

ALIVE IN CHRIST

GRADE 2

Sacraments of Penance and Eucharist

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Our Sunday Visitor

Share the Good News

Let Us Pray

Leader: God, let us sing your songs.

“A psalm of thanksgiving.
Shout joyfully to the LORD, all you
lands.” **Psalm 100:1-2**

All: God, fill us with your joy and praise. Amen.

God's Word

Jesus told his disciples: “Go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel to every creature. Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved...” **Mark 16:15-16**

What Do You Wonder?

- Why does Jesus ask you to share the Good News with others?
- How do you share Jesus' Good News with your family?



Someone Special

When did you have good news to share?

Gaby likes to share stories and pictures of her aunt and uncle. Aunt Jill and Uncle Todd spend a lot of time helping other people. On the weekends they help build houses for families who need a place to live. Last year, they spent their summer vacation in another country providing medical assistance to people who needed it. Gaby wants everyone to know about her aunt and uncle and the special things they do for others.

➔ How do you think Gaby shares the news about her aunt and uncle?

Live as Followers

Just like Gaby wants everyone to know about her aunt and uncle, Jesus wanted everyone to know about God his Father.

Catholic Faith Words

Gospel a word that means "Good News." The Gospel message is the Good News of God's Kingdom and his saving love.

Jesus knew that the work of spreading the **Gospel** message about God's Kingdom would be hard. His followers would need his help. He promised to help his followers if they stayed close to him.

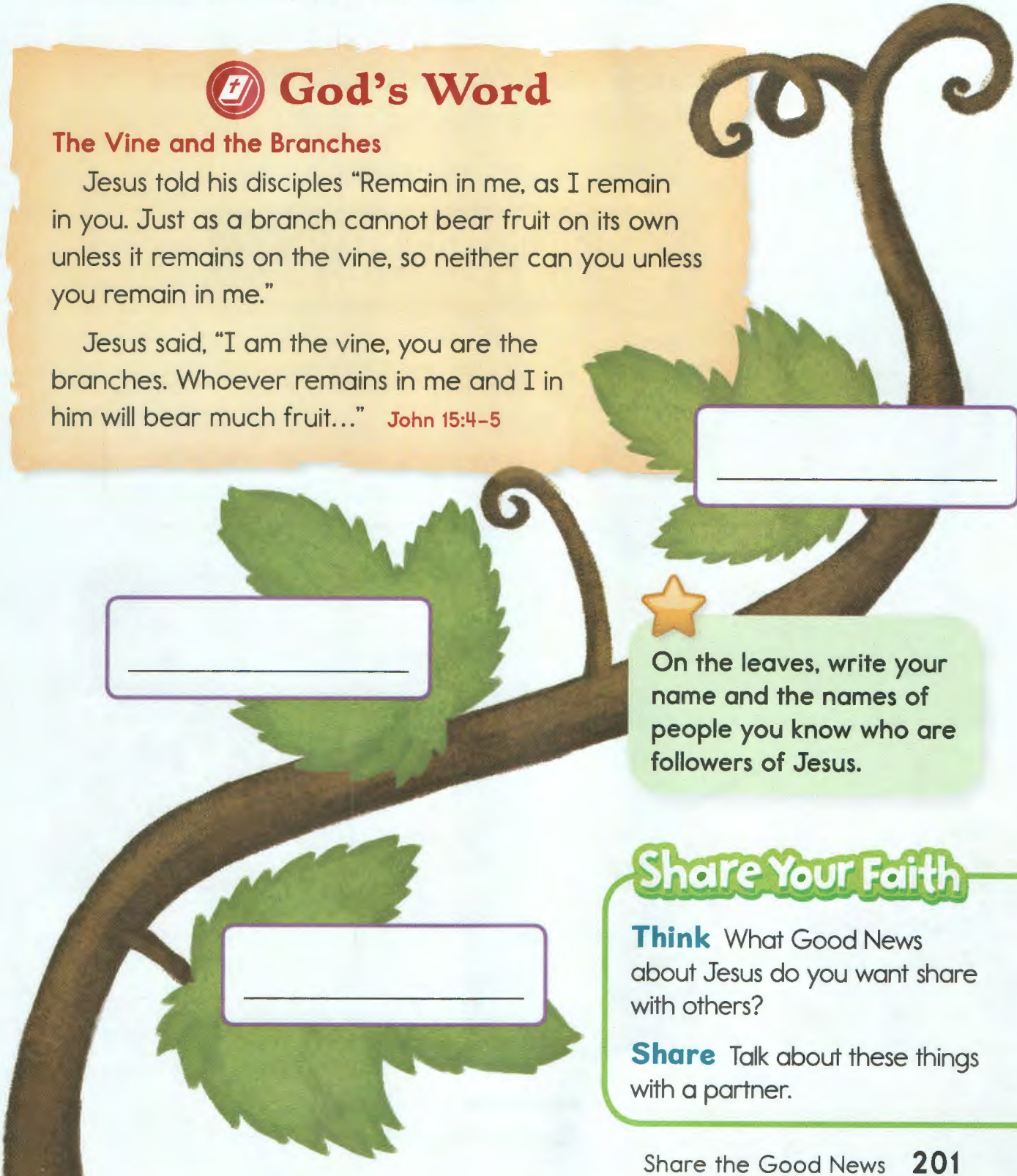
➔ Name one way you can stay close to Jesus.

