

Chapter 21

Jesus Gives Life

Whoever believes in the Son will not die but will live forever.

John 3:16

For the Parent:

In chapter 21 your child learned to:

- Explain why God sent Jesus
- Explain why Jesus died on a cross for us
- Name new life as the gift Jesus gives to them

The death and resurrection of Jesus is the central truth of the Catholic Christian faith. The followers of Jesus were devastated by his death, but the discovery of the empty tomb and the appearances of Jesus left them rejoicing and full of hope. If Jesus died and was raised, what did that mean for them? The significance of this event, the “Paschal Mystery,” continues to be pondered by each person who seeks to follow Jesus, the Christ. Jesus, the Son of God, willingly accepts the ultimate fate of each human person. But in his resurrection, Jesus reveals that there is more to come. The promise of eternal life is made concrete in the resurrection of Jesus. Jesus lives on in those who believe, as they will live on in eternity with him.

With Your Child:

1. Make sure that your home has a crucifix hanging where all can see it.
2. Gather by the crucifix one evening and talk about all that Jesus did for you.
3. Read about Saint Charles Lwanga on the Review and Explore page.