FAMILY + FAITH

YOUR CHILD LEARNED >>>

This chapter explains that God reveals himself through Sacred Scripture and the Sacred Tradition of the Church.

Scripture

Read **Psalm 25:1–2a, 4–5** to find out about God's plan for us.

Catholics Believe

- God loves and cares for all creation and has a plan for the world.
- Everything God wants you to know about him is contained in Scripture and in the Tradition of the Church.

To learn more, go to the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* #80–83, 302–308 at **usccb.org.**

People of Faith

This week, your child learned about Saint Kateri Tekakwitha, a patron of ecology and the first Native American to be canonized.

CHILDREN AT THIS AGE >>>

How They Understand God's Plan The logical nature of children's thinking at this age leads them to a sensible conclusion about God's creation: If God made everything, then he made everything for a reason. It's helpful to talk with your child about the purpose behind created things and especially the idea that he or she is made for a unique purpose as well.



CONSIDER THIS >>>

Do you ever wonder about God's plan for you?

You are God's greatest creation because he has created you in his image. He created you with a plan and purpose for your life. As Catholics, we know that "God guides his creation toward its completion or perfection through what we call his *Divine Providence*. This means that God has absolute sovereignty over all that he has made and guides his creation according to the divine plan of his will" (*USCCA, p. 56*).

LET'S TALK >>>

- Ask your child to tell you the Bible account of creation in his or her own words.
- Share a way that God has made himself known to you recently.

LET'S PRAY >>>

O God, help us to learn to know and love you through your creation as Saint Kateri did. Amen.

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