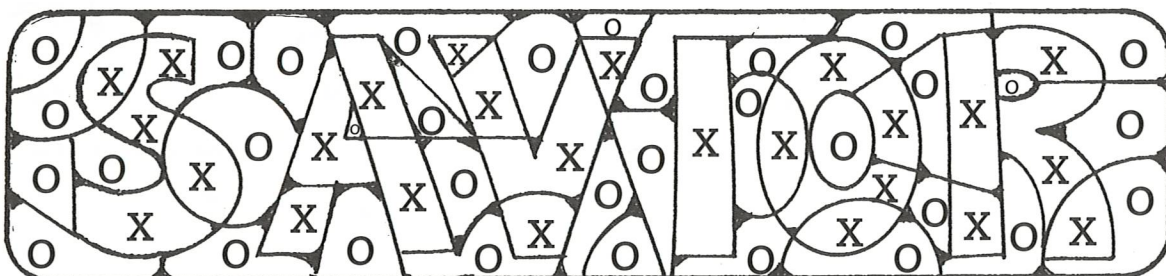
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Share Your Faith

Think: How does Jesus bring you closer to God the Father?

Share: Talk with a partner about Jesus.

Act: Color the X's red and the O's blue to find a name for Jesus.

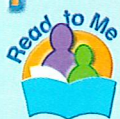


Jesus Saves

**Focus**

What did Jesus do to save people?

Jesus saved people from the power of sin. He also brought them back to God. Jesus is the Savior.

**SCRIPTURE****Luke 23–24**

Jesus Lives

Some people did not believe that Jesus was God's Son. He was arrested and nailed to a cross, where he died. His friends laid his body in a cave and blocked it with a large stone.

Some holy women went to visit the cave where Jesus was laid. The large stone was rolled away. The cave was empty. Two angels said, "Jesus is not here. He is risen from the dead!"

Then Jesus appeared to his followers. He ate with them. He showed them his wounds.

Based on Luke 23–24

? What would you have thought about the empty cave if you had been there with the women?



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New Life with God

Jesus died for all people to save them from their sins. Jesus gave his life so that people could have new life with God.

Jesus' being raised from the dead is called the **Resurrection**. Jesus' being raised to new life is a holy mystery. The Church celebrates the Resurrection in a special way on Easter.

Words of Faith

The **Resurrection** is the name for Jesus' being raised from death to new life.

Activity

Connect Your Faith

Good News Make an Easter card for your family. Trace the words that tell the good news.

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is risen!

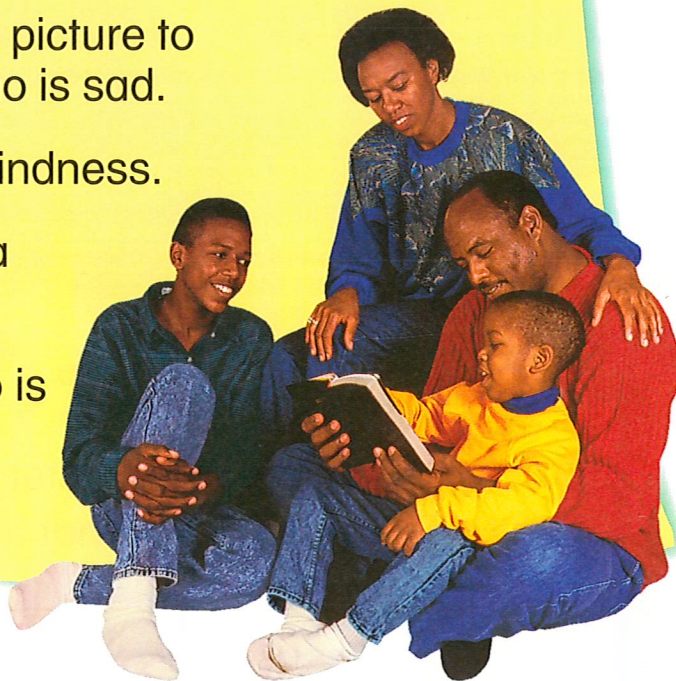
Sharing Good News

**Focus**

How can you share the good news of God's love?

