

Chapter 22

Paul & The Early Church

Jesus said, “All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations.”

Matthew 28:18—19

For the Parents:

In chapter 22 your child learned to:

- Identify several aspects of the life of the early Church
- Distinguish literary forms in the New Testament
- Describe how the faith of the early Church is expressed in the Church today

The story of Jesus would be incomplete if it did not include the founding of the Church. The Church is the creation of God through the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. From the day of Pentecost onward, the Spirit has worked in history to continue the mission of the Risen Jesus through his Church. The Church is the new Israel, the People of God chosen in Christ to manifest God’s love to the world.

With Your Child:

1. Saint Paul wrote letters to his friends and fellow Christians. He used words of greeting, love, concern, instruction, encouragement, forgiveness and gratitude. This week, write notes expressing these sentiments to people you know. Get the whole family in on this activity. The notes may be left on a computer, in a backpack, in a favorite mug, on a mirror, or wherever your imagination suggests.
2. Read about Saint Timothy on the Review and Explore page.