

Chapter 5 ***Witness***

Children, let us love not in word or speech, but in deed and truth.

1 John 3:18

To the Parent:

In chapter 5 your child learned to:

- List what it takes to be a Christian
- Give examples of witnessing to faith both in words and in actions
- Tell about a time when he or she put their faith into action

An experience of faith is not about knowing, but about believing. When you see the witness given by Archbishop Oscar Romero, Mary Magdalene, Mary the Mother of God and all the other saints, you can “catch a lift”. Their faith, and the faith of many good people you know personally, can teach you to trust in God’s love. Their example can teach you the meaning of the cross and the way of prayer. As you study scriptures and the teachings of the Church, some of the answers you are seeking will come. The faith of others will support you when you have doubts and give you new strength when you are put to the test.

With Your Child:

1. As a family, check recent issues of your newspaper for a story that you feel requires a Catholic response. Witness your faith by writing a letter to the editor about the issue, sharing what you believe.
2. Look through your parish bulletin or the diocesan newspaper to find opportunities to witness your faith as a family. After discussing the opportunities and praying for God’s guidance, choose the best way for your family to put your faith into action.
3. Read about Mary, Mother of God on the Review and Explore page.