

Chapter 23

Do God's Work

What I have done, so you must do.

John 13:15

For the Parents:

In chapter 23 your child learned to:

- Identify the words that sent him or her to love and serve the Lord
- Describe how Jesus showed his followers to serve
- Choose ways to be of service to others

The letter of James recalls the value of doing God's work rather than simply talking about it. The familiar phrase of "talking the talk" summarizes the idea adequately. The Concluding Rite of the Eucharist reminds us that we are sent out to "love and serve the Lord." Our response to this, interestingly, is "Thanks be to God!" We take leave of the assembly on Sunday, grateful for the opportunity to live out our baptismal commitment to ministry. As members of the Body of Christ, we are called to share the joys and sorrows of all humankind. Endless opportunities call to us to risk using our skills and talents for others. Serving God in one another is privilege and task. "Thanks be to God" is an appropriate response to the commission we are given weekly.

With Your Child:

1. Talk together of one way that each member of the family can spread the message of God's love this week.
2. Make a postcard from an index card. Ask your child to draw a picture on one side and on the other side write one thing they learned about Jesus this week. Give them a stamp and help them address and mail the postcard to someone they know.
3. Read about Saint Margaret on the Review and Explore page.