

Young Apprentices

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MYSTAGOGY: GO!

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**Lord Jesus,
today I pray for all
missionaries throughout the world
who share with others
the Good News of God's love.**

**Help me to share
the Good News, too,
everywhere I go
and with everyone I meet.
Amen.**



Sunday Word

Acts 1:1-11

Psalms 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9

Ephesians 1:17-23

Matthew 28:16-20

The above readings are available at
usccb.org/bible/readings.

To Help You Remember



- 1.** The Lord Jesus promised the Apostles that the Holy Spirit would give them the power to be his witnesses to the ends of the earth.
- 2.** God raised Jesus from the dead, and seated him at his right hand in the heavens. Jesus is the Head of his Body, the Church.
- 3.** Jesus told the disciples to go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them, and teaching them to observe God's Laws.

With My Family



Deepen

Jesus tells the Apostles that they will be his witnesses to the ends of the Earth. The Apostles are taking up the story begun in Jesus. By their words and by their deeds they will continue to share the Good News of God's great love for all people, and of Salvation through the life, Death, Resurrection, and Ascension of Jesus.

With your family, talk about how you can be witnesses of God's love. Think about ways you can do this at school, in your workplace, in your neighborhood, and in your parish. Then think about ways you truly can be witnesses to the ends of the earth—to people of other nations. Perhaps you can sponsor a child or an adult from another country (go to unbound.org), perhaps you can support the work of Catholic missionaries (go to maryknoll.org), or perhaps you can pray each day for missionaries throughout the world.

Meditate

With the help of many others, you have learned what it means to be a disciple of Jesus, and you have celebrated the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil. You have been changed. You are now an adopted child of God, a disciple of Jesus, strengthened by the Holy Spirit.

With your family, share how you have been changed. What do you know now that you did not know before you were a part of the OCIA process? How are you different because of the OCIA process? How are you different because of receiving the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil? Invite your family members to share changes they have seen in you too.

Share

On the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord, the First Reading tells the story of Jesus' Ascension to Heaven. Angels appear to the disciples and ask them why they are still standing there looking up to the sky.

Followers of Jesus are not meant to stand looking up to the sky. We are called to get busy, to tell others the Good News of Jesus Christ and to invite them to be a part of his Church on Earth.

With your family, think about friends, neighbors, and other family members whom you might invite to come with you to your parish. Invite them to attend Sunday Mass with your family, or invite them to attend the parish festival, a special dinner, a concert, or another event that will help them get to know the Good News of Jesus Christ through you and through the work of your parish community.

Do

Take a look at your family calendar for the coming week. Note any special activities, and the routine activities such as Wednesday night dinner with your grandparents or Friday night family game night.

With your family, talk about ways to share the Good News of Jesus Christ with others as you take part in each activity.