

## YOUR CHILD LEARNED >>>

This chapter explains the Great Commandment in relationship to the Ten Commandments and Jesus' New Law, and explores how the Precepts of the Church guide the faithful.

### Scripture



Read **Mark 12:28–31** to find out what Jesus says is the first of all Commandments.

### Catholics Believe

- Jesus brings a New Law of love and freedom rooted in the Great Commandment and Ten Commandments.
- The Beatitudes and the Precepts of the Church help the faithful live holy and dutiful lives.

To learn more, go to the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* #1716–1729, 1970–1974, 2041–2043, 2055 at [usccb.org](http://usccb.org).

### People of Faith

This week, your child learned about Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati, a young Italian student whose life prompted Pope Saint John Paul II to call him “a man of the Beatitudes.”

## CHILDREN AT THIS AGE >>>

### How They Understand the Great Commandment

The Great Commandment of Jesus makes sense to your child, who is capable of seeing how all of the other Commandments fit into these larger categories. At a time when rules are sometimes seen by a child this age as stifling his or her independence, the Great Commandment can be a useful shorthand to encourage critical thinking and self-reflection on moral issues.



## CONSIDER THIS >>>

What makes you lovable?

Do you find it hard to answer that question? Knowing why we are lovable might seem to fly in the face of humility. Yet, knowing ourselves as a beloved child of God is the very core of our faith. You were created by love, in love. How could you be more loved? As Catholics, we know that “human life, as a profound unity of physical and spiritual dimensions, is sacred. It is distinct from all other forms of life, since it alone is imprinted with the very image of its Creator” (*USCCA*, p. 310).

## LET'S TALK >>>

- Ask your child to explain the Great Commandment.
- Think of a moral issue you have recently discussed with your child. How can the Great Commandment aid in the discussion?

## LET'S PRAY >>>



Blessed Pier Giorgio, help us to live the Great Commandment in our lives as you did in yours. Amen.



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