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CATECHUMENATE SESSION: SHARE THE GOOD NEWS

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Loving God,
many people today
need to hear good news.

The best news
is the Good News
of your great love for us.

Help me to share that Good News
with others
through my words
and through my actions.

Amen.



Sunday Word

Acts 3:13-15, 17-19

Psalms 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9

1 John 2:1-5a

Luke 24:35-48

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

To Help You Remember



1. Jesus stood in the midst of the disciples and greeted them with the words, "Peace be with you."
2. Jesus reminded the disciples that all he had spoken to them had been fulfilled.
3. The disciples were witnesses of Christ's Death and Resurrection and were called to preach repentance to all the nations.

Key Teachings



Sharing

When something wonderful and exciting happens in our lives, it is hard to keep quiet about it. We have to tell someone! We have to share the good news! The best news Christians have to share is the Good News of Jesus' Death and Resurrection, by which we have been saved from sin and death.

Giving Witness

Like the Apostles, we are called to share the Good News. We must give witness to our Salvation in Christ by showing and telling others the Good News of the Kingdom of God, the kingdom of love, peace, joy, and reconciliation.

Faith Words



Good News

The word *gospel* means *good news*. The Good News is the Gospel that tells us of God's love revealed through the life, suffering, Death, and Resurrection of Jesus Christ.



Salvation

Salvation is our freedom from sin and death through Jesus' sacrifice on the Cross and his Resurrection.

Good News



With My Family



We Listen

The last line of the Gospel today says that we are "witnesses of these things." What things? As a family, look again at all three of the readings and make a list of all the "things" that, as disciples of Jesus, we have witnessed. These are the "things" that we must share with others through our words and actions.

We Believe

We believe that Jesus Christ is our Salvation. He is "expiation" for our sins (1 John 2:2). To expiate means "to make up for." His Death makes up for our sins. That is Good News!

We Live As Disciples

The disciples were amazed and joyful when they saw the Risen Jesus. Likewise, our hearts are joyful this Easter season. How can you spread the joy of the Good News? Name one thing you will do at home, at school, or at work to bring the joy of the Good News to another person.

We Pray

Invite each family member to share his or her prayer intentions. After each intention is named, respond with these words taken from the first verse of Psalm 4 (today's Responsorial Psalm):

Answer me when I call, O God . . . [b]e gracious to me, and hear my prayer.