

Chapter 12 **Go Make Disciples**

Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. *Matthew 28:19*

To the Parents:

In chapter 12, your child learned the following:

- God the Father and the Son sent the Holy Spirit to the disciples.
- Jesus sent the Apostles to make disciples of all nations.
- Catholics receive the Holy Spirit in Baptism and Confirmation and are sent to continue Jesus' mission.

Throughout the ages, Jesus continues to call his followers to be witnesses to his message. Empowered by the gifts of the Holy Spirit, Jesus' followers proclaim and live out his message. They work for justice, seek peace, and engage in loving service. They are indeed disciples and witnesses to their faith "to the ends of the earth."

In courts of law, witnesses testify under oath to the truth of what they have observed and experienced. Followers of Jesus witness to their faith in him when they proclaim and live out the Christian message. They testify to the truth of what they have come to believe: through his life, death, and resurrection, Jesus promised eternal life to those who follow his way and keep his commandment to "love one another as I have loved you." Through the witness of disciples today, the Holy Spirit continues to be present in the world, bringing peace, justice, and love.

With Your Child:

1. Read Jesus' last words to the Apostles before his ascension (*Matthew 28:16-20*) and then talk about the passage.
2. Relate the Apostles' mission to the mission of all Catholics. Reflect on the ways you have and will continue to witness to the faith in your everyday lives.
3. Refer to the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit listed in the student text, and demonstrate how each is important in spreading the Good News.
4. Read the story of Sister Thea Bowman on the Review and Explore page.