

TALKING ABOUT ORDINARY TIME >>>

On the Feast of All Saints we honor all the named and unnamed Saints. We honor the many people who are in Heaven, including those whom the Church has not officially canonized or named publicly as Saints. This feast reminds all of us that we are each called to be a Saint. For Catholics, this day is a Holy Day of Obligation.

God's Word



Read **John 15:9–17**, to learn how we are the branches who are attached to the Lord. It is from him that we receive the nourishment to love.

HELPING YOUR CHILD UNDERSTAND >>>

Saints

- Most children this age understand that Saints are friends of God.
- At this age, many children believe that good people they know who have died are in Heaven with God.
- In most cases children are motivated by the fact that they, too, can be Saints.



FEASTS OF THE SEASON >>>

Feast of All Saints

November 1

The Feast of All Saints is a great time to talk about your family's religious heritage. Tell your child family stories relating to religious celebrations. Talk about the people who most influenced your faith and who most revealed God to you, who taught you about God. God reveals himself to us in many ways, including creation, Scripture, Tradition, and people. To make the stories more concrete, share family pictures with your child. If you can do so comfortably, it is important to talk with your child about family members who have passed away and are in Heaven. Share the good things that they did, inspired by their faith.

FAMILY PRAYER >>>



Say this prayer together at dinner on November 1 to celebrate the Feast of All Saints.

Dear God, you are the source of holiness. Everyone who is in Heaven honors you. Let us join our prayers with their prayers. And when we have finished our journey on Earth, bring us into their company. We ask this through Jesus, your Son. Amen.



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