God's Word

The Vine and the Branches

Jesus told his disciples "Remain in me, as I remain in you. Just as a branch cannot bear fruit on its own unless it remains on the vine, so neither can you unless you remain in me."

Jesus said, "I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit..." **John 15:4-5**



On the leaves, write your name and the names of people you know who are followers of Jesus.

Share Your Faith

Think What Good News about Jesus do you want share with others?

Share Talk about these things with a partner.

Taking Jesus' Message to Others

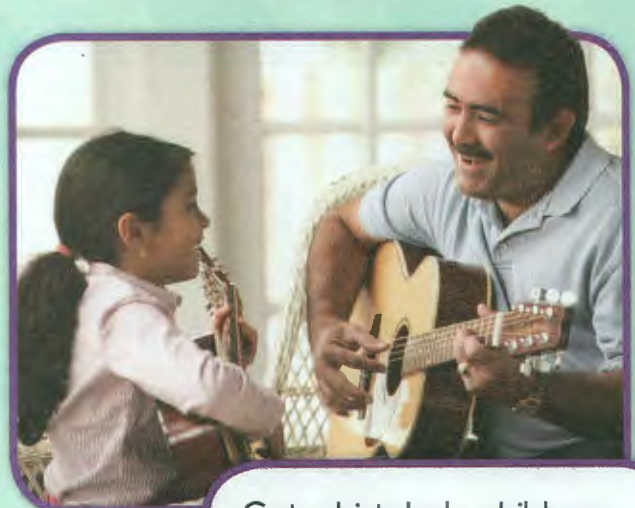
How can we share Jesus' message of love?

The Holy Spirit guided Jesus' followers to places that they had never seen. The Spirit strengthened them to **proclaim** the Gospel. They shared everything that Jesus had taught them with others.

People Who Serve Jesus and Share His Love



Religious sisters and brothers teach children more about God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.



Catechists help children learn songs to sing to God.



Parents and grandparents show their children how to love God.

Jesus' Followers Today

Jesus' followers still bring his message to the world in different ways. There are many people in your **parish**, the place where your local community of Catholics meets, that share Jesus' message. When we share the Good News, we work together with God as he builds his Kingdom.

Catholic Faith Words

proclaim to tell about Jesus in words and actions

parish the local community of Catholics that meets at a particular place



Priests are pastors who lead the parish, celebrate Mass, and bless people.



Deacons serve in the parish in many ways, including baptizing people.

Connect Your Faith

Proclaim the Gospel Name two people in your parish who proclaim the Gospel.

1. _____
2. _____

Our Catholic Life

How can you share the Good News?

Jesus asked all of his followers to share the Good News. He told them to use the gifts God gave them to help them do this. God has given you gifts, too. You have the gifts of time, talent, and treasure to help you share the Good News.



Write in one way you can share your time, talent, and treasure.

Share Your Gifts

Time: All the minutes of your day, which you can choose to use generously or selfishly.

You can: Do extra chores at home or run errands for a neighbor.

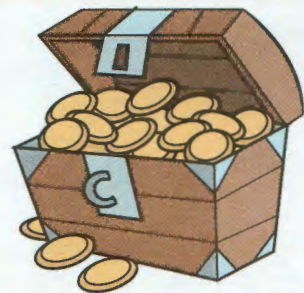


Talent: All the things you like to do and things you do well, which you can use generously or selfishly.

You can: Teach someone to play your favorite game or read a story to a younger child.

Treasure: All the things you have, which you could use generously or selfishly.

You can: Let a friend borrow a toy or collect extra clothes and toys for people who have less.



