

Good News for children

We Share the Good News

We call the first forty-six books of the Bible the Old Testament.



You can find Jesus' Good News in the Bible. The Bible is a big book made up of little books.

We call the books that tell the Good News about Jesus the New Testament.



BIBLE SEARCH

- Find the Gospel of John.
- Find Chapter 4.
- Find verse 5.
- Then find verse 42.

This is Sunday's Gospel:
John 4:5-42.



The first four books in the New Testament are the Gospels.

New Testament

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The Girl Who Gave Her Money Away

PHILADELPHIA 1870 – Katharine Drexel and her sisters helped their mother give out food, clothes, medicine, and money.



The three girls taught religion to the children who worked on their farm.



The Drexel family was rich and gave wonderful parties.

Katharine took a big trip out West. She met Native Americans who knew that her father had helped them.



Katharine also visited the South.

Now you need teachers.

Katharine's parents died. She felt sad and lost. She and her sisters took a trip to Europe.

Katharine visited Pope Leo XIII in Rome.

Please send us missionaries to teach in our schools.

Why don't you become a missionary?

Thank you for helping build our school.

Katharine built eleven schools.

So she did. Katharine Drexel founded the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament. She used her inheritance to build over one hundred schools for Native American and African American children.

Today, Blessed Sacrament Sisters teach and serve in Arizona and New Mexico, New Orleans and Harlem, and in many other states and cities.



Mother Katharine Drexel died when she was ninety-six. Her feast day is March 3.



KNOW

- 1 What helped Katharine to notice people in need?
- 2 How did she share the Good News?

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SUNDAY GOSPEL

3rd Sunday of Lent

John 4:5-42



A Woman Shares the Good News

Narrator: Jesus and his disciples were walking near a town in Samaria. It was about noon, and Jesus was tired. The disciples went to the town to buy food. As Jesus rested by the well, a woman came to get water.

Jesus: Please give me a drink.

Woman: How can you ask me for water? You are a Jew, and I am a Samaritan woman. Jews and Samaritans stay away from each other.

Jesus: If you knew who I am, you would ask me for the water that gives life.

Woman: The well is deep, and you don't have a bucket. Where can you get this living water?

Jesus: Whoever drinks the water I give them will never be thirsty again. It will give them life forever.

Woman: Sir, give me your water. Then I won't have to come to the well every day. You must be a holy man. Are you the Messiah we have been waiting for?

Jesus: Yes, I am.

Narrator: The disciples arrived with food just as the woman left to tell the people of her town about Jesus.

Woman: Come see a holy man! He might be the Messiah!

Villagers: Let's go see.

Woman: Here he is! The great king we have been waiting for.

Villagers: Come to our village and teach us.

Narrator: Jesus stayed in the town for two days. Many people believed in him.

Villagers: We believe that this man, Jesus, is the savior of the world.



KNOW

- 1 Why is the woman surprised that Jesus talks to her?
- 2 What makes the woman believe in Jesus?
- 3 What Good News does the woman bring to her town?

Catholic Faith Word

Good News The Good News of Jesus Christ is that he suffered, died, and rose from the dead so that humankind can share in God's life.





We were baptized with the living water of the Holy Spirit. Through Baptism, we become sons and daughters of God. This living water flows like a fountain from Jesus and brings us eternal life.

As God's children, we are called to share the **Good News** of Jesus with other people. We do this when we share what we believe, make loving choices, pray, and go to Mass.

Go to page 32 of your Catechism handbook to learn more about the Good News.



Activity

Questions Help Us Learn

What questions would you ask Jesus if you met him? **Read the questions that other children have for Jesus. Decide if any of those questions are yours or if you have others. Then write a question that you want to ask Jesus in the bucket shape.**

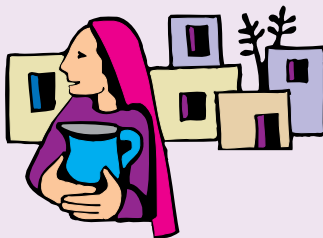
Questions for Jesus

Check three questions that you also have.

- Why do people and pets have to die?
- Does God answer prayers?
- Why are some people rich when others are poor?
- Why do we have so many religions?
- What does God look like?
- How do we know that our sins are forgiven?

Family Corner

Scan here for parent resources.



Question of the Week

How do you share the Good News of Jesus with others?

Family Prayer

Thank you, Jesus, for sharing your gifts with us. Help us to share these gifts with others. Amen.

