

## YOUR CHILD LEARNED >>>

This chapter explains Original Sin, its consequences, and how God loves us despite our choices to act against his plan for our happiness and salvation.

### Scripture



Read **Hebrews 10:16–17, 23** to find out about God’s promises of love.

### Catholics Believe

- God’s covenant with Abraham reveals that God is always faithful to his People.
- Sin is present in the world because of human choice.

To learn more, go to the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* #59–61, 385–389 at [usccb.org](http://usccb.org).

### People of Faith

This week, your child learned about Saint Bridget of Sweden. She is known for her faithfulness in prayer.

## CHILDREN AT THIS AGE >>>

**How They Understand God’s Faithfulness** As he or she grows in social skills and awareness, your child has deeper friendships than before. Your child understands that trust and loyalty are essential to being in relationship with someone else. This provides a natural context in which to learn about God’s covenants and his faithfulness in keeping his promises—even when we as human beings do not always live up to our commitments to God.



## CONSIDER THIS >>>

How can making good choices make you happy?

God created us to live in happiness with him forever. When we sin, we turn away from God and our relationship with him. As Catholics, we realize that “though venial sin does not completely destroy the love we need for eternal happiness, it weakens that love and impedes our progress in the practice of virtue and the moral good. Thus, over time, it can have serious consequences” (*USCCA, p. 313*).

## LET’S TALK >>>

- Ask your child to tell you about God’s covenant with his People and why it was needed.
- Talk with each other about what it means to be trustworthy and loyal to God and one another.

## LET’S PRAY >>>



Dear God, help us to pray faithfully to you like Saint Bridget did. Amen.



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