

Chapter 15

A Missionary Church

You are a chosen race, a loyal priesthood, a holy nation, a people claimed by God.

1 Peter 2:9

For the Parent:

In chapter 15 your child learned to:

- Share something of Saint Paul's missionary work
- Relate what a missionary does, and explain why
- Tell how he or she can share in the Church's mission

One wondrous fact about our Church is that no matter where on earth we might go to celebrate liturgy, prayers, and rituals of faith, the experiences will be unique but will have a universal familiarity. You may never have to travel to a faraway land to preach the Gospel. Yet with all the missionaries of the Church you can share the zeal and passion for the Good News. You can be a missionary on your own hometown. The fact that as a parent you teach your children about the Catholic faith, you are an "on the job" missionary.

With Your Child:

1. Learn more about the missionary journeys of Paul. Look up one of these passages in the Acts of the Apostles. See if you can find the place where the story takes place on a Bible map.
Acts 13:1-12 Barnabas and Paul in Cyprus
Acts 16:16-40 Paul in prison in Philippi
2. Read about Saint Francis Xavier on the Review and Explore page.