

YOUR CHILD LEARNED >>>

This chapter examines the Israelites' request for an earthly king, describes anointing to mark someone as chosen by God for a special purpose, and shows how Jesus is the Anointed One, our King of Kings.

Scripture



Read **Psalms 23** to find out why the Lord is described as a shepherd.

Catholics Believe

- In Old Testament times, God chose leaders like Saul and David, who were anointed kings.
- God the Father anointed his Son Jesus with the Holy Spirit to be prophet, priest, and king.

To learn more, go to the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* #60–64, 218–220, 695 at usccb.org.

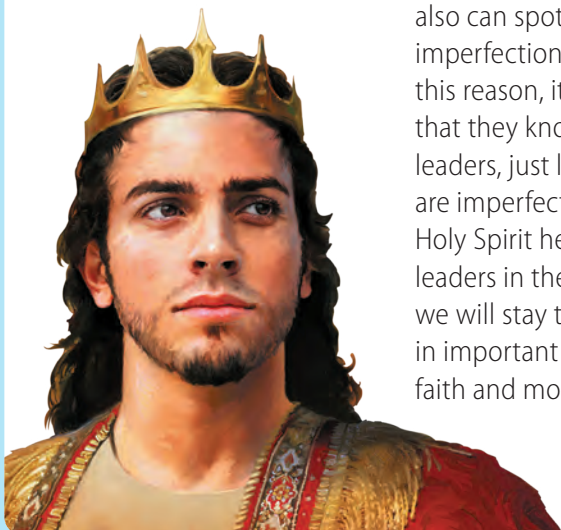
People of Faith

This week, your child learned about King Louis IX of France. A zealous defender of the faith, Saint Louis sponsored two Crusades to the Holy Land.

CHILDREN AT THIS AGE >>>

How They Understand Leadership Many children want to be leaders. Your child is old enough to recognize the responsibilities that go with leadership in addition to the

privileges. Children this age also can spot hypocrisy and imperfections in leaders. For this reason, it is important that they know that Church leaders, just like all people, are imperfect, but that the Holy Spirit helps to guide our leaders in the Church so that we will stay true to God's will in important matters of faith and morals.



CONSIDER THIS >>>

Have you ever considered that you were chosen by God to parent your child?

God gives you the grace to raise children in faith. As Catholics, we know that "parents are the primary educators in the faith. Together with them ... all members of the family play [a] part in the education of the younger members... The family is defined as a 'domestic Church,' [Cf. LG 11; cf. AA 11; FC 49] that is, in every Christian family the different aspects and functions of the life of the entire Church may be reflected: mission; catechesis; witness; prayer etc. Indeed in the same way as the Church, the family 'is a place where the Gospel is transmitted and from which it extends' [EN 71]" (*GDC*, 255).

LET'S TALK >>>

- Ask your child to tell you what King David and Jesus have in common.
- Talk about leaders, both youth and adults, in your parish who set good examples for the community.

LET'S PRAY >>>



Dear God, watch over our leaders. Help them follow the example of leadership of Saint Louis IX of France to make decisions that are in accord with your will. Amen.



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