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MYSTAGOGY: JESUS, THE GOOD SHEPHERD

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Jesus,
Light of the world,
help me be a light to others
through what I say
and through what I do.

Jesus,
Good Shepherd,
help me to always hear your voice
and follow you.
Amen.



Sunday Word

Acts 13:14, 43-52

Psalms 100:1-2, 3, 5

Revelation 7:9, 14b-17

John 10:27-30

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

To Help You Remember



1. Paul and Barnabas traveled and spoke the word of God to both the Jews and the Gentiles.
2. John had a vision of a great multitude of people standing before the throne of the Lamb, worshipping him day and night, for he will shepherd them.
3. Jesus knows the sheep of his flock and will give them eternal life.

With My Family



Deepen

Paul and Barnabas continue their missionary efforts to spread the Good News of Salvation in Jesus Christ. They go first to the synagogue to address the Jews and other worshipers, and when that fails, they move on to address the Gentiles. Many become believers. In their preaching, they quote Scripture that uses the image of light.

With your family, remember the Easter Vigil, the blessing of the new fire, and the lighting of the Paschal candle from it. What were you thinking as these things happened? Why?

Meditate

The Easter candle continues to shine forth during this season. It reminds us that we carry the light of faith within our hearts.

Through the Sacraments of Initiation, we have been enlightened by Christ himself and called to share his light and love with all through our words and through the things we do.

With your family, think of ways that you will continue to let your light shine from now until Pentecost Sunday, the end of the Easter season. Challenge each other to keep your promises to do so.

Share

At every Mass, there always will be something that God, through the Holy Spirit, communicates to each of us, something that each of us needs to hear. That message may be spoken to us in one of the Scripture readings or through the homily. It may be contained in the words of a hymn or another piece of music used during Mass. We might hear the message in the words of a prayer, experience it in a ritual gesture such as the sign of peace, or see it through a particular seasonal symbol or decoration, such as the Paschal candle or the cross.

With your family, share the messages you heard in today's Mass.

Do

With your family, think about ways you might live the message you received in the coming week. Based on your experience of Mass today, what are you challenged or invited to do or say?

Pray

With your family, continue to pray the prayer on the front of this handout.