

YOUR CHILD LEARNED >>>

This chapter explains that the Holy Trinity—God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit—shows us how to live in right relationship with God, ourselves, and one another.

Scripture



Read **1 John 4:9, 11–13, 16b** to find out why God sent his Son, Jesus, to live among us.

Catholics Believe

- God created people for one another, and all must work for the common good. Such love of neighbor reflects the love of the Holy Trinity.
- No one can believe alone, just as no one can live alone.

To learn more, go to the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* #1905–1912 at usccb.org.

People of Faith

This week, your child learned about Saint Dominic, the founder of the Dominican Order. His life motto was “to praise, to bless, to preach.”

CHILDREN AT THIS AGE >>>

How They Understand Being Created for One Another

Most children this age are very social. But the social skills of your child have probably moved beyond the early childhood years of simply wanting to play with other children to forming real bonds of friendship. This is a time of “best friends,” when children form close relationships with one or a few children they prefer to spend their time with. It is the beginning of the deeper relationships they will hopefully enjoy for the rest of their lives.



CONSIDER THIS >>>

When a Catholic says, “God is love,” what do we mean?

As Catholics, we believe God’s nature is a relationship of perfect love—a communion of love between Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. God, “ever-faithful and forgiving, is ultimately experienced by human beings through his Son, Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit. His love is stronger than a mother’s love for her child or a bridegroom for his beloved. [...] Jesus has revealed that God’s very being is love” (*USCCA, p. 51*).

LET’S TALK >>>

- Ask your child to explain the connection between love of neighbor and love of God.
- Talk about how people in your community work for the common good.

LET’S PRAY >>>



Dear God, help us always live in peace and work for the good of each person in our family. Amen.



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