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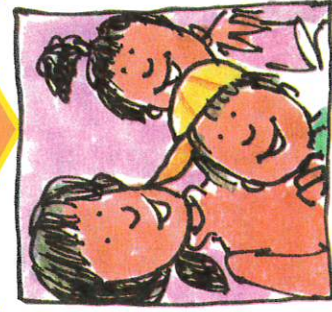
Concentrate this week on learning to understand how important it is to preserve memories of special times and good works. Here are some starter ideas.

1 Show the children some of the things you have saved over the years, items your family has passed down to keep alive the memory of important times in your lives (baptismal certificates, baby books, Bible with family history).

2 Talk about why these items were saved and how each in its own way carries on the pride and love of the past.

3 A trip to a local museum or historical monument can also illustrate this message by showing how talent, art, and valor all live on long after the artist or great person has gone.

4 Tie this all in by discussing how Jesus' message survives and continues growing — not just for the apostles of his day but for God's people always. Because of this, Christians all over the world can participate in the drama of Calvary — a work of love that will last for all time.



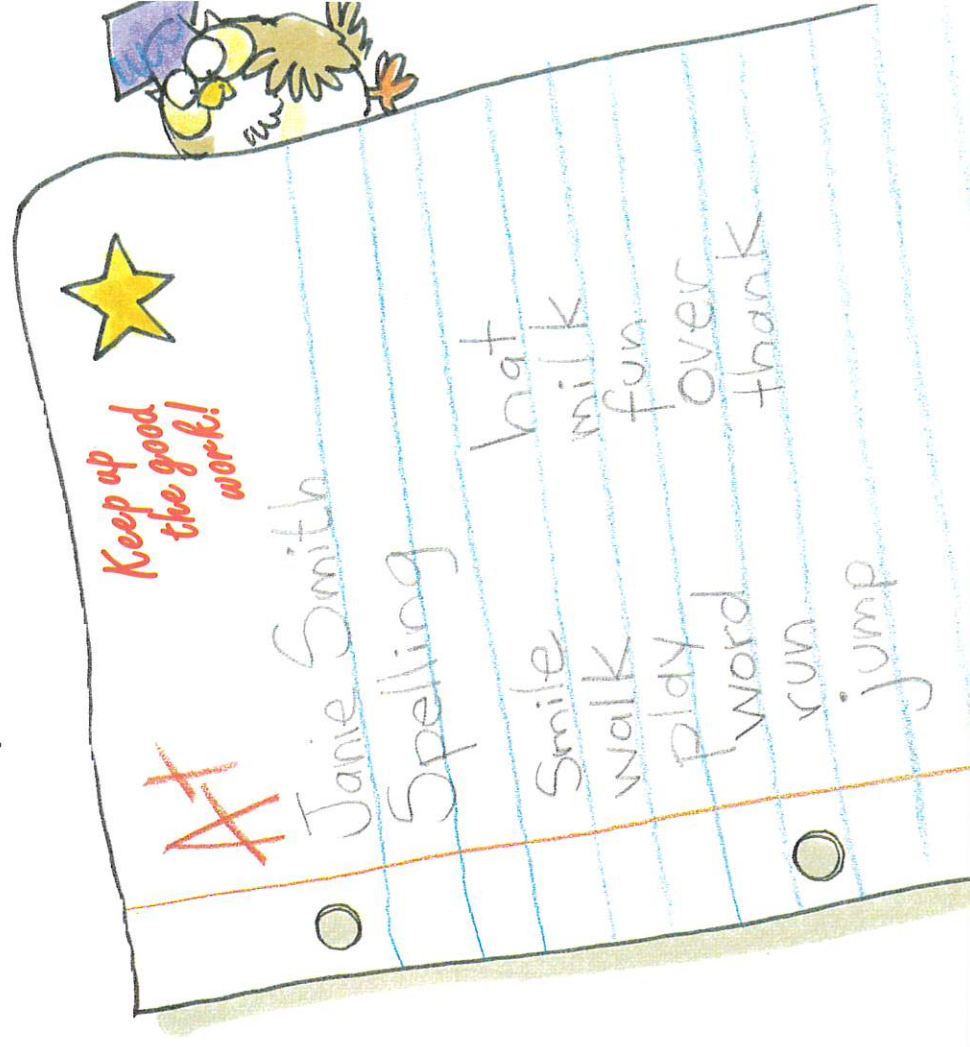
explaining GOD'S WORD

May 24, 2020

Ascension of the Lord (A) • Matthew 28:16–20
Seventh Sunday of Easter (A) • John 17:1–11a



If you got a paper like this, what would your mother do with it? She would probably hang it somewhere so everyone could see it. Good work should always be saved.



Jesus Does a Good Job

When you do something really great, like a super-good paper in school or a drawing you make for Grandma, you feel so very proud. You'd like it to last forever. You want everyone to see your paper and be reminded of your good work.

That's the way Jesus felt in today's gospel prayer. The Father had given him a job to do, and he did it quite well.

Jesus wants his message saved so people will always remember what he did on earth. Jesus prays that his apostles will carry on his work and bring his message of love to all people forever.

This is what the apostles did. They taught Jesus' message and relived his suffering and death every time they shared the Eucharist.

When you go to Mass today, when you hear Jesus' words repeated by the priest and reader, it's just like having Jesus' work hanging right before your eyes. And you are reminded once again of the Father's love for you and of the wonderful work Jesus did for all God's people on earth.

Carrying on JESUS' Work

Hidden in the magic square below are some things you can do to help Jesus' work go on. How many can you find?

A B E S H A R E L Z
L O V E R A F M I N
J E A M S P U Y T B
U T R I P P K L Q C
B E A F R I E N D S
E B V I A N S I N S
A X V R Y E Z R M K
R W O R K S T Y C U
H E L P O T H E R S
S M I L E S X Q W

Word List

LOVE SHARE BE A FRIEND PRAY
WORK HELP OTHERS SMILE

