

# FAMILY+FAITH

LIVING AND LEARNING TOGETHER

## YOUR CHILD LEARNED >>>

*This chapter explores how God gives us what we need to live and be happy. We can thank God for his gifts in many ways.*

### God's Word



Read **Genesis 1:11–31** to find out about the many gifts God created for us to enjoy

### Catholics Believe

- God's world is a gift to you.
- You can learn about God and his love by looking at the world he made.

To learn more, go to the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* #315, 319 at [usccb.org](http://usccb.org).

### People of Faith

This week, your child met Saint Nicholas. Saint Nicholas spent his life helping the needy and is the model for our Santa Claus.

## CHILDREN AT THIS AGE >>>

**How They Understand God's Creation** Children at this age are very concrete thinkers—they know and understand the things they perceive with their senses. For this reason, many children understand God in the context of what he has made. Knowing that God made the trees, flowers, animals, oceans, people, and everything in the world teaches them that God is very big and powerful. God's identity is still a mystery for them, but creation becomes for them the "evidence" that God is real.



## CONSIDER THIS >>>

*Have you ever had the feeling that someone should be thanked?*

There are moments of awe in everyone's life that break through the "ordinary." At these moments we have a sense of the transcendent. "Augustine tells us that God spoke with a vigorous voice. 'You called, you shouted, and you broke through my deafness. You breathed your fragrance on me.... I have tasted you, now I hunger and thirst for more' (*The Confessions*, bk. 10, no. 27)" (*USCCA*, p. 346).

## LET'S TALK >>>

- Ask your child to name one way we use some of the things God made.
- Talk about a time you were really thankful for God's action in your life. What are some ways people in your family show they are thankful?

## LET'S PRAY >>>



Saint Nicholas, help us give generously to the poor like you did. Amen.



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