

YOUR CHILD LEARNED >>>

This chapter recalls some of the images that describe the Church, presents the four Gospels, and examines the ways in which Jesus shared the Good News of salvation.

Scripture



Read **Mark 1:15** to find out about the important announcement Jesus makes.

Catholics Believe

- The Gospels are called the Good News of Jesus because they proclaim his life and teachings.
- They are interpreted by the Church through Tradition and are the source of our belief.

To learn more, go to the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* #109–119, 124–127 at usccb.org.

People of Faith

This week, your child learned about Saint John Neumann, who emigrated from the Czech Republic to the United States, and who served European immigrants as a priest.

CHILDREN AT THIS AGE >>>

How They Understand the Gospel Your child may recall that there is a Gospel reading at Mass, but might not have paid a great deal of attention to the passages up until now. He or she might also need some guidance on living the Gospel in everyday life. However, their emerging abstract reasoning skills might make it easier to see the connections between the principles we profess as Catholics and the actions we take in our communities and schools.



CONSIDER THIS >>>

Do you think seeing a commercial repeatedly influences what you think about that product?

When we read or hear something repeatedly, we come to know it by heart. It becomes part of us. It can influence our motivations and our actions. As Catholics, we know that “if we want to know Jesus, we should know the Scripture. This is certainly true about the Gospels... which were written ‘that you may [come to] believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through this belief you may have life in his name’ (John 20:31)” (*USCCA, p. 79*).

LET’S TALK >>>

- Ask your child to name the four Gospels and tell why they are important to the Church.
- Share what is most important to you in Jesus’ message, and how you have shared that with others by words and actions.

LET’S PRAY >>>



Saint John, pray for us that we may respond to God as he calls us to serve him and other people. Amen.



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