

YOUR CHILD LEARNED >>>

This chapter teaches the Ten Commandments are laws meant to strengthen the relationship between God and his People, and explains Jesus' New Commandment in relationship to them.

Scripture



Read **Matthew 5:17–19** to find out what Jesus teaches about God's Commandments.

Catholics Believe

- The Ten Commandments help you stay close to God and in right relationship with others.
- The Ten Commandments are the laws of God's covenant with the Israelites, which was revealed in its fullness in Jesus.

To learn more, go to the *Catechism of the Catholic Church #1949–1953, 1961–1966* at usccb.org.

People of Faith

This week, your child learned about Saint Hilda of Whitby, who was known for valuing education and promoting the study of Scripture.

CHILDREN AT THIS AGE >>>

How They Understand God's Commandments Because they are learning to be more independent and feeling more grown up, your child might approach rules with a certain bit of skepticism. It can help to understand that God's laws are given to us as a way to help us be the best that we can be—to find happiness in being and doing exactly what we were made for.



CONSIDER THIS >>>

What is the difference between a medical professional who does what is necessary and one whose actions come from the heart of compassion?

Most of us can think of a time when the compassion of a medical professional helped ease our discomfort. Because Jesus had compassion, he knew that following the Commandments without a heart of love was not enough. Jesus brought a new law centered on love. As Catholics, we know that “in Christ we have been called to a New Covenant and a New Law that fulfills and perfects the Old Law. We also are invited to experience God's love for us and to return that love to God and to our neighbor” (*USCCA, p. 325*).

LET'S TALK >>>

- Ask your child to tell you about the Ten Commandments.
- Together, describe what family life looks like when everyone follows Jesus' New Commandment to love one another as he has loved us.

LET'S PRAY >>>



Saint Hilda, pray for us that we may follow your example of education and worship by treasuring and studying the Commandments. Amen.



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