

Chapter 17

Jesus and the Gospels

This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.

John 13:34—35

For the Parents:

In chapter 17 your child learned to:

- State the distinguishing characteristics of each Gospel
- Explain how the Gospels developed
- Give examples that show how the Gospel message is lived today

This chapter introduced your child to the four Gospels that give witness to life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. There is nothing more important in the Bible than the revelation of God in Jesus Christ. That revelation, prepared for throughout the Old Testament, was experienced by the first followers of Jesus, and continues to be experienced by the Church today, as good news. Although each of the four gospels provides a distinctive account, all four are really one testimony to the saving work of Jesus Christ. Together they proclaim God's definitive self-revelation in Jesus. That revelation, in turn demands a response of conversion and faith. We who hear the message of Jesus again today have the opportunity to become his witnesses to others, continuing to proclaim the good news faithfully through our words and actions.

With Your Child:

1. Make a point in your family of sharing one big meal every week, on Sunday, if possible. Keep the TV off during the meal. Spend the time talking about events and people you encountered this past week. Be sure to pray a blessing before your meal.
2. Read about Saint Luke on the Review and Explore page.