

GRADE 3
CHAPTER Seven
The Good News

Objectives

- To realize that the Gospel is good news
- To identify the four books of the Gospel
- To learn the good news of God's kingdom
- To learn that Jesus is the Messiah, bearer of God's good news

Step One: Invite: Name your personal experience

- What's the best good news you've heard this week? Who gave it to you? Why is it good news? What good news did you share with others? How did you do it?
- Look in the newspaper and pick out three stories of good news. Talk about them with your family.

Step Two: Explore: Understand the meaning of God's Word

- Using the information in Chapter seven, answer the following questions:
 - o In what ways did Jesus share his good news?
 - o What is the good news that Jesus shared?
 - o What is the work of the Catholic Church?
 - o What is another word for good news? How many good news books are there in the Bible and what are their names?
 - o What does "kingdom of God" mean?
 - o Why do Catholics believe Jesus is the Messiah?
- Read Luke 4:16-22 and then do the activity on p. 97

Step Three: Celebrate: Offer prayers of praise and thanksgiving

- Complete the activity on p. 100 using that reading as part of your prayer.
- Finish the prayer with prayer on p. 98.

Faith Activities: Tips

- Throughout each chapter, there will be sections marked "Activity."
- Feel free to choose as many activities as you wish to share with your family. At a minimum, choose one activity above and beyond what might be mentioned in Steps 1-3.
- Follow the directions for the activity, share popcorn or a treat, relax and enjoy it.
- Post any artwork until the next lesson and then use the next chapter's activity to take its place.