



Jesus Our Redeemer

Engage: Page 45

- ▶ With your child share a story from your life about a time someone helped you with something. Include how you showed gratitude to that person for his or her help.
- ▶ Read aloud the session title and the text in the blue box. Discuss your child's responses. Point out the picture. **Ask:** *How could the girl in the picture express gratitude?* (say "thank you," hold the ladder for the boy) *In what ways does God help us?* (God listens to our prayers.) **Say:** *In this session we'll learn about how God has helped us through Jesus' life, Death, Resurrection, and Ascension.*
- ▶ Ask your child to think about ways we can show God our gratitude. Pray aloud the prayer together.

Explore: Pages 46–47

- ▶ Together make a time line of Jesus' life. Invite your child to explain what happened at each event. **Say:** *Jesus taught us how to live throughout his life.*
- ▶ Read aloud Jesus, Son of God on page 46. **Ask:** What happened after Jesus' Crucifixion? (God raised Jesus from the dead.)
- ▶ Invite your child to read aloud On the Cross. **Ask:** *Why did Jesus tell one of the men crucified next to him that "This day you will be with me in paradise"?* (He will be saved because of his faith in Jesus.)
- ▶ Read aloud the Link to Liturgy feature. **Say:** *In the Mystery of Faith, we proclaim our belief in the Paschal Mystery—Jesus' life, Death, Resurrection, and Ascension.*
- ▶ Read aloud Jesus Died for Our Sins on page 47. **Ask:** *Why do we call Jesus our Redeemer?* (He offered his Death to free us from our sins.)
- ▶ Read aloud the Reading God's Word feature. **Say:** *As Catholics we believe that it is Jesus who saves us from our sins.*

Art Exploration: Page 236

- ▶ Find in a magazine, in a book, or online a picture of the disciples looking into the sky, watching Jesus' Ascension.
- ▶ **Say:** *What do you see in this picture?* Encourage your child to describe the picture in detail, including what the crowd is watching and how they might be feeling.
- ▶ **Say:** *After the Resurrection, Jesus ascended into Heaven. From there he shares his new life with us through the Holy Spirit.*



- ▶ Have your child turn to page 236. Read aloud the introduction and discuss the question.
- ▶ Read aloud *Jesus' Ascension*. **Ask:** *How long did Jesus stay on earth before he was taken up to Heaven? (40 days)* **Say:** *Jesus' Ascension is so important that we celebrate the event on the Feast of the Ascension, which is one of the Holy Days of Obligation.*
- ▶ Read aloud *Report the News* and give your child time to complete the activity. Invite your child to read aloud his or her news story.
- ▶ Give your child time to study the Art Print. **Say:** *Imagine that you are on the Mount of Olives with the other disciples, watching Jesus ascend into Heaven.* **Ask:** *What are you thinking as you watch this happen? What do you feel?* **Say:** *Imagine that you are having a conversation with the disciples after the Ascension.* **Ask:** *What do you say to them? What do they say to you?* Conclude the reflection by praying together the *Glory Be to the Father*.

Reflect: Pages 48–49

- ▶ Together look at page 48. **Say:** *The boy is outside, thinking about something. It is important to think about the meaning of the words you pray. Be aware that the Holy Spirit is with us to support us in our faith.*
- ▶ Read aloud the first paragraph. Point out that a creed can be any statement of faith in which we express our beliefs. Pray together the *Sign of the Cross* and the *Apostles' Creed*. Pause between each line to give your child time to reflect on the meaning of the prayer. Conclude by praying together the *Sign of the Cross*.
- ▶ Read aloud *What We Believe* on page 49. Reread the *Apostles' Creed* and discuss the meaning of the lines. Have your child use crayons or markers to design his or her stained-glass window.

Respond: Page 50

- ▶ Ask your child to read aloud the *Faith Summary*. Review the *Words I Learned* in this session. Read aloud *Ways of Being Like Jesus*. Ask your child to suggest specific ways he or she can forgive others.
- ▶ Read aloud the prayer as your child follows along. Pray the *Sign of the Cross* together.
- ▶ Read aloud the *With My Family* suggestions. Invite your child to choose one or more to complete today.