

YOUR CHILD LEARNED >>>

This chapter explores the virtues of peace and justice and the common good, and explains social sin, human dignity, and natural moral law.

Scripture



Read **Isaiah 1:17** to find out what it means to be just and to learn to do good.

Catholics Believe

- God's grace makes it possible for us to live a life of virtue, respecting the human dignity of all.
- Justice is giving what is due to God and others. Where justice is absent, peace is not possible.

To learn more, go to the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* #1807, 1939–1942, 2304–2306 at usccb.org.

People of Faith

This week your child learned about Blessed Maria Vicenta, who cared for the wounded of the Mexican Revolution.

CHILDREN AT THIS AGE >>>

How They Understand Justice The social perspective of your child is still somewhat limited. What is fair and just in matters concerning himself or herself can sometimes be limited to what he or she wants in the situation. Still, when children this age step back from this to view larger issues in society and in the world as a whole, they have a strong sense of justice and a desire to do what they can to make the world a better place.



CONSIDER THIS >>>

When have you seen or read something that made you ask, "How can we have let that happen?"

When communities allow sin to happen, the result can be horrendous. Racism, sexism, terrorism, and lack of respect for human life are all examples of what can happen when people look away or participate in what may seem small ways. As Catholics, we know that "sins give rise to social situations and institutions that are contrary to the divine goodness. 'Structures of sin' are the expression and effect of personal sins. They lead their victims to do evil in their turn. In an analogous sense, they constitute a 'social sin' (John Paul II, *RP 16*)" (*CCC, 1869*).

LET'S TALK >>>

- Ask your child to share one important message of the prophets.
- Talk with your child about what it means to treat people with dignity.

LET'S PRAY >>>



Merciful God, help us follow the example of Blessed Maria Vicenta by doing our part to respect the dignity of everyone we meet. Amen.



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