



PEACE I GIVE YOU

“We can take along only two volunteers and two parents,”

Fr. John announced to the fifth-grade class at St. Catherine’s. “It’s too bad we can’t take all of you,” he added, “because you’ve all worked so hard on this.” The class had spent all year helping the parish collect clothes, toys, and games for their sister parish in rural New Mexico, and it was time to plan the big trip to deliver the needed supplies.

Father John then asked the kids with signed permission slips from home to seal them in envelopes, step forward, and drop them in a basket.

“I’ll draw two names,” Father continued, “and those two students will be able to bring along a parent in the van we’ll be driving to New Mexico.”

“Oh, I hope, I hope, I hope,” Alanna silently prayed as Fr. John thrust his hand into the basket. When he read her name, she was beside herself with joy! The feeling was short-lived, though, because next he drew out Carter’s name.

“Oh, no, now I *can’t* go,” Alanna silently grumbled. Earlier that year, Carter had pushed her down while rushing down a hallway, then laughed at how silly she looked with her books and papers scattered all around her. She still reddened with rage whenever she thought about it. How could she possibly ride with him for 800 miles in a van?

Read John 20:19-23 and then close your Bible and see if you can answer each of the following questions correctly. If you need help, open your Bible again and check the verse that appears at the end of the question.



1. What day of the week does Jesus appear to his disciples? (v. 19)

FIRST THIRD SEVENTH

2. What time of day does Jesus appear to his disciples? (v. 19)

MORNING AFTERNOON EVENING

3. What is true of the doors to the room Jesus enters? (v. 19)

THEY ARE LOCKED
THEY ARE UNLOCKED

4. What emotion is gripping the disciples at the time? (v. 19)

FEAR ANGER REGRET

5. What are Jesus’ first words to the disciples? (v. 19)

LOVE BE WITH YOU
PEACE BE WITH YOU



That evening, Alanna's dad had a quiet talk with her. "Sometimes people just do stupid things. Try to forgive Carter. I bet he doesn't even remember what he did," her dad said. "Besides, Jesus taught us how to forgive. He offered his disciples peace after he rose from the dead—and then his disciples were able to tell the whole world the Good News."

"Dad's right," Alanna thought as she drifted off to sleep that night. "If Jesus can forgive his disciples, then I can forgive Carter. Besides, the people in New Mexico are waiting for us and I want to do everything I can to help."

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6. What do the disciples do upon seeing the Risen Lord? (v. 20)

THEY BOW DOWN THEY REJOICE

7. What does Jesus show the disciples? (v. 20)

HIS SACRED HEART
HIS HANDS AND SIDE

8. Complete these words of Jesus: "As the Father has sent me..." (v. 21)

SO HE SENDS YOU SO I SEND YOU

9. What does Jesus do while saying, "Receive the Holy Spirit"? (v. 22)

BREATHES ON THEM
LAYS HIS HANDS ON THEM

10. What power does Jesus give his disciples?(v. 23)

TO WORK MIRACLES
TO FORGIVE SINS

