

## YOUR CHILD LEARNED >>>

This chapter covers the Marks of the Church: Catholic and Apostolic. The Church's mission is to share Jesus' Good News with the people of all nations.

### God's Word



Read **Colossians 3:16–17** to learn how the Word of Jesus can live in you.

### Catholics Believe

- The Church's mission is to share Jesus' Good News with the people of all nations.
- The Church is catholic because she is everywhere and she welcomes everyone.

To learn more, go to the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* #830, 831 at [usccb.org](http://usccb.org).

### People of Faith

This week, your child met Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, the first Saint born in the United States and the founder of the parochial school system. She said that we must "live simply so that others may simply live."

## CHILDREN AT THIS AGE >>>

**How They Understand the Mission of the Church** People often ask children what they want to be when they grow up. The idea of a mission, either a personal or collective one, may not be familiar to children in this age. Encourage them to consider what God is calling them to be. It's never too early for children to begin reflecting on this concept of God-given mission, especially as they begin to learn more about their talents and explore their interests.



## CONSIDER THIS >>>

Have you ever been to Mass in another country or another state?

No matter where you are in the world, if you go to Mass you can be sure that every person that day is hearing the same Scripture proclaimed and receiving the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist. It is what we mean when we say we are one, catholic church. Although we are one, we express that diversity in many cultures. "The Catholic Church... continues to live in a diversity of cultures and languages because she is led by the Spirit of Christ to bring the Gospel to all peoples. She has known how to accept what is true and good in all cultures and...to infuse the truth and goodness of her tradition and life into them" (*USCCA, p. 129*).

## LET'S TALK >>>

- Ask your child to name some ways he or she has shared Jesus' Good News with others.
- Talk about missionaries you have met and the countries they serve.

## LET'S PRAY >>>



God, bless and protect all missionaries throughout the world. Amen.



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