

## YOUR CHILD LEARNED >>>

*This chapter identifies vocation as the particular way we respond to God's call to serve him and others and examines consecrated religious life and the Sacraments at the Service of Communion.*

### Scripture



Read **John 12:26; 13:4–5, 12–15** to find out what Jesus did for the disciples at the Last Supper.

### Catholics Believe

- Through Baptism, all of us are called to spread the Gospel and build up the Body of Christ.
- The Sacraments at the Service of Communion are Holy Orders and Matrimony.

To learn more, go to the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* #1534, 1653 at [usccb.org](http://usccb.org).

### People of Faith

This week, your child learned about Saint Francis Xavier, who was the one of the first Jesuit missionaries in Asia. He used pictures of Mary and Jesus to help teach the Gospel.

## CHILDREN AT THIS AGE >>>

**How They Understand God's Call** We often ask children at this age what they would like to be when they grow up. Seldom are they asked what God is calling them to be. God made us, and he knows us better than we know ourselves. We cannot be happier than when we are doing what we were made for. Children this age are ready to begin to consider, based on their interests, talents, and opportunities, where God might be leading them.



## CONSIDER THIS >>>

*How much influence do you have on helping your child discover God's plan for his or her life?*

According to research, parents are the number one influence in their child's life. The Church recognizes the role of parents as not only influential, but the primary influence in helping their child grow in faith. As Catholics, we know that "the Christian family is called to be a community of faith, hope, and love in an environment of prayer. Aided by a number of other virtues, such as prudence, justice, fortitude, and temperance, the family that practices them begins to actualize its spiritual calling as a domestic church" (*USCCA, p. 377*).

## LET'S TALK >>>

- Ask your child to name the two Sacraments at the Service of Communion.
- Share a family story about the Sacrament of Matrimony.

## LET'S PRAY >>>



Saint Francis Xavier, pray for us that we may know what God wants us to do with our lives and have the courage to follow God's call. Amen.



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