

YOUR CHILD LEARNED >>>

This chapter identifies Matrimony as the Sacrament in which a baptized man and woman make a permanent covenant of love with each other and with God, and discusses the family as a domestic Church.

Scripture



Read **Matthew 19:4–6** to find out what Jesus says about marriage.

Catholics Believe

- Matrimony helps a man and woman grow in love and holiness and prepare a home for children.
- The Church celebrates marriage through the Sacrament of Matrimony.

To learn more, go to the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* #1612–1617, 1646–1651, 2204–2206 at usccb.org.

People of Faith

This week, your child learned about Saint King Henry II, who used his power and wealth to help the poor of his kingdom.

CHILDREN AT THIS AGE >>>

How They Understand Marriage A child this age's understanding of marriage is strongly related to their experience of marriage in the home. Children with single or divorced parents or children who live with couples whose marriages involve much conflict can still learn about healthy marriage. By emphasizing God's love for us and his desire for our happiness, adults can help children understand that even in our brokenness and our sinfulness, God is always urging us to love as he loves.



CONSIDER THIS >>>

Are you aware that your child is the visible sign of the invisible love between you and your spouse?

Our Catholic faith teaches that God's love made visible in your commitment to each other is now "enfleshed" in your child. Your child is a sign of your participation in God's ongoing process of giving life. As Catholics, we know that "the couple's joyful acceptance of children includes the responsibility to serve as models of Christian commitment for their children and helps them grow in wisdom and grace. In this way, the family becomes a 'domestic church'" (*USCCA, p. 286*).

LET'S TALK >>>

- Ask your child to describe purity of heart.
- Talk about the importance of temperance and practicing the virtues of chastity and modesty.

LET'S PRAY >>>



Saint Henry, help all married couples live out their vocation and raise healthy, happy families. Amen.



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