

## Chapter 7                    *The Messiah*

Jesus said, “I am the truth the way and the life.”

*John 14:6*

### **To the Parent:**

In chapter 7 your child learned to:

- Articulate the heart of the Christian message
- Understand that Jesus is fully human and fully God
- Recognize the meaning of discipleship in everyday life

God’s promises are fulfilled in those who trust God and are faithful to him. A miracle child was born of parents far too old to conceive. Abraham became the father of a great nation. As Moses led the great nation out of Egypt, the Lord assured the people that they would enter the Promised Land as a free people.

The stories about these fulfilled promises certainly fed the Hebrew people’s hopes and dreams. More importantly, these stories showed them that they were living under God’s protection and care.

Unfortunately, people can lose their appreciation for God’s special gifts to them. Over time, and in many ways, people broke the commandments and the covenant. God’s response was another promise--- another covenant that would engrave his ways not on stone but on human hearts.

### **With Your Child:**

1. Daily life at home and at school can sometimes require sacrifice— giving up something precious to you for the sake of a greater good. This week, make a small cross to wear or carry as a reminder to act generously.
2. Work together with your family to compose petitions for family prayer. Think of the people you know who need help following their crosses. Don’t forget to pray for your family, too. When you have written your petitions, pray your family prayer together.
3. Read about Venerable Solanus Casey on the Review and Explore page.