People of Faith

Saint Teresa of Calcutta, 1910–1997

Saint Teresa of Calcutta was born in Albania. She was named Agnes by her parents. When she grew up, she became a nun. Her new name was Mother Teresa. She worked in Calcutta, India, far from her home. She cared for the poor and dying. She began a new group of sisters called the Missionaries of Charity. When people asked, "What can we do to help the people who are poor?" Mother Teresa told them to use their gifts of time, talent, and treasure to build God's Kingdom. She said, "Do something beautiful for God."



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Discuss: How can you do something beautiful for God?



Learn more about Saint Teresa of Calcutta at aliveinchrist.osv.com

Live Your Faith

Share the Good News With a partner, answer the questions about this story.



1. How did the Samaritan use his gifts?
2. What gifts could you use to bring the Good News to someone in need?

 Let Us Pray

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Gather and begin with the Sign of the Cross.

Leader: We praise and thank you,
O Lord, for the many people
who share your Good News.
Blessed be the name of the Lord.

All: Now and forever.

Leader: We praise and thank you,
O Lord, for the people
who help in our parish.
Blessed be the name of the Lord.

All: Now and forever. Amen.

Leader: We praise and thank you,
O Lord, for giving gifts and talents
to us to serve others.
Blessed be the name of the Lord.

All: Now and forever. Amen.



Sing "Gifts"

We thank you, God,
for giving talents to us.
Now we use those gifts to serve others and you.
Singing and teaching, helping each other.
Caring for needs of our sisters and brothers.
We thank you, God,
as we give our talents back to you!

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YOUR CHILD LEARNED >>>

This chapter teaches that we are all called as disciples to share the Good News of Jesus and that priests, deacons, and religious sisters and brothers serve the Church in many ways.

God's Word



Read **Mark 16:15–16** to find out who is saved through Jesus Christ.

Catholics Believe

- Jesus' disciples share in his life and in his work.
- The Holy Spirit helps us proclaim the Gospel in our words and actions.

To learn more, go to the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* #746–747, 900, 904, 905 at usccb.org.

People of Faith

This week, your child met Saint Teresa of Calcutta. Her work with others in need reminds us that there are many ways to serve God.

CHILDREN AT THIS AGE >>>

How They Understand Sharing the Good News Children in second grade may think of sharing the Good News of Jesus only as talking about God. While telling others about our faith is an important part of sharing the Gospel, the witness of our lives is the most powerful testimony we can give to our belief in Christ. Second-graders can begin to understand this through the guidance of parents and other teachers as they point out the many choices we make each day, often witnessed by other people. Even when we cannot preach with our words, our actions can say a lot about who we are and what we believe.



CONSIDER THIS >>>

Do you believe that your actions speak louder than your words?

Research tells us that people trust body language more than verbal language. Jesus offered us the perfect image of God, as his words and actions never contradict each other. "We are called, in imitation of the Lord Jesus, to be people who offer ourselves willingly in service to others. Actions of such service can point to Christ's Kingdom of love, justice, mercy, and salvation to all persons, cultures, governments, and other structures of society. We are also called to a life of service to the Church herself" (*USCCA, p. 118*).

LET'S TALK >>>

- Talk about the talents of each member of your family and how they can be used to serve God and share his love with others.
- Name some people in your parish who spread Jesus' message to others.

LET'S PRAY >>>



Dear Jesus, help us use our gifts to do something beautiful for God, as Saint Teresa of Calcutta did. Amen.



For a multimedia glossary of Catholic Faith Words, Sunday readings, seasonal and Saint resources, and chapter activities go to aliveinchrist.osv.com.

Chapter 14 Review

A Work with Words Fill in the blank with the correct word from the Word Bank to complete each sentence.

1. Jesus said to make _____ of all nations.
2. The Holy Spirit was sent to help Jesus' disciples _____ the Gospel.
3. Jesus told his followers to _____ all people everywhere.
4. Jesus is the _____, and we are the branches.
5. The gifts of time, _____, and treasure help you share the Good News.

Word Bank

vine
talent
proclaim
baptize
disciples

B Check Understanding Write the letter T if the sentence is TRUE. Write the letter F if the sentence is FALSE.

6. Jesus told his disciples to proclaim the Gospel.
7. Jesus asked his followers to keep the Good News a secret.
8. God gives us gifts to help us spread the Good News.
9. We work together with God to build his Kingdom.
10. The Holy Spirit strengthened Jesus' followers to proclaim the newspaper.

