

YOUR CHILD LEARNED >>>

This chapter explains the Eighth Commandment and explores Jesus' call to live in the truth and repair the damage done from sin.

Scripture



Read **Matthew 5:33, 37** to find out about the relationship between grace and truth.

Catholics Believe

- Because God is truth, his people are called to live in the truth.
- The Eighth Commandment forbids lying.

To learn more, go to the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* #1741, 2465–2470 at usccb.org.

People of Faith

This week, your child learned about Saint Joan of Arc. As a result of her visions, she saved France in many battles. She is the patron of women in the military.

CHILDREN AT THIS AGE >>>

How They Understand Telling the Truth Your child is probably a concrete thinker who understands cause and effect. Unlike preschoolers, children this age know that the truth doesn't change just because we want it to. They also know that adults don't know everything, and that sometimes we can be fooled. It's important for children to see the connection between truth, trust, and relationship. We cannot really be close to people if we tell them lies, no matter how small the lies, because relationship implies trust.



CONSIDER THIS >>>

How important is truth in your relationships?

Most of us expect honesty in our relationships even if we do not always welcome it. Truth is central to our relationship with God. As Catholics, we know that "God is the source of truth. Jesus not only taught the truth; he also said, 'I am the truth' (cf. John 14:6). The Hebrew word for truth, *emeth*, refers to truth in words and truthfulness in deeds. Jesus both personalized truth and spoke nothing but the truth" (*USCCA*, p. 431).

LET'S TALK >>>

- Ask your child to explain the Eighth Commandment.
- Share a time when you had to decide to lie or tell the truth, or when someone else lied to you. How did it feel? What did you do?

LET'S PRAY >>>



Saint Joan of Arc, pray for us that we may be strong in our faith and always have the courage to speak and live the truth. Amen.



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