

Chapter 24

Know, Love, and Serve

You will have joy and gladness.

Luke 1:14

For the Parents:

In chapter 24 your child learned to:

- Tell how he or she can be a joyful witness
- Name ways to love and serve God
- Pray to the Holy Spirit for help and guidance

Joy in the Resurrection runs deep. It is not the same as feeling good. It is more than having been blessed with a sunny disposition. The kind of joy the first witnesses experienced existed with palpable fear and bewilderment. Joy based on faith runs deep. The joy of the Resurrection is nourished by the Spirit. A faithful community sustains it. Joy is manifested in enthusiastic service, in running quickly to announce the good news of the Resurrection, and in anticipating the presence of the Risen Lord among us. Faith-filled people find their joy in knowing and loving. They express their joy in service.

With Your Child:

1. Pray for the people who spread the Word of God, both near and far.
2. Help your child think of something they could do on the way to school that would make someone happy and encourage them to do it one day this week.
3. Read about Saint Maria Venegas on the Review and Explore page.