

# Kids' Chronicle

## Jesus promises help for his disciples

By Joe Sarnicola

"My children," Jesus said at the Last Supper, "I will be with you only a while longer."

The disciples were troubled by this bad news, so Jesus said, "Do not be upset. You have faith in God, have faith in me as well."

"Where are you going?" asked Thomas. "Tell us the way and we will join you later."

"I am going in order to prepare a place for you to live in. And at the time ordained by my Father I will come back and you will spend eternity with me."

"But," Thomas continued, "you still have not told us the way to wherever it is you are going."

Then Jesus said, "I am the way and the truth and the life. The only way to come to the Father is through me. Even more, if you know me, you know my Father as well."

"Show us the Father," Philip said, "and we will be satisfied."

"Don't you know me, Philip? Haven't I been with you all this time? If you have seen me, you have already seen my Father. The things you have seen me do, greater things will be done by people who believe once I go to be with my Father. Anything you ask from my Father, in my name, will be given to you. This way my Father will be glorified."

"What do you want us to do, after you have left us?" asked Andrew.

Before Jesus answered, he looked into the eyes of all his friends, one by one, showing that he cared for them.

"I ask only one thing of you, and that is that you love me always," he said. "And now I leave you my

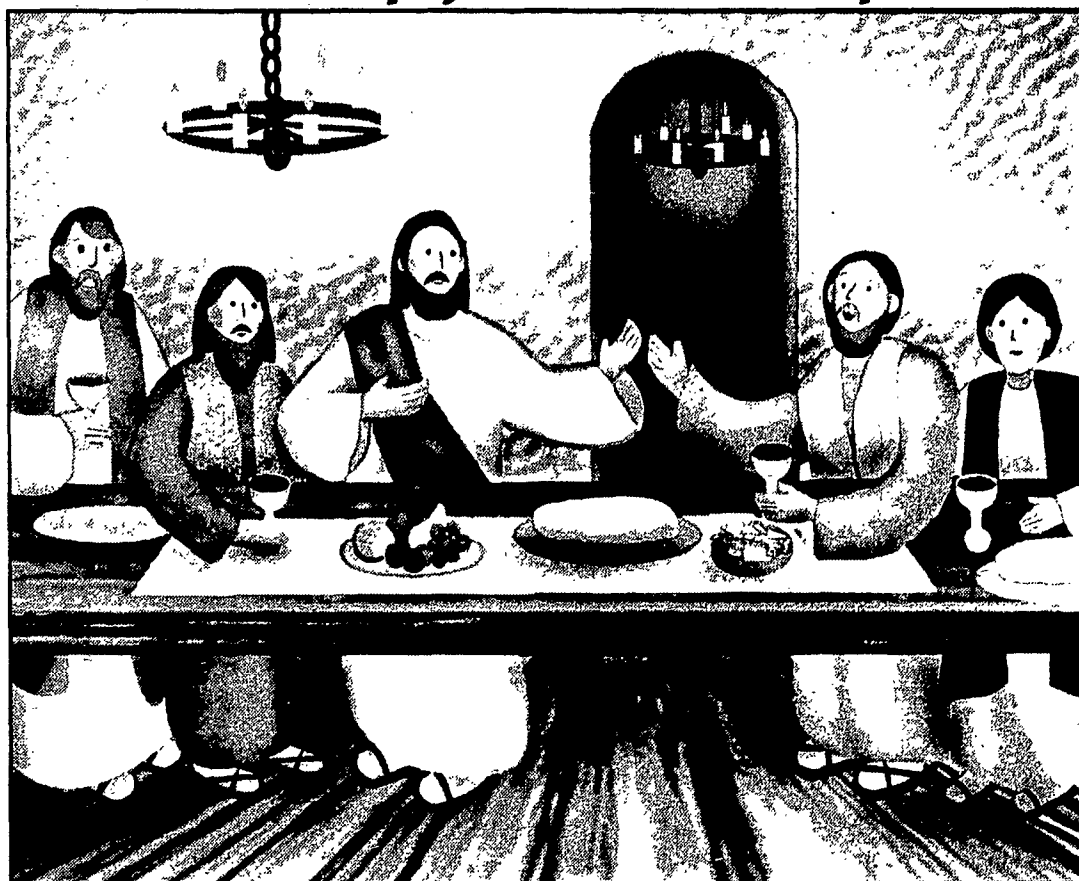


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peace. After I am gone, my Father will send a comforter, his Holy Spirit. He will give you what you need when you need it. So do not be afraid, do not worry. I am telling you these things now so that when they come to pass, you will remember what I told you."

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## Q&A

1. What was Jesus going to do after he left his friends?
2. What was the only way to the Father?

## Bible Trivia

There is a Gospel according to John and there are three letters of John. Can you name the other New Testament book often said to have been written by a person named John? Send Answer to: Catholic Courier Bible Trivia, P.O. Box 24379, Rochester, N.Y. 14624. Please include your name, address and school name.

All entries must be received by May 6, 1999. A winner will be selected at random from all the correct entries submitted.

Last month's winner was Janelle Varin, a student at Wheatland Chili Junior/Senior High School. She correctly identified that Peter was a fisherman before he became a follower of Jesus.

## Puzzle

Match the words with their definitions. Answers on page 8.

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|---------------|-------|---------------------------------------|
| 1. Angels     | ----- | a. Someone who dies for his/her faith |
| 2. Trinity    | ----- | b. Admitting sins                     |
| 3. Confession | ----- | c. Heavenly messengers                |
| 4. Gentiles   | ----- | d. Father, Son, Holy Spirit           |
| 5. Gospel     | ----- | e. People who are not Jewish          |
| 6. Martyr     | ----- | f. Means "good news"                  |
| 7. Parable    | ----- | g. Signs of God's love and power      |
| 8. Psalm      | ----- | h. A Hebrew word for peace            |
| 9. Sacraments | ----- | i. A story with a message             |
| 10. Shalom    | ----- | j. A religious song                   |

## Bible Accent

The Gospel according to John opens with the same three words that begin Genesis chapter 1, "In the beginning." The emphasis of John's Gospel is on the Word that was God and became flesh and lived among us. This is referring to Jesus. John also quotes Jesus calling himself by different titles, such as "the bread of life," "the light of the world," "the good shepherd," and "the way, the truth, and the life."

The message that is given throughout John's Gospel is that God loves us, and that through Jesus, his son, we can receive salvation if we believe in him. John closes his Gospel with a sense of wonder about all of the things Jesus did by saying that if he wrote about all of them, "the whole world would not contain the books that would be written."

## St. Catherine

St. Catherine of Siena (Italy) was born in 1347, the youngest of 25 children. She had a twin sister who died after birth.

She showed a devotion to the Lord from an early age. At first her parents did not understand her, but when St. Catherine turned 15, they allowed her to become a tertiary of the Dominican order. She experienced religious visions and pursued a life dedicated to helping the sick. She also became a strong advocate for peace and she counseled the pope to try to bring an end to conflict in her country.

She dictated a book that was called "The Dialogue of St. Catherine." At the age of 33, she suffered a stroke and died eight days later. Written accounts say at her death the stigmata, or the wounds of Christ, appeared on her hands.

St. Catherine was pronounced a Doctor of the Church and she is also the patron saint of Italy. We honor her on April 29.

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