

Chapter 21

Sent!

As the Father has sent me, so I send you.

John 20:21

For the Parents:

In chapter 21 your child learned to:

- Give examples of how he or she can continue the work of Jesus
- Spread the light of Christ in his or her own part of the world
- Call on the Holy Spirit to help him or her have faith, hope, and charity

The words of *John 20:21* are so simple that they do not seem true. And yet, they are true. God the Father did send his only Son to save us from our sin. The Son of God, in turn, sends us to be Christ to others. We need to recognize this mission and accept its consequences and its rewards. This mission may seem overwhelming or even misplaced as we see it next to the life of Jesus. But when we realize that our mission is only a part of the mission for all humankind, we begin to understand that each of us makes a unique contribution toward bringing the kingdom of God into fullness. What will people see when this light of God shines through us? It is the radiant light of our acts of forgiveness, the intense light of our acts of justice, the soft light of compassion, the illuminating light of wisdom, the all-encompassing light of love. It is the light of Christ living in us.

With Your Child:

1. Look around your house. Do you see things that are in good condition but that nobody uses? Choose several of them to share with people who could use them.
2. Look through magazines and newspapers. Cut out any articles or pictures that show someone being a light for others.
3. Read about Saint Peter Claver on the Review and Explore page.