

YOUR CHILD LEARNED >>>

This chapter describes Jesus' Death and Resurrection as God's plan for redemption, and examines the relationship between sin and the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation.

Scripture



Read **Romans 5:8, 19** to find out about God's love for us through the obedience of Jesus.

Catholics Believe

- Evil is the result of humans' turning away from God's goodness.
- God sent his Son to redeem people from the power of sin and evil.

To learn more, go to the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* #309, 311, 312, 397, 1855 at usccb.org.

People of Faith

This week, your child learned about Saint Gemma Galgani, who had a special devotion to her Guardian Angel, asking him to help protect her from evil.

CHILDREN AT THIS AGE >>>

How They Understand the Mystery of Evil Because of their tendency to think in absolutes, children at this age might think that evil actions only come from "evil people." When they understand that there is the potential for good or for evil in each of us, they can become more aware of times in which they might be tempted to turn away from God's goodness. This will help them to prepare for the challenges of increased peer pressure in the coming years.



CONSIDER THIS >>>

Do you find that gossiping becomes easier the more you do it?

The more we move away from what is good, the easier it becomes to move toward what is evil. Committing a less serious sin can lead to committing a more serious sin or developing a pattern of sin. As Catholics, we know that "every sin has consequences. It disrupts our communion with God and the Church, weakens our ability to resist temptation, and hurts others.... Christ, acting through the Church, brings about the healing of the consequences of sin" (*USCCA, p. 244*).

LET'S TALK >>>

- Ask your child to explain the origin of sin.
- Talk about how through the grace of the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation our sins can be forgiven.

LET'S PRAY >>>



Dear Jesus, sometimes it is hard to be good, but I know that with your help, I can always do the right thing. Amen.



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