

YOUR CHILD LEARNED >>>

This chapter explains how grace, conscience, and the Precepts of the Church help us follow God and make good choices.

God's Word



Read **Psalm 139:23–24** and discuss how God leads you in the right direction.

Catholics Believe

- Conscience is the ability given to us by God that helps us make choices about right and wrong.
- God's grace in the Sacraments, and the Holy Spirit, help us make changes and good choices.

To learn more, go to the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* #1777, 1785 at usccb.org.

People of Faith

This week, your child met Saint Padre Pio. He said that regular confession was one of the keys to a holy life.

CHILDREN AT THIS AGE >>>

How They Understand Making Good Choices Children this age often define good choices in terms of the parameters they have been given by people they trust. These parameters are often specific to place or situation. Because children this age depend a great deal on social expectations, it's important that this early conscience formation occur in family environments that are trustworthy and supportive of Catholic moral values.



CONSIDER THIS >>>

Who in your life do you trust to give you good advice?

We are careful about who we trust to give us advice. We realize that even those we trust can be wrong because of our limitedness as human beings. "Wisdom enables us to see the world from God's viewpoint, which can help us come to grasp the purpose and plan of God. It grants us the long-range view of history, examining the present in the light of the past and the mystery of the future. It saves us from the illusion that the spirit of the times is our only guide" (*USCCA*, p. 208).

LET'S TALK >>>

- Ask your child to name one of the actions he or she can do to experience God's forgiveness.
- Talk about how you've experienced God's forgiveness in the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation.

LET'S PRAY >>>



Saint Pio, pray for us that we may learn to turn to God often for forgiveness and mercy. Amen.



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