

9. OUR LIFE AS CHRISTIANS

Our little procession at Chrismation reminded us that our life with God never ends. Now we hear what kind of life this is.

First, a reader reads a short verse from the Psalms — the prokimenon. This verse tells us that God is always with us to help us to see and to do the right thing. He gives His strength to protect us from all harm. The Psalm reads:

**“The Lord is my light and my salvation:
Whom then shall I fear?
The Lord is the strength of my life:
Of whom then shall I be afraid?”**

Next, the reader reads the lesson from St. Paul’s Letter to the Romans. These verses tell us that we are now able to win the fight with evil. Because we are baptized in Jesus Christ, we have a new life like His. Our life with Jesus lasts forever. We must now put away all bad things in life and become good sons of God. (Romans 6:3-11)

Finally, the priest reads the lesson from the Gospel. He tells us the last words of Jesus Christ before He ascended into heaven. Jesus said to His disciples:

“All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, to the close of the age.”

(Matthew 28:16-20)

Jesus reminds us to follow His teachings and to do everything He has commanded. His last words to us tell us that He will always be with us until the end of time when His Kingdom will come.

Make a set of review cards showing the things that happened to you in your baptism. Use simple stick figures or outline drawings to show the actions. Include these events and write the titles on the back of the cards. Mix up the cards and see if you can put them back in the right order.

1. This person belongs to God.
2. I reject Satan.
3. I accept Jesus Christ . . . “I believe . . .”
4. The oil of gladness.
5. “The servant of God is baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.”
6. “The servant of God is clothed with the robe of righteousness.”
7. “The seal of the gift of the Holy Spirit.”
8. The procession: “As many as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ. Alleluia.”

After you finish Lesson 10, complete your set of review cards.