

## YOUR CHILD LEARNED >>>

This chapter explains that all baptized Catholics are members of the Body of Christ and examines how people use their gifts and talents to serve God and others.

### God's Word



Read **1 Corinthians 12:4–7** and talk about how your family is part of the Body of Christ.

### Catholics Believe

- The Church is the Body of Christ, to which all her members belong.
- Stewardship is the way we appreciate and use God's gifts—including our time, talent, and treasure and the gift of creation—to serve God and others.

To learn more, go to the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* #521, 1267 at [usccb.org](http://usccb.org).

### People of Faith

This week, your child met Saint Joseph Vaz, a priest from India who traveled to other countries to help others know about God.

## CHILDREN AT THIS AGE >>>

### How They Understand Participation in Jesus' Work

Children this age are sometimes initially surprised when they realize they can participate in God's work and that, in fact, everyone in the Church, young and old, has particular work to do. This is a good time in your child's life to present this concept, as he or she is now also becoming more aware of ways to be helpful at home and at school.



## CONSIDER THIS >>>

How do you foster your child's gifts and talents? Do you connect them to God's gifts and will for him/her?

As Catholic parents, we balance competition and the common good. It requires helping our children to become their personal best and helping them understand that this talent or gift has been given for the good of the community. "...it is fitting that parents always encourage their children to make life decisions with serious consideration about the best ways to live out their faith" (*USCCA, p. 379*).

## LET'S TALK >>>

- Ask your child how he or she can help Jesus by helping someone else.
- Talk about a time when you've shared your talents to help others. What did you do and how did it help someone else?

## LET'S PRAY >>>



Saint Joseph Vaz, pray for us that we may help others know God. Amen.



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