After Jesus rose from the dead, he sent his friends to tell everyone the good news of God's love. Jesus wants you to share the good news, too. You can share good news by what you say and how you act. Here are some ways you can share good news.

- Tell someone about Jesus.
- Invite a friend to come to church with you.
- Write a note or draw a picture to cheer up someone who is sad.
- Treat all people with kindness.
- Help someone make a good choice.
- Forgive someone who is sorry for hurting you.



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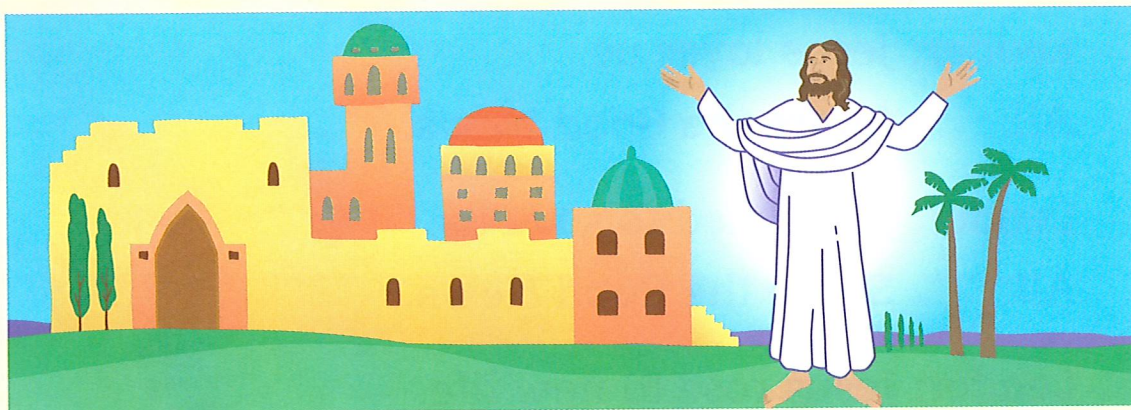
? What are some other ways you can share good news?

Activity

Live Your Faith



Write About Jesus Write words that tell how you feel about Jesus. Use the letters in the word **SAVIOR**.



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V

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R

Prayer of Praise



Let Us Pray

Gather and begin with the Sign of the Cross.

Leader: Jesus loves us.

All: Share the Good News.

Leader: Jesus died to save us.

All: Share the Good News.

Leader: Jesus rose to new life.

All: Share the Good News.



Sing together the refrain.

Alleluia, alleluia, Alleluia, allelu!

"Alleluia," Traditional



- A Work with Words** Complete each sentence in Column 1 by writing the letter of the correct word from Column 2.

Column 1

1. The first humans _____ God.
2. God still _____ his people.
3. The _____ is the name for Jesus' rising from the dead.
4. Jesus is the _____.
5. God made people to be _____ with him.

Column 2

- a. loves
- b. Savior
- c. disobeyed
- d. happy
- e. Resurrection

- B Check Understanding** Circle the correct answers.

6. Adam and Eve made _____.

a good choice

a bad choice

7. Jesus wants you to share _____.

the good news

sin

8. Jesus saves people from _____.

work

the power of sin

- C Make Connections** Write a brief response to the question.

How can you share the good news?



Family Faith



Catholics Believe

- God loves you so much that he sent his Son to save you.
- Jesus died and rose to new life.



SCRIPTURE

Read John 5:1–11 to see what the Apostle John said about Jesus.



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Activity

Live Your Faith

Honor the Cross The cross is a reminder of Jesus' life, death, and Resurrection. When you're in the car, see who is the first to spot the cross on churches you drive by. As you pass each church, make the Sign of the Cross and say a prayer for all God's people.



People of Faith

In 1869, **Josephine** (Giuseppina) Bakhita was born in the Sudan. At twelve she was kidnapped and made a slave. She became a Catholic nun and a true witness to God's love. She took care of children, comforted people who were poor, and encouraged all who came to her house. Her greatest desire was for everyone to know God. She is the first canonized saint of the Sudan. The Church celebrates her feast day on February 8.



Family Prayer

Merciful God, help us be like Saint Giuseppina and give comfort to people who are sick or in need of a cheery word. Amen.

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▲ Saint Giuseppina Bakhita, 1869–1947

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