

## YOUR CHILD LEARNED >>>

This chapter explains that the Ten Commandments teach us how to love God above all things and to love others. They are summed up in the Great Commandment.

### God's Word



Read **Exodus 24:12** to learn what God said to Moses about the Ten Commandments.

### Catholics Believe

- The Ten Commandments are God's laws to his People.
- Jesus teaches you to love God above all things and love others as you love yourself.

To learn more, go to the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* #830, 2053 at [usccb.org](http://usccb.org).

### People of Faith

This week, your child met Saint Elizabeth of Hungary, a princess who used her wealth to feed the hungry and build hospitals for the sick.

## CHILDREN AT THIS AGE >>>

### How They Understand the Great Commandment

Children at this age are just beginning to move out of the self-centered tendencies of earlier childhood. But in a society so focused on individual comfort and fulfillment, it can be counter-cultural to speak of putting God over everything else or loving others as much as one loves one's self. Your child will need much guidance to understand how this translates into the practical decisions he or she makes every day. Much of this guidance will come in the form of the example you provide of caring for others and prioritizing God over other things.



## CONSIDER THIS >>>

How do the rules in your home help you to love each other?

Children might think that rules restrict our freedom, but in actuality they lead us to reap the benefits of a deeper love. "... God has given us the virtue of love, the very love that he has for us. Our Lord asks us to accept this love and respond to him with it. Jesus made the love of God the first of the two greatest Commandments: 'You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind (Matthew 22:37)'" (USCCA, p. 343).

## LET'S TALK >>>

- Talk about family rules and why they are important.
- Ask your child what rules God gives us (Ten Commandments) and what Jesus commands us to do (to love one another as he has loved us).

## LET'S PRAY >>>



Saint Elizabeth, pray for us that we always love our neighbors as ourselves. Amen.



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