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# Jesus, Our Lord and Savior

## Unit Opener: Pages 44–46

- ▶ Discuss with your child the responsibilities that he or she has around the home, such as doing chores and practicing good hygiene. Explain how you depend on your child to take care of these responsibilities himself or herself. Invite your child to turn to page 44 and read aloud the unit title. Say: ***We are going to learn how Jesus depends on us as members of the Church to carry on his mission.***
- ▶ Draw your child's attention to the picture on page 44. Ask: ***What is Saint Alphonus Liguori doing?*** (blessing the man, caring for a person in need) Say: ***Saint Alphonus is known for ministering to people who were poor and for being a great teacher.***
- ▶ Invite your child to read aloud the first two paragraphs on page 45. Ask: ***How did Saint Alphonus know that he should be a priest instead of a lawyer?*** (He prayed to know God's will; he had a vision from God.) Say: ***Sister Marie Celeste inspired Saint Alphonus to found the Redemptorists, who became known for their preaching and missionary work.*** Explain that Alphonus discovered a spiritual void among the people and began teaching them the Gospel of Jesus.
- ▶ Invite your child to read aloud the second two paragraphs. Point out that a Doctor of the Church is recognized as a model teacher of the faith. Say: ***We remember Saint Alphonus Liguori because he helped bring people back to God, and he taught people how to stay close to Jesus always.***
- ▶ Read aloud the Be Inspired feature. Discuss what it means to live on earth as a pilgrim.
- ▶ Invite your child to turn to page 46 and read aloud Called to a Mission. Ask: ***What do you think of when you hear the word mission?*** (Accept reasonable responses.) Say: ***Why might it have been difficult for Saint Alphonus to follow God's call?*** (He had to quit his career.) ***Who helped him?*** (the Holy Spirit)
- ▶ Read aloud Mission, Possible! and give your child time to complete the activity. Discuss his or her answers.
- ▶ Invite your child to read aloud the Reading God's Word feature. Say: ***The prophet Isaiah shows us how to respond to God's call: by saying, "Here I am!"*** Read aloud the verse again using a call-and-response format: Say, "Whom shall I send?" and have your child respond, "Here I am!"