

Chapter 24

Share the Joy!

I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

John 15:11

For the Parent:

In chapter 24 your child learned to:

- Name some fruits of the Holy Spirit
- Experience the joy of following Jesus
- Celebrate the work he or she has done this year

True happiness. What is it? Where is it? Is it really within our reach? Pain, suffering, loneliness—all of these seem to be the antithesis of the happiness that Jesus calls us to, yet they exist in our world. Where are we to look for Jesus and his Joy? The discipline of discipleship is to seek and live with Jesus; we need to experience the amazing paradox of finding joy amid our struggles. This is the life of a disciple of Jesus. Embracing this life brings joy.

With Your Child:

1. As a family, visit your parish church this summer. Try to go at least one time each week besides Sunday Mass. Spend a little quiet time with Jesus in church.
2. Decide together on one extra action you will take each day to stay close to Jesus this summer.
3. Read about Saint Teresa of Avila on the Review and Explore page.