

YOUR CHILD LEARNED >>>

This chapter explains that the Eucharist is a taste of the great feast of love and happiness we will have with God in Heaven.

God's Word



Read **Revelation 3:20** to find out how Jesus seeks us and responds when we accept his invitation.

Catholics Believe

- Heaven is the full joy of living with God forever.
- The Eucharist is a sign of joy and of what Heaven will be like.

To learn more, go to the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* #1023–1030 at usccb.org.

People of Faith

This week, your child met Saint Mary Magdalene de Pazzi. She said that Heaven is more beautiful than anything ever seen.

CHILDREN AT THIS AGE >>>

How They Understand Eternal Life in Heaven Children at this age often have some limited experience with death. Perhaps a pet or a distant relative has died. This is often difficult for them, but they are comforted by the idea that their loved one is with God in Heaven. Their idea of Heaven may be influenced by what they have seen in cartoons or other media. For example, they might think people in Heaven live on clouds, have wings, and play harps. It is helpful for them to hear that we are not sure what Heaven looks like, but God promises that everyone there is happy—that it is a place of peace and love.



CONSIDER THIS >>>

Have you ever wondered why God created you?

You might even wonder if God has a plan for your life. “We come to know God’s plan for us not only through an understanding of our human nature and his created order but also because he speaks directly to us.” We must make time to pay attention to God’s direction (*USCCA, p. 328*).

LET’S TALK >>>

- Ask your child to share one thing he learned about Heaven.
- Talk about loved ones who have died and how your family remembers and celebrates them.

LET’S PRAY >>>



Dear God, help us to think about Heaven, like Saint Mary Magdalene, and to want to be with you there forever. Amen.



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