

Kids' Chronicle

Jesus promises the Holy Spirit

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You have faith in God, Jesus told his disciples. Have faith also in me. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back again and take you to myself so that where I am you also may be.

Then Thomas, who sometimes needed to hear more explanation in order to understand or had to see something or touch it for himself, said, Master, we do not know where you are going; how can we know the way?

Jesus answered, I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

Philip wanted more information as well. Master, show us the Father, and that will be enough for us.

Have I been with you for so long a time and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father.

Then Jesus reminded his friends how important it is to love God. If you love me, you will keep my commandments. Whoever loves me will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our dwelling with him. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you always, the Spirit of truth. The

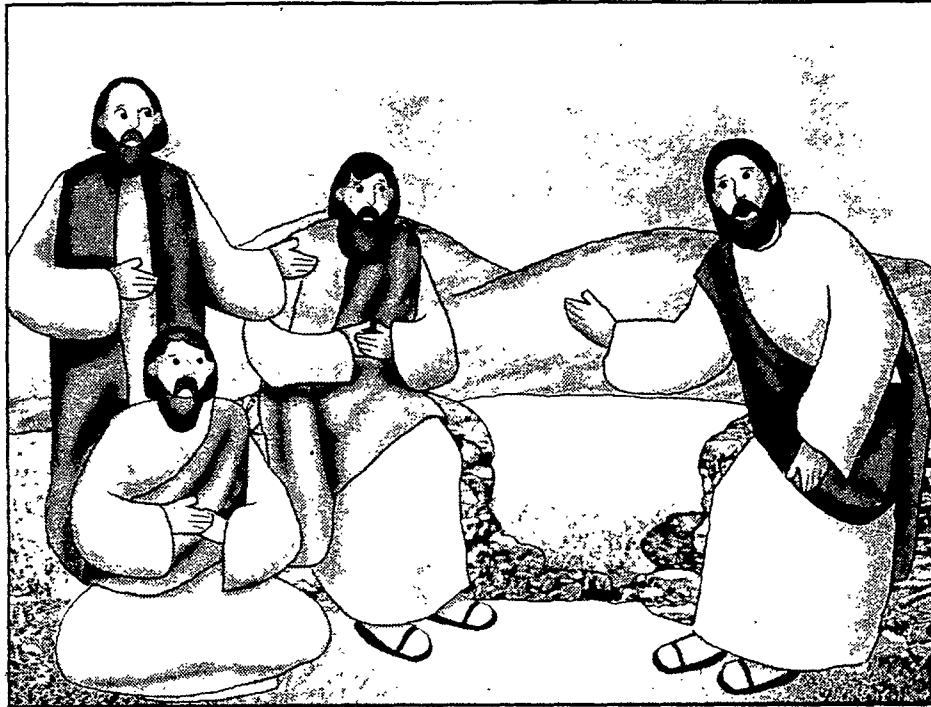


Illustration by Linda Jeanne Rivers

Advocate, the Holy Spirit that the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you.

Jesus stopped talking, as if he had finished and was preparing to leave. He

stood up, brushed dust off his robe, and said, Peace I leave you; my peace I give to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid.

One of the disciples asked Jesus why he was talking this way. Was he going to leave them? And if so, where was he going? How long would he be gone?

You heard me tell you, I am going away and I will come back to you. If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you this before it happens, so that when it happens you may believe. The world must know that I love the Father and that I do just as the Father has commanded me.

Jesus motioned for his friends to stand up with him. Get up, let us go.

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John 14

Q&A

1. What two things did Jesus say the Advocate would do?
2. Who needed to know that Jesus loved his Father?

Bible Accent

The Gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John have given us a record of the amazing and miraculous events that made up the life of Jesus.

They were written between 65 and 100 years after the birth of Christ. Because the first three Gospels have so many similarities, they are called the synoptic Gospels, which is from a Greek word that means to view together. Some Bibles and religious reference books contain a harmony of the Gospels, which lists where to look to find the different writers, telling the same story. For example, Matthew, Mark, and Luke each record the baptism of Christ, while John did not, yet only John wrote about the first miracle of Jesus at the wedding in Cana. Each Gospel reflects the style of the writer. Luke is a historian, Mark is a storyteller, and Matthew and John could be compared to religious education teachers.

St. Francis di Girolama

St. Francis di Girolama, born in 1642, was the oldest of the 11 children of an Italian family. When he was 12 years old, he lived with some secular priests who shared a house in the community. Francis demonstrated a devotion to God and a gift for understanding and explaining the catechism. Within a few short years the priests had made him a teacher. Francis went to Naples with one of his brothers, where he studied canon and civil law. He became an ordained priest before his 24th birthday, and he taught in the Jesuit college in Naples for the next five years.

When he turned 28, Francis joined the Society of Jesus, the Jesuits. The priests tested him harshly, but he excelled in every way so he was sent to work with Father Agnello Bruno in the mission field. Francis was credited with having the gift of healing, but he always said it was due to the intercession of St. Cyrus. We honor Francis on May 11.

Puzzle

There are many stories in the Bible about fathers and sons, the most important being God and Jesus. Can you match the fathers and sons in the list below? *Answers on Page 10.*

1. Adam (Genesis 4) _____	c. John the Baptist
2. Abraham (Genesis 21) _____	b. James and John
3. Saul (1 Samuel 14) _____	c. Cain
4. David (1 Kings 1) _____	d. Joseph
5. Zechariah (Luke 1) _____	e. Jonathan
6. Zebedee (Mark 1) _____	f. Solomon
7. Jacob (Genesis 30) _____	g. Isaac

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The winner to last month's question, **Why do you think the church considers Easter a more important holiday than Christmas?** was Katie Monaco, a fifth-grader at St. Joseph School, Penfield. She wrote Easter is more important than Christmas because on Easter Sunday, Jesus rose from his crucifixion giving new life to everyone. Christmas was when he was born, which was a good thing, but on Easter he had eternal life. Also in Easter we celebrate the ascension of Jesus and the coming of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost. Easter is also good because Spring comes and the seeds of flowers spread new life just like Jesus did